



DOWNPATRICK THIRD WORLD GROUP

would like to extend their sincere thanks to parishioners for their generosity in contributing **£355** towards the **St Brigid's Cross**. This has gone towards supporting projects in Zambia, Kenya and El Salvador.

KOINONIA JOHN THE BAPTIST YOUTH GROUP



Koinonia Youth Group continues to meet next **Wednesday 4th March in the Parish Hall 6.15pm - 8.15pm**. All St Colmcille's youth year 9 and above are invited to an evening of fun, friendship and faith and also tasty food. **Come along and join in the games and activities for a great time together.** Further information contact Norma 078 6642 2688.

ST COLMCILLE'S PARISH DRAW

Don't worry if you feel you missed out last year, this year's **Parish Draw** is being **launched on Saturday 21st March and Sunday 22nd March**. Committee members will be at the back of the Church after Saturday night Mass and in the parish hall after Masses on Sunday where tea and coffee will be served.



Please show your support to the Parish by purchasing a ticket or two! **Any queries please contact** - Eithne Geoghegan on 07974 734402 or Mary Walsh on 07815 493463.

ART OF CARING EXHIBITION

The **Art of Caring Exhibition and Sale** will return on **Friday 24th April until Sunday 26th April** in the Parochial Hall.

Since 1994 we have raised over £250,000 primarily for Marie Curie but we have also supported St Joseph's Primary School, 11th Belfast Scout Troop, St Colmcille's Guide Unit and the Parish.



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. *More details will follow nearer the time but if you want any further information you can contact Stephen McAnee, Artie O'Neill or Roisin McMullan.*



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



PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE BALLYHACKAMORE 1st March 2020

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Very Rev Tony Fitzsimons PP and Rev Vincent Cushnahan CC
Phone - 02890 654157
Website: www.st-colmcilles.net
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Facebook: www.facebook.com/stcolmcilleschurch
Office open this week: Monday—Friday 9.30am to 1.30pm

Readings	Sunday: Cycle A, Pages 113, 452, 116/117. Weekdays: 1st Week of Lent. Psalter Week 1
Entrance Antiphon	When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.
Psalm	Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.
Gospel Acclamation	Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Communion Antiphon	The Lord will conceal you with his pinions, and under his wings you will trust.

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

Weekday Mass Monday: 7.15am
(Up to & including 8th April) Tuesday to Friday: 7.15am and 9.30am.

Mass Intentions: **Sunday 1st March 2020**
9.30am: Josefina Colina
Monday 2nd March 2020
7.15am: Patrick Henry Thompson

Confession: Saturday: 6.00pm

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

ST PATRICK'S DAY MASS TIMES

•16th March - Vigil Mass 7.00pm •17th March - 7.15am and 9.30am



DECEASED



We pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently, especially; Romeo Tamayo.

We remember all those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year, especially; Josefina Colina, Florence Fusco, Teresa Judge, Martin Rosaupan and Patrick Henry Thompson.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT– Tel: 074 5698 9458



APOSTOLIC WORK LENTEN LUNCH

will be held **after both
Masses this Sunday
1st March.**

Please come to support the work of missionaries striving to improve the lives of people throughout the world. For those who attend Mass on Saturday evening and may not be able to join us on Sunday, there will be an opportunity to donate at the church door after Mass.



CONFIRMATION

The Young people of our parish will be



Confirmed

by

Most Rev Noel Treanor

on

Sunday 8th March 2020

at

11.30am Mass.

*Please pray for all the young people
preparing now for the sacrament.*

SEDAR MEAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



On **Monday of Holy Week** the parish has traditionally held a ritual meal commemorating the events of the Exodus. Through this meal the parish community can discover the firm spiritual roots which our faith has in Judaism. So we can continue this important part of our Holy Week celebrations the PPC would like to form a team to organise the future Seder meals.

For more information on the format of the evening, readings etc check out <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/activities/view.cfm?id=544>. If you are interested in being part of this group please give your name and contact details to Geraldine in the parish office **before Tuesday 3rd March.**

MONEY MATTERS

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

EUCCHARIST ADORATION DURING LENT

“Could you not watch one hour with me?” Matthew 26:40

Please consider visiting the Blessed Sacrament in our Chapel of Adoration on **Monday or Tuesday between the hours of 2.00pm and 9.00pm** and make it your weekly commitment during Lent.



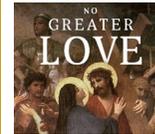
♦ **“You grow spiritually with each moment you spend with Jesus!”
Pope John Paul II**

♦ **“Immersing oneself in silent Eucharistic Adoration is the secret to knowing the Lord”
Pope Francis**

♦ **“We must always have courage, and if some spiritual languor comes upon us, let us run to the feet of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and let us place ourselves in the midst of the heavenly perfumes, and we will undoubtedly regain our strength”
St Padre Pio**

♦ **“When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now”.
St Teresa of Calcutta**

Your Personal Invitation to NO GREATER LOVE



‘No Greater Love’ is an opportunity to experience a deeper understanding of God’s immeasurable love for each one of us, as we prepare for the celebration of Easter. **“The Resurrection is the greatest message history has ever heard!” Pope Francis.**

Location: St Colmcille’s Parish Hall

♦ **Days & Times:** Wednesdays 7.30pm – 9.00pm: **starting 4th March** and 11th, 18th, 25th March & 1st April.

♦ **Or choose option 2:** Fridays 10.15am – 11.30am: **starting 6th March** and 13th, 20th, 27th March & 3rd April.

To register – please add your name to the list at the back of the Church.

WOMEN’S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Women's World Day of Prayer is on **Friday 6 March 2020**. This is a global, ecumenical movement of Christian women from over 170 countries. The theme for 2020, chosen by women of Zimbabwe, is **‘Rise! Take your mat and walk’**. It is based on Jesus' healing of the paralysed man at the Pool of Bethesda ((John 5:1-11). For the women of Zimbabwe, this is a call to action in love for peace and justice. Zimbabwe has experienced a great deal of change and unrest in recent years, including the removal of Robert Mugabe as leader.



Support this day of prayer by attending the 7.15am or 9.30am Mass in our own parish. Special services are being held in many other places, including St Colmcille's, Hollywood (8.00pm), Skainos Centre, Newtownards Road (2.00pm) and Salvation Army, Sydenham at 7.30pm. For more information, go to <https://www.wwdp.org.uk>