

PILGRIMAGES

FATIMA

Belfast Pilgrimage to Fatima. Last remaining places. **9th—14th June 2023.**
Ex Dublin for Feast Day of St Anthony, Patron Saint of Portugal. Visit St Anthony's birthplace and Baptismal font in Lisbon.
Contact James Treacy : 00353 61 921470

LOURDES

Diocesan Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

11th—17th July: £829 12th—17th July: £769
Nursing / Personal Care required, 12th—17th July: £719
Booking Application / Enquiries: 02890 770162 or email:
lourdes@downandconnor.org

DIOCESAN YOUTH TEAM: Applications are now being accepted for the Diocesan Youth Team trip to **Lourdes** in July 2023. Cost is **£690** per person
Date: 11th – 17th July 2023. All applicants must be **between the ages of 17 and 24** from July 2023. Limited spaces. For more information, please contact: lourdes@downandconnor.org

SACRAMENTS

The evening **CONFIRMATION** class for young people, will resume **this WEDNESDAY 22nd February**, 6.00pm—7.00pm in the parish hall.

Parents whose children are preparing for **FIRST COMMUNION** in our parish after school class at Strandtown PS, should attend a **PARENTS MEETING this THURSDAY 23rd February at 3.00pm** at Strandtown. Please gather in the playground outside A1 and A2 classrooms.

There will be a **FIRST CONFESSION ENROLMENT MASS at 9.30am next SUNDAY 26th February**, followed by a **PARENTS MEETING** in the Church for parents of all children who are registered with the parish for the sacrament of First Confession.

Concert on Friday 10th March at 7.30pm in the Jack Britton Hall, Gilnahirk Presbyterian Church.
Tickets only £5 (in aid of Habitat for Humanity) available from— Colin McShane: 07802 854749
Liam Dowds: 07766 431343
Paula Sheils: 07590 331477



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 19th February 2023 SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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READINGS: Sunday: Cycle A, Psalter Week 3/4

*"Give to anyone who asks,
and if anyone wants to
borrow, do not turn away.
Love your enemies and
pray for those who persecute
you."*

Matthew 5:42, 44

ADORATION

Tuesday: 6.00pm—7.00pm

MASS

Monday 7.15am
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Ash Wednesday, Thursday & Friday : 7.15am & 9.30am

Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday 5.30pm,
Sunday 9.30am & 11.30am.

Confession:

Tuesday 6.00pm—6.45pm
Saturday 5.00pm

TEMPERANCE SUNDAY today, is a day of prayer for those with addiction, and their relatives and friends. We pray a blessing from Heaven on all families and individuals who are struggling because of addiction or substance abuse. We pray for all who receive spiritual support from Pioneers, the AA programme and NA meetings, as they work one day at a time to maintain their resolutions.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR TURKEY & SYRIA, & TRY TO SUPPORT THE RELIEF AID EFFORT

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 soul of
all those who have died recently,
and the Months Mind of Francesco Mario Pedinelli

We remember all those whose anniversaries occur
at this time of year, especially:
Gary Morris, Frank McAvoy, Maureen McGonnell
and Joan Marie Thompson

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT– Tel: 074 5698 9458

Mass Intentions:

- ♦ **Sun 19th February 11.30am: Gary Morris**

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 next Saturday 25th 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 this Monday 20th February** by putting your details on the sheet at the back of the church **or** by emailing Brian McLoughlin: mcloughlinbm@gmail.com.

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 this 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.*

DIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2023 is now available to buy in the Church Porch. Cost £5. Please place money in one of the candelabra boxes in the wall.

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 *this weekend*.

MAKING THE MOST OF LENT

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

- ♦ **MASS** will be celebrated at: 7.15am on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday; Tuesday at 7.00pm; Wednesday—Friday at 9:30am.
- ♦ **MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**
Evening Prayer will resume in the church on **Ash Wednesday, 22nd February at 7.00pm**, with **distribution of Ashes** at the end of prayers. Evening prayer will continue on the following Wednesdays.
Morning Prayer will resume on **Monday, 27th February at 9.30am**, also in the Church, and will continue on the following Mondays. Booklets containing the prayers and psalms will be provided,
- ♦ Consider committing one hour per week, during Lent, to **ADORATION** at any time of the day in the Adoration Chapel? Or every **Tuesday** evening in the Main Church from **6.00pm to 7.00pm?**
- ♦ **THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY—a new Lenten Video Programme on Tuesday** evening throughout Lent, **at 7.30pm** in the Iona Room. This new video series, reminds us of the power of the Rosary. It is made on location in the Holy Land. Please register your interest on the sheet on the table in the Church, or email : n.dunn@downandconnor.org or send a text to : 07879 498131
- ♦ **LECTIO DIVINA**, a meditative way of reading and praying with the scriptures, will be held in the Iona room on **Thursdays** following the 9:30am Mass. Please sign up on the sheet on the table in the Church.
- ♦ **APOSTOLIC WORK LENTEN LUNCH** on **next Sunday 26th February**, the first Sunday in Lent. You can enjoy a bowl of homemade soup served with wheaten bread or a bread roll **after both Masses**. All money raised will support the work of the missionaries in many countries. Thank you for your continued support of this most important cause. We look forward to seeing you.
- ♦ **PIONEER PLEDGE** - short term pledge: "I promise in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to abstain from alcoholic drink during Lent."
- ♦ **WALK WITH ME** booklets for Lent: £1 for each child & adult copy. Please place your money in one of the candelabra boxes in the wall.
- ♦ Please pick up a **TROCAIRE BOX** from the basket in the Church Porch.
- ♦ See **Notice Board** in Church Porch for other Lent Programmes