



WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES TICKETS AND REGISTRATION

- Everyone who registers online to attend one or three days of the Pastoral Congress (**22-24 August**), is guaranteed to receive tickets for the **Festival of Families (Croke Park, Saturday 25th August)** and the **Final Mass (Phoenix Park, Sunday 26th August)**.
- Those who only wish to register for the Festival of Families or the Final Mass need to be aware that tickets will be limited subject to venue capacity and availability.
- To register online please go to www.worldmeeting.ie/en/Tickets/Tickets-Registration
- To enquire about accommodation please go to www.worldmeeting.ie/en/Ireland/Accommodation
- Alternatively call the national office – **0035316909409**
- If you have any other queries contact the Diocesan Office: family@downandconnor.org

LIVING CHURCH DOWN & CONNOR LOUGH DERG PILGRIMAGE



Living Church
DOWN & CONNOR

The **sixth** Living Church Lough Derg 3 day Pilgrimage will take place this year from **Friday 29th June to Sunday 1st July 2018**. The pilgrimage will be the traditional three day format. Those who took part in the pilgrimage over the last few years spoke of the many blessings they received from being on the island of Lough Derg, as countless people have throughout the years. There is quietness and deep spirituality to be found there that is very special. Please consider coming along.

The cost of the pilgrimage is **£65**.

We are now offering two departure points Belfast and Ballymena.

For details of travel arrangements and to book a place please call the **Living Church Office on 02890 690920** or email livingchurch@downandconnor.org by **Friday 15th June**.

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

22nd April 2018

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, VOCATIONS SUNDAY

Very Rev Tony Fitzsimons PP and Rev Vincent Cushnahan CC
Phone - 02890 654157

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Office open this week: Monday— Friday: 9.30am to 1.30pm

Readings	Sunday: Cycle B Pages 341, 452, 495 Weekdays: 4th Week of Easter; Psalter week 4
Entrance Antiphon	The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.
Psalm	The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!
Communion Antiphon	The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

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

Weekday Mass: Tuesday to Friday: 9.30am

Mass Intentions: Sunday 11.30am: Joseph T. George

Tuesday 24th 9.30am: David Belcher

Confession: Saturday: 6.00pm

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

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: Sheila Sheils, Claire Mullaly (Senior), Nell McNicholl, Mary Wright, Eileen Curran, Mary Ellen Tansey, Joseph T. George, David Belcher

MINISTRY OF HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND



At the three Masses last week-end, twenty nine parishioners were Commissioned by Fr Fitzsimmons, as **Ministers of Holy Communion to the Sick and Housebound**. To these people we extend the thanks and congratulations of the Priests and parishioners. They have undertaken to visit the sick and frail of our parish in nursing and private homes, taking with them Holy Communion. Several parishioners have been doing this regularly for many years and their generosity is acknowledged.

The Ministers of Holy Communion will be asked to attend specific people in particular homes and will do so every week. From time to time other parishioners may fall ill and will not be able to attend Sunday Mass. Should they require a Minister of Holy Communion to visit them, they should contact either **Claire Dowds on 028 9591 4961 or 0776 6934 246, or Moya Gahan on 02890705412 or 0747 0955 268, or the parish office on 02890 654 157**, and a Minister of Holy Communion will be contacted to visit that person. We request that parishioners do not contact individual Ministers of Holy Communion as each of them has their own visitation duties.

We would wish to inform parishioners that it is a mandatory requirement that only people who have been properly vetted and have attended the required Safeguarding sessions within the last three years, may take Holy Communion to people in private homes or nursing homes.

Here are the names of parishioners who were Commissioned to visit and take Holy Communion to the sick and frail of our parish:- Joan Rogan, Raju Varughese, Aleyamma George, Catriona Hamilton, Paul Mathew, Emma McCully, Sean Cunningham, Eilish Kelly, Philomena Dawson,, Patricia Kernaghan, Olivia Bartlett, Peter Gahan, Moya Gahan. Pauline Kinsella, Ethna Limber, Peter Loder, Eithne Daly, Maire Devine, Ann Marie Gibson, Patricia White, Margaret Neeson, Michael McCaffrey, John McCaffrey, Anne Marie McCaffrey, Marie Edwards, Regina Babu, Noeleen Dunn, Claire Dowds and Liam Dowds.

APOSTOLIC WORK

The **next meeting of Apostolic Work** will be held in the **Iona Room on Tuesday 1st May at 8.00pm**. We need new members. Please come along to one of our meetings. Even if you do not want to join us but would like to lend a hand at our fund-raising events please let any member know. We are always glad of the extra hands.

Our next event is the **ANNUAL DISPLAY** and **SUMMER SALE** on **Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th May**.



DTIM

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

AMORIS

Join us in Clonard Monastery, Belfast for our '**Amoris: Let's Talk Family**,' There are 4 sessions remaining of the programme from 7.30pm—9.00pm, on Tuesday's **April 24 and May 1, 22, 29**. To book your place, 028 9044 5950 or email reception@clonard.com

FRIDAY MORNING

There will be a video presentation, showing unique insights to Ireland's most ancient place of pilgrimage, Lough Derg, featuring one day retreats as well as the traditional three day pilgrimage, **this Friday 27th April at 10.00am** in the **Iona Room, Parochial Hall**, starting with coffee and scones. All are welcome.

SAFEGUARDING AWARENESS AND INFORMATION SESSION



It is a mandatory requirement of the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy that Ministers of Holy Communion to the Sick and Housebound attend a Safeguarding Awareness Raising and Information Session every three years. For those Ministers who do not fulfil this requirement, the Diocesan Safeguarding Office will facilitate a session for them on **Friday 11th May at 7.00 p.m. in the Iona Room**.

The interactive session will be facilitated by personnel from the Diocesan Safeguarding Office and will last ninety minutes. Your attendance will be recorded in the Diocesan Safeguarding Register of volunteers. Refreshments will be served.

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 Noeleen: 07879 498131**

URGENT PLEA FOR RETIRED TEACHERS to help support local children

Special needs charity Sólás has put out an appeal for **Retired Teachers** to help provide 1:1 support to children, with additional educational needs, in a number of primary schools across Belfast. These are hugely rewarding voluntary positions and one morning per week, during term time, is required. Please contact Anne Cahill at Sólás on 02890 247600, Mobile 07729 779242 or email anne@solasbt7.com for further details.