

## CONCERT FOR HABITAT 2020



Gilnahirk Presbyterian Church is hosting a concert to raise funds for Habitat for Humanity on **Saturday 13th April 2019 at 7.00pm**. Tickets are £10.00 to include light supper (£5.00 for children under 10). For tickets, or further information, contact **Brian McLoughlin** on 077 3829 2160.

## ST MATTHEW'S PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE

Fr Peter Carlin will lead a pilgrimage to **Our Lady's Shrine at Knock on Saturday/Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> June**. **The pilgrimage will include Mass at the Apparition Chapel on Saturday evening and a tour of Knock grounds/ visit to Knock Museum.** The total cost is £130 per person sharing. This price covers return transport from Belfast (*Pick-up St Matthew's Parish grounds*) to Knock Shrine; cooked breakfast at the Killyhevlin on the outward journey, dinner, bed and breakfast at Knock House Hotel and dinner at the Killyhevlin on the return journey. Non refundable deposit of £25 is payable at the time of booking. Payments can be made in instalments. If you have any mobility issues or dietary requirements please let us know at the time of booking.  
**Tel: 028 9045 7626. Email: stmatthews@downandconnor.org.**



"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. Colmcille's annual parish One Day Retreat** on **Saturday 11th May 2019**.

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 £40 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 5th May**. Enquiries to **Rosemary Cowan on 079 2324 6992** or **Joan Rogan on 028 9028 2015** or add your name to the sheet at the back of the Church.

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



## PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE BALLYHACKAMORE 7th April 2019 **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

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

<b>Readings</b>	<b>Sunday: Cycle C Pages 181, 452, 493</b> <b>5th Sunday of Lent. Psalter Week 1</b>
<b>Entrance Antiphon</b>	<b>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.</b>
<b>Psalm</b>	<b>What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.</b>
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	<b>Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Seek good and not evil so that you may live, and that the Lord God of hosts may really be with you. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!</b>
<b>Communion Antiphon</b>	<b>Has no one condemned you, woman? No one Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.</b>

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

**Weekday Mass** Tuesday to Friday: 9.30am. *Please refer to Lent Mass times inside.*

**Mass Intentions:** **Saturday 6th April**  
6.30pm: Paddy Macauley, Hugh McCaffrey

### **Sunday 7th April 2019**

9.30am: Gerald Vallely  
11.30am: Danny Acton

**Confession:** Saturday: 6.00pm

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

## DECEASED



We pray for the repose of the soul of those who have died recently, especially; Olivia McKeown.

We remember all those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year, especially: Danny Acton, Ann Adair, Dermot Allister, Jane Connor, John Connor, Gerry Hughes, Paddy Macauley, Hugh McCaffrey, Nell McNicholl, Maureen Nugent, May O'Kane, Louis O'Keeffe, James Wilkinson, Teresa Wilkinson, Gerald Vallely and Mary Wright.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT** - Tel: 074 5698 9458

## LENT MASS TIMES 2019



The **7.15am Mass** will continue to run from **Monday to Friday** up to **Wednesday 17th April**.

## MISSIONARIES OF AFRICA APPEAL

Fr John O'Donoghue will speak at all Masses **this week-end the 6th/7th April** on the work of the **Missionaries of Africa (White Fathers) in Africa**. Envelopes will be available for anyone who wishes to support their Missionary efforts.



*"The White Fathers were found in Algeria in 1868 and today we are present in 24 African and Middle-Eastern countries. There are about 500 young men, mainly in Africa, preparing to become Missionaries of Africa. An important part of our work is to help them to be the Apostles in the Africa of the future. We come to your parish seeking your help that we may continue to fulfill our part of God's Mission towards all peoples."*



## VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT

**Catholic Guides of Ireland (CGI), St Colmcille's Guide Den, Upper Newtownards**

**Road**, are now **recruiting for volunteers** to assist at their weekly unit meetings. The **Brigini** and **Rangers** meet on a **Monday** evening, and the **Cygnnet** and **Guides** meet on a **Wednesday** evening.

The unit asks for a commitment of **2 hours a week** on either one of these nights. **No Guiding experience is required.**

The positions are opened to women age 18 years and over. To find out more please contact:



**Roisin McMullan** at [stcolmcillesguideunit@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stcolmcillesguideunit@hotmail.co.uk)

## EAST BELFAST DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL



The East Belfast District Scout Council's **District's Beavers, Cubs and Scouts** will use **St Colmcille's Car Park** as an assembly and dispersal point prior to their annual **St George's Day** Church service and Parade **this Sunday 7th April**. They will meet at approximately 2.00pm, disperse at 2.30am, reconvene again at 4.15pm and break up at 4.30pm.

## MONEY MATTERS

Many thanks to all who contributed so generously to the collections. The **Monthly Stipend collection** will be taken up at **all Masses this weekend**.

## TRÓCAIRE BOXES

**TRÓCAIRE**  
Working for a Just World

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

If you have not already done so please **collect your Offertory Envelopes from the Sacristy after all Masses this weekend**, or during the week from the Parish Office.



## SCRIPTURE AND PRAYER GROUP



Our Group will **not** be meeting in April or May but will **resume** in June.

## NEWS FROM THE LARDER FOODBANK

We thank all our **amazing supporters in St Colmcille's** for your **continued commitment and support.**



We have accumulated quite a mountain of pasta, and our mountain of baked beans is similarly impressive! Could we ask you not to send us pasta or baked beans until further notice. We are however very short of the following items:

**Tinned custard, Tinned rice pudding, Tinned meat, Tinned potatoes, Tinned carrots, Biscuits, Deodorant, Shower gel and Nappies (size 4, 5, and 6).**

**Thanking you in advance. We would not exist without your continued support.**

## PRIORY SINGERS AT ST COLMCILLE'S CHURCH



### Music for Lent

**Priory Singers**  
St Colmcille's Church, Belfast  
**Friday 12th April 2019**  
**@ 8.00pm**

*Including music by Palestrina, Lotti and Sanders. Musical director Robert Thompson.*

**Pay at door: £10.00**

## 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. All parishioners are invited to join us for the **Passover Seder** which will be held in the **Parochial Hall** at **7.30pm on Monday 15th April 2019**.

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 Masses this weekend**.