

## PARISH COMMUNITY

### GOLF AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Ballyhackamore Golf Society will be held in the Iona Room at **4.00pm this Sunday 25th February**. Old and new members are welcome to attend.

### MINDWISE

St Colmcille's Family Committee are delighted to be hosting two separate events to provide information and raise awareness about Mental Health. Our events are as follows in the parish hall:

**Tuesday 27th February, 7.30pm**, a presentation on Mental Health and Well-Being; **Saturday 3rd March, 7.30pm**, a presentation for Young People on Positive Mental Health and Awareness.

Both events will be delivered by MindWise, which is one of the largest voluntary sector providers of mental health services in the North of Ireland. For further information please contact Barry Fennell, Family Committee Member and Children's Liturgy Leader 07971875859



### NEW MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Have you considered becoming a Minister of Holy Communion? There will be a short course of instruction and training for new Ministers of Holy Communion. It will take place in the **Good Shepherd Centre, on Tuesdays 27th February and 6th March**. Some of our parishioners are attending. The course is also open to existing Ministers of Holy Communion and is an ideal opportunity to do something 'extra' during Lent. Enquiries to Noeleen 07879 498131

### 50th ANNIVERSARY

To mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of St Patrick's College Knock, past pupils, parents, staff and former governors are invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving at **7.30pm on Friday 16th March** in Our Lady and St Patrick's College, Knock. For further details telephone 02890 401184 or email: office@olspck.org



### THE LARDER FOOD BANK

Our parish St Vincent DePaul Conference are collecting food and cleaning products for the Larder Food Bank during Lent. Particularly welcome are tinned meats, tinned fish, coffee, soap and shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes, toilet tissue, and baby products, especially nappies. Donations can be left in the boxes provided in the Church porch. Thank you for your continuing support.



## PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE

### BALLYHACKAMORE

**25th February 2018**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Very Rev Tony Fitzsimons PP and Rev Vincent Cushnahan CC**  
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**Office open: Monday—Friday: 10.00am—12.30pm**

<b>Readings</b>	<b>Sunday : Cycle B ; pages 145, 452, 493</b> <b>Weekdays: Cycle B, 2nd week of Lent, Psalter Week 2</b>
<b>Entrance Antiphon</b>	<b>Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.</b>
<b>Psalm</b>	<b>I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.</b>
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	<b>Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him!" Glory and praise to you, O Christ!</b>
<b>Communion Antiphon</b>	<b>This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him.</b>

### GOSPEL: Mark 9: 2-1

In the Gospel the Father speaks to the three apostles, Peter, James and John and says, "This is my chosen Son, listen to him."

That is what Lent is about, listening to Jesus. Am I giving God sufficient time to speak to me? Is the Lord asking something of me this Lent?

If so, let us follow the Father's advice, "This is my chosen Son, listen to him." It took the apostles a long time to get to know Jesus and the longer they were with Jesus the better they got to know him.

It is the same for us. We also gradually grow in our love for and knowledge of Jesus and we also grow in understanding what Jesus is asking of us, when we take time aside with Him, listening to what He is saying to us.

**Weekend Mass Times:** Saturday: 6.30pm; Sunday: 9.30am, 11.30am.

**Weekday Mass:** Monday to Friday : 7.15am  
Tuesday to Friday : 9.30am

**Mass Intentions:** Saturday 6.30pm: Ted O'Neill.  
Sunday 9.30am: Frank Donnelly, Teresa Judge

**Confession :** Saturday 6.00pm

**Chapel of Adoration:** Monday and Tuesday 2.00pm—9.00pm

### DECEASED

We pray for the repose of the soul of all those who have died recently.

We also remember all those whose anniversaries are at this time, especially : **Frank Donnelly, Teresa Judge, Gabrielle Mullaly (sr), Anne O'Keeffe, Noel O'Keeffe, Mary Paul, Ted O'Neill, Amado Torio.**

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT**- Tel: 07456 989458

### MONEY MATTERS

**SUNDAY 18TH FEBRUARY**

**SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION**

Many thanks to all who contributed so generously to the collection. World Meeting of Families Collection - there will be a loose plate collection this weekend at all Masses, to support this event being held in Dublin later this year.

The Monthly Stipend Collection will be taken up next weekend.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR THE NEW YEAR**

The new envelopes begin on **Sunday 8th April**. New boxes of envelopes, will be in the foyer of the Church this weekend. If you wish to contribute by Standing Order or by envelopes and do not do so currently, please speak to Philomena after any of the Masses this weekend.

### MINISTRY TO THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

The response to our call for parishioners to be a Minister to the Sick and Housebound has been generous. However, we still need more volunteers. Those who do wish to be part of this ministry may still do so. You would be most welcome.

Please contact Moya: 07470 955246 / 02890 705412 or Claire: 07766 934246 / 02895 914961

The training session will be held in the Iona Room on **Wednesday 14th March, from 7.00pm 9.30pm**. This will provide you with all the information you need to commence your Ministry. You will also need identity cards, some printed prayers cards and materials to facilitate the little ceremony of Holy Communion. These will be provided for you.

It is important that those wishing to be Ministers of Holy Communion to the Sick and Housebound, attend this meeting on Wednesday 14th March. If you are still undecided and wish to receive more information please come along. Some parishioners, who have experience in this ministry in the parish, will be attending and available for discussion and support.



Would you be interested in exploring new ways to pray? A programme of prayer will be presented to parishioners in March on **Tuesday evenings, repeated on Friday mornings**. The sessions will be based around Lectio Divina and Visio Divina.

The programme of prayer will take place in the Parochial Hall on **Tuesdays 6th, 13th and 20th March at 7.30pm** and will be repeated on the subsequent **Friday mornings, 9th, 16th and 23rd March at 10.00am**.

Please indicate your interest by signing the sheet at the back of the Church.