

ART OF CARING

The Art of Caring Exhibition and Sale commenced on **Friday 13th April and is running until this 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 statue 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.



THE PRIESTS—UPCOMING EVENTS

St Killian's College: The Friends of Garron Tower are pleased to announce that 'The Priests' will perform in a Fund Raising concert, in aid of the refurbishment of the College Chapel, at Garron Tower on **Sunday 27th May at 6.30pm**. Tickets are priced at £30 and can be purchased by contacting the College on the following telephone number 028 2888 5202. Seating is limited to 320 therefore ticket allocation will be on a first come first served basis.

Knock Methodist Church: Music in May—**Friday 11th May at 7.30pm**. Tickets available from Jimmy 9042 6040 or Grahame 9076 1000. Minimum donation £20.00.

ART EXHIBITION & SALE OF PAINTINGS

Dundonald Arts Club,
St. Molua's, 645 Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast.

Opening Ceremony: Thursday 19th April 7.30pm

Open: Thursday 19th April: 10.30am—9.00pm
Friday 20th April: 10.30am—9.00pm
Saturday 21st April: 10.30am—3.00pm

FOR 3 DAYS ONLY
ADMISSION FREE

MONEY MATTERS

Many thanks to all who contributed so generously to the collections.

TRÓCAIRE BOXES

Parishioners are asked to return any outstanding Trócaire boxes to the parish at their earliest convenience. Boxes may be left in the parish office or returned through the Offertory Collection baskets at Mass. If paying by cheque please make cheques payable to Saint Colmcille's Parish.

PARISH OFFICE: Please note items for the Parish Bulletin should be submitted no later than **Wednesday at 12 noon**. Thank you, Geraldine



PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE

BALLYHACKAMORE

15th April 2018

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Very Rev Tony Fitzsimons PP and Rev Vincent Cushnahan CC
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Office open this week: Monday— Friday: 9.30am to 1.30pm

Readings	Sunday: Cycle B Pages 337, 452, 495 Weekdays: 3rd Week of Easter; Psalter week 3
Entrance Antiphon	Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia
Psalm	Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!
Communion Antiphon	The Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise from the dead; in his name repentance and remission of sins must be preached to all the nations, alleluia.

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

Weekday Mass: Tuesday to Friday: 9.30am

Mass Intentions: Saturday 6.30pm: Danny Acton
Sunday 9.30am: Seamus Slack
Charles Mount
Tuesday 17th 9.30am: Noel Bowden

Confession: Saturday: 6.00pm
Chapel of Adoration: Monday and Tuesday 2.00pm—9.00pm

COMMENTARY

Sean Goan's commentaries for the Sunday Year B readings are available to buy at the back of the Church.

DECEASED

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

We remember all those whose anniversaries are at this time, especially: Charles Mount, Seamus Slack, Geronima Ruales, Marie McCluskey, Jim Norton, Fenaida Fabia, Noel Bowden and Mary Wright.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT– Tel: 07456 989458

HOST FAMILY NEEDED

Some American student researchers are coming to Belfast this summer to conduct a research project on contemporary religious life. The University is seeking one host family per student in Belfast from 24th May until 21st August. Brigham Young University would pay the families £500 per month for the three months—£1,500 in total. Students would usually eat a meal with the host family daily, and the students would typically be on their own for the other 2 meals per day. These undergraduate students range in age from 18 years old to 27 years old, and most students are female. Being a host family does not entail any obligation to manage the student's schedule. All of this is coordinated through the university programme. They simply would like the students to get to know people in our community through attending church services and community events in the local area. For more information please contact Noleen: 07879 498131



JEFF CAVINS The Gospel of the Family – Joy for the World.

The Living Church office is delighted to welcome the return of Jeff Cavins, international author, guest speaker and the Director of Evangelization for the Archdiocese of St Paul and Minneapolis **this Saturday 21st April. 9.30am – 6.30pm** at **Our Lady and Saint Patrick's College Knock.**

As we prepare for the **World Meeting of Families**, Jeff will be a leading a day where we can reflect on the Gospel of the Family and consider how we share our faith within our families. Internationally renowned artists The Priests will begin the day leading us in prayer and music. In the afternoon there are a choice of workshops:-

- ◆ Emily Cavins: The Great Bible Adventure Storybook - Sharing the Scriptures with Children - using the Bible timeline to open the Scriptures and highlight the scriptural basis of our Catholic Tradition to children.
- ◆ Petra Conroy - How to explain the Church's teaching on family with clarity and charity.
- ◆ Jeff Cavins - Kerygma. How do we share our faith with family who don't believe.

Tickets for the day are £15 including lunch and refreshments. To register you can book online at www.livingchurchevents.com or contact the Living Church office: 02890 690920.

PARENTS MEETING

There will be a meeting **this Wednesday 18th April at 7.00pm** in the Parochial Hall - for parents / guardians of the children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion.

DTIM

The final Do This In Memory of Me programme for children preparing for First Holy Communion takes places **next Sunday 22nd April at the 9.30am Mass.**

THANKS FROM MOITA BWAWANI

Thanks from Moita Bwawani.

This week we received a letter of thanks from our twin parish in Tanzanian. Father Janusz Pociak wanted to thank us all for our continued support and generosity via the sale of the TAP Christmas gift cards. We donated almost €6000 to continue support for the projects set up by Father John Gallagher. First of all the mobile clinic attending to Antenatal care for mothers ranging up to 70km from the mission base. Secondly funding St. Colmcille's pre-school that currently has 27 1st and 2nd year pupils. Finally Catechist training with one student recently graduated and a second having commenced studies in January. As a token of appreciation he has sent us three pieces of artwork by a local artist depicting Tanzanian wildlife. The paintings will be put on display in the Church with the view to auction them to raise additional funds for the Tap project.

MINISTRY OF HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Ministers of Holy Communion to the Sick and Housebound will be Commissioned in this Ministry at the three Masses **this weekend April 14th and 15th**. Those wishing to be Commissioned will be asked to come forward at whatever Mass they attend on this week-end.

AMORIS

Join us in Clonard Monastery, Belfast for our 'Amoris: Let's Talk Family,' There are 5 sessions remaining of the programme from 7.30pm—9.00pm, on Tuesday's **April 17, 24 and May 1, 22, 29**. To book your place, 028 9044 5950 or email reception@clonard.com

Scripture and Prayer Group.

Our next meeting will be held this Tuesday 17th April, at 8.00pm in the Committee Room. Reflections will be on readings for the Fourth Sunday of Easter.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Over the past year there has been a movement to see Youth ministry leaders and those involved in working with young people in our parishes to come together to inspire, equip, encourage and support each other in their ministry. I am delighted to announce an event that is taking place on Saturday **April 28th** in Saint Mary's University College called **ENCOUNTER** which aims to do just that. The event begins at 9.15am and runs until 4.00pm. Danny Curtain will be speaking on how we as a Church engage young people and youth culture itself, and there will be an opportunity to discuss and share the joys and challenges you face reaching out to young people in your own ministries. If you are able to come it would be helpful if you would sign up via the Link below to give us an idea of numbers for lunch, coffee breaks etc. <https://goo.gl/forms/A115kvYeABgagQLL2>. Also for more information on the event please see our website and social media avenues www.encounternetwork.com