

PARISH COMMUNITY

FREE COFFEE MORNING

Come on over to the Parochial Hall **this Sunday morning** for an agenda-free, Free Coffee Morning, to catch up with friends and meet parishioners.



SCRIPTURE AND PRAYER GROUP

Our next meeting will be on **this Tuesday 20th March, at 8.00pm.** in the Committee Room.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND.

Several people who want to join this Ministry were not able to attend the Training Session held on the 14th, so there will be another Training Session for Ministers of Holy Communion and Minister to the Sick and Housebound on **this Wednesday 21st of March** in the Iona Room, **7.00pm—9.00pm.** Tea/Coffee and light refreshments available. Anyone still considering being a Minister of Holy Communion or a Minister to the Sick and Housebound would be most welcome.



CORRYMEELA LENTEN PILGRIMAGE WALK

Members of the Corrymeela Community have organised a Lent walk in East Belfast on **this Thursday 22nd March.** The theme this year is "walking in the shoes of others". Starting point is the "Big Fish" on Donegall Quay at **11.00am.** From there we will cross the river to the Dock cafe for refreshments and a short talk before continuing through the Titanic Quarter to the Sam Thompson Bridge, Victoria Park, and the Connswater Greenway. We'll stop for lunch at St Christopher's Church on Mersey Street before continuing to CS Lewis Square where the walk ends.

The walk is led by St Colmcille's parishioner Brian McLoughlin and all are very welcome. If you're interested please contact Brian on 07738 292160

TABLE QUIZ

St Joseph's PTA are hosting a Table Quiz on **this Friday 23rd March at 8.00pm** in the Parochial Hall. Tickets are £5 per person and teams are maximum of 8. You can buy tickets at the door or at the following web address <http://www.stjosephsps.co.uk/parent-teachers-association.html> Teams booked in advance will get a reserved table. This is a BYO event. Why not come along and support the school.



ART OF CARING

The Art of Caring Exhibition and Sale will return on **Friday 13th April until Sunday 15th April** in the Parochial Hall. Since 1994 we have raised over £214,000 primarily for Marie Curie but we have also supported St Joseph's Primary School, 11th Belfast Scout Troop and St Colmcille's Guide Unit. Each year we have been delighted to see the Exhibition grow in stature and in the calibre of artists participating. We hope you can come and support this event during the weekend. If you want any further information please contact Stephen McAnee, Artie O'Neill or Roisin McMullan.



PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE

BALLYHACKAMORE

18th March 2018

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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Readings	Sunday : Cycle B ; pages 159, 452, 493 Weekdays: Cycle B, 5th week of Lent, Psalter Week 1
Entrance Antiphon	Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.
Psalm	A pure heart create for me, O God.
Gospel Acclamation	Glory to you O Christ you are the Word of God! If a man serves me, says the Lord, he must follow me; wherever I am, my servant will be there too. Glory to you O Christ, you are the Word of God!
Communion Antiphon	Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.
Gospel	John 12: 20-33 : Today's Gospel considers the cost of God's forgiveness. It is the suffering and death, on a cross, of His beloved Son Jesus.

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 : Norah Rogan
Sunday 11.30am : Tom McLarnon
Thursday 9.30am : Bernard Neeson

Confession : Saturday 6.00pm

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
NEXT SUNDAY 25TH MARCH AT 3.00PM

DECEASED

We pray for the repose of the soul of all those who have died recently especially Tom McLarnon whose month's mind occurs at this time.

We also remember all those whose anniversaries are at this time, especially : Joseph Forde, Antonio Fusco, Bella Logue, Willie Logue, Bernard Neeson, Norah Rogan,

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT– Tel: 07456 989458

Would you be interested in exploring a new way to pray this Lent?

Please come to the Iona Room, Parochial Hall, either **this Tuesday 20th March, 7.30pm** OR **Friday 23rd March 10.00am**, to discern what God is saying to you through scripture and related art.



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"I bind to myself this day the power of God to guide me."
Confession, St Patrick.

Come home to the love of God's family on Lough Derg, Co Donegal, to a sacred space where you can feel the energy of centuries of prayer. Join our **St. Colmcilles annual parish One Day Retreat** on **Saturday 12th May**. The day at Lough Derg offers a set programme of prayer and reflection and concludes with the celebration of Mass in St Patrick's Basilica. Please note footwear stays on! The cost is £35 per person which includes admission, transport, refreshments on arrival and lunch. The coach will leave the Church car park at **7.15am** and return at approximately **7.00pm**.

You may secure your place by writing your name on the list at the back of the Church. You may also leave a deposit in the Sacristy or Parish Office, if you wish. Final balance payable for all **by Sunday 6th May**. Enquiries to Rosemary Cowan on 07923 246992 or Joan Rogan on 028 90 282015 .

CHRISTIAN SEDER MEAL

The Jewish Passover is the oldest festival of the Hebrew Liturgical Calendar. It commemorates the deliverance of the Jews from Egyptian bondage – the Exodus. Come and experience this Passover Meal, of ritual eating and drinking, that Jesus and His apostles also participated in, at the Last Supper.



Our Christian Passover remembers the Exodus but also defines so much of what we celebrate in the Liturgy of the Eucharist and Holy Communion. The Parish Pastoral Council invites all parishioners to join them for the Passover Seder which will be held in the Parochial Hall at **7.30pm on next Monday 26th March**.

Some idea of numbers is needed to help plan the evening, so if you would like to take part in the prayer and ritual of Passover, please put your name down on the list at the back of the Church after Mass this weekend.

MONEY MATTERS

SUNDAY 25TH FEBRUARY: £1892.89

Many thanks to all who contributed so generously to the collection. The Needy Parishes Collection will be taken up this weekend.

TRÓCAIRE BOXES

Parishioners are asked to return their Trócaire box to the parish **next Sunday**, Palm Sunday, if possible. After Sunday, boxes may be left in the parish office or returned through the Offertory Collection baskets at Mass. It would be appreciated if any small coins could be changed to larger denominations. All cheques should be made payable to Saint Colmcille's Parish.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR THE NEW YEAR

The new envelopes begin on **Sunday 8th April**. If you have not received your new box of envelopes, they will be delivered to you in the next couple of weeks. If you wish to contribute by Standing Order or by envelopes and do not do so currently, please phone Philomena on 02890 654157 option 5, or email her at finance@st-colmcilles.net

THE LARDER FOOD BANK

Our parish St Vincent DePaul Conference are collecting food and cleaning products for the Larder Food Bank during Lent. Donations can be left in the boxes provided in the Church porch. Thank you for your continuing support.

