

## MAKING THE MOST OF LENT

We can use this opportunity of Lent to grow deeper in our love for God and each other. Together, let's make the most of this great season!

- ◆ Morning **Mass** will be celebrated at 7.15am on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday Friday. Tuesday at 7pm and Wednesday—Friday at 9:30am
- ◆ **Lectio Divina** will run in the Iona room on Thursdays following the 9:30am Mass.
- ◆ Consider giving an hour a week to **Adoration** at any time in the day.
- ◆ Join us in the Church for **Morning Prayer** on Mondays at 9.30am and on Wednesday for **Evening Prayer** at 7pm.
- ◆ **Lenten Evening Course** following Tuesday's 7pm Mass

**Diocesan Youth Team:** Applications are now being accepted for our Diocesan Youth Team trip to Lourdes in July 2023. Cost is £690 per person sharing, which includes return flights, transportation, full board accommodation, and insurance. Date: 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023. All applicants must be between the ages of 17 and 24 from July 2023. For more information, please contact [Lourdes@downandconnor.org](mailto:Lourdes@downandconnor.org)

## SLOW DOWN FOR LENT

**Slow Down for Lent**, led by Breige O'Hare. 11am – 3pm, 25th February, 2023. Holy Rosary Parish Hall. Ormeau Road.

Light-hearted. Plain English. No discussions - just God & you. Bring lunch. Tea/coffee provided. Donation £5. Book in: [breigeohare@firststepwell.com](mailto:breigeohare@firststepwell.com) or ring 07565502662.

## PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE?

### CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

A Marriage Preparation course is planned for 22/23 April 2023 in Curryhills House, Prosperous, Co.Kildare. This 2-day non-residential course is a positive way of preparing for Marriage where you will discover how you can enrich your future relationship. Information/Booking: [marriageencounter.ie](http://marriageencounter.ie) or phone 028276 38512



## PARISH OFFICE

Items for the **next bulletin** should be submitted no later than **Wednesday 22nd February at 12noon**. Bulletin items will be included space permitting. In order to reduce waste the Bulletin is also available to view on line at <https://st-colmcilles.net/weekly-bulletins/past-weeks-bulletins/>. Thank you.



## PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE BALLYHACKAMORE 12th February 2023 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## READINGS: Sunday: Cycle A, Psalter Week 2

### ADORATION

**Tuesday: 6pm—7pm**

*A period of Adoration with Confession throughout this time.*

### MASS

**Tuesday: 7pm**

**Wednesday—Friday 9.30am**

**Weekend Mass Times:**

**Saturday 5.30pm,**

**Sunday 9.30am & 11.30am.**

**Confession:**

**Saturday 5.00pm**

*"Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to complete them"*

*Matthew 5:17*

## A PRAYER FOR THE EARTHQUAKE DISASTER IN TURKEY & SYRIA



We pray for the people in Central Turkey and North West Syria, whose lives have been devastated by the earthquake.

Be present, O Lord, our Good Shepherd, to bring comfort, relief, shelter and human kindness. Shield the people who suffer, console those who are bereaved, prosper the provision of relief, strengthen the work of the emergency teams, and shine your light and hope in the midst of despair.

We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## DECEASED



We pray for the repose of the souls of all those who have died recently, especially: Stephen Ratcliffe and Fr John Craven CP PP

We remember all those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year, especially:

Ouseph Joseph, Eva Haan, Florencio P. Aguilar, Michael McHugh, James Dalton and Matthew Dalton

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

### Mass Intentions:

- ♦ **Sun 12th February 11.30am:** James Dalton & Matthew Dalton
- ♦ **Wed 15th February 9.30am:** Ouseph Joseph

## MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH



The New Testament leaves us in no doubt that we should pray regularly, both alone and with others. Over many centuries, to enable communal prayer, the Church introduced the Liturgy of the Hours, to be prayed together at set times during the day. This gradually evolved into the book of Divine Office, in which the traditional elements of Christian prayer were arranged and organised. Originally, the Divine Office was only for those who were ordained or in religious life, but in the 1960s Pope Paul VI extended it to all members of the Church. *Morning and Evening Prayer is a shortened*

*version of the Divine Office, and it will be re-introduced in St. Colmcille's on the evening of Ash Wednesday, 22nd February, at 7pm.*

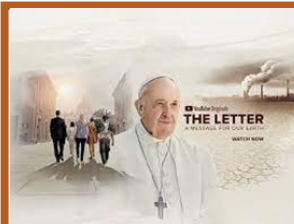
In subsequent weeks Morning Prayer will take place in the church on Mondays at 9.30am, and Evening Prayer on Wednesdays at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to participate in this historic and spiritual form of prayer, even if you are unable to come to every session. Booklets will be provided to assist you in becoming familiar with the very beautiful psalms and songs of the Church.

**If you would like more information, please speak to Claire Dowds or Patricia Kernaghan.**

**MONEY MATTERS:** Many thanks to all of you who continue to contribute so generously to the collections.

The collection for the *Sick and Retired Priests of the Diocese* will be taken up at all Masses *next* weekend.

Thanks



## PARISH ECOLOGY GROUP: INVITATION

The Parish Ecology group warmly invites you to a screening of the documentary film, *The Letter - A message for our Earth* in the **Parish Hall on Saturday 25 February 2023 at 6.30pm.**

This beautiful and challenging film, produced by the **Laudato Si movement** and Bafta and Oscar winning company **Off The Fence**, follows the lives of five frontline environmental activists from different parts of the world as they come together in response to an invitation from Pope Francis.

**The event is free.** If you would like to attend we would ask you to **register by Monday 20 February** by putting your details on the sheet at the back of the church **or** by emailing Brian McLoughlin [mcloughlinbm@gmail.com](mailto:mcloughlinbm@gmail.com).

## NO GREATER LOVE

Lent is a season of reflection and preparation as we look forward to the celebration of Easter. Why not join **Living Church** as we reflect together over Zoom on the final moments of Jesus' life. In a series of short films shot on location in the Holy land, **No Greater Love** is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Beginning: **Monday 27th February for 5 weeks @7pm.** To book your place on our online programme please e-mail [livingchurch@downandconnor.org](mailto:livingchurch@downandconnor.org)

**ALPHA** The Alpha experience provides a space to meet new people and to freely explore life's big questions together.

Every session begins with a meal!

**ALPHA continues** in St Colmcille's Parish Hall on Wednesday

**22nd February from 8.00pm to 9.30pm. All are welcome!**

To register your interest, or make enquiries, please email:

**n.dunn@downandconnor.org** or text to **07879 498131.**

*Please share.*



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## ADORATION

**Could you commit to one hour of Adoration each week?**

*"Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the Sacraments themselves, and the one dearest to God"* St Alphonsus Ligouri.

**Adoration helps people grow in personal holiness.**

Many people, who are committed to weekly Adoration, experience extra graces and blessings. Could you consider committing one hour per week **during Lent** — at any time of day, or evening, in the Adoration Chapel?