

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

There will be a **FIRST CONFESSION ENROLMENT MASS** at 9.30am **THIS 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.

Parents of the children preparing for **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** in the *parish evening class*, are invited to come to a **PARENTS MEETING THIS THURSDAY 2nd March** in the hall at 6.00pm.

Enquiries, please email : n.dunn@downandconnor.org or text to 07879 498131.

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 1st March 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 26th February 2023 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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READINGS: Sunday: Cycle A, Psalter Week 1

ADORATION

Tuesday: 6.00pm—7.00pm

MASS

Monday 7.15am
Tuesday: 7.00pm
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

*"Man does not live on
bread alone, but on
every WORD that
comes from the mouth
of God"*

Matthew 4:4

As **LENT** begins and we take time to deepen our prayer life, why not join the parishioners of **St Matthew's Parish**, for a time of Eucharistic Healing on **NEXT MONDAY 6th MARCH, 7.00pm—8.00pm.** A time of prayer, reflection, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and healing.

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,

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

Moya Dalton, John Feenan, Anna Teresa Judge,
Sean McCarthy, Gabriel Mullaly (Sr), and Ted O'Neill

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT– Tel: 074 5698 9458

Mass Intentions:

- ◆ **Sat 25th February 5.30pm: Ted O'Neill**
- ◆ **Sun 26th February 9.30am: Moya Dalton**
- ◆ **Sun 26th February 11.30am: John Feeney**
- ◆ **Tues 28th February 7.00pm: Teresa Judge**

A SOUP AND BREAD LUNCH will be served in **HOLY ROSARY** Parish Centre Ormeau Road after the 12.30pm Sunday Mass on the following dates: - 5th, 12th, 26th March, and 2nd April. Everyone most welcome to call in for a chat and a nice lunch. All **voluntary** contributions will go to **TROCAIRE**

DROMANTINE CONFERENCE CENTRE are offering two programmes in Lent: **A Day of Reflection** on Saturday 4th March, and **'Dance of Life Retreat'** from Friday 17th March to Sunday 19th March. More details can be found on the Notice Board in the Church Porch.

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 1st March 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.

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 Monthly Stipend Collection for the support of the Priests in the Diocese will be taken up at all Masses *next* 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- Monday: 7.15am; Tuesday: 7.00pm; Wednesday to Friday: 7.15am & 9:30am.
- ◆ **MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**
Morning Prayer will begin on **this Monday, 27th February at 9.30am**, in the Church, and will continue on the following Mondays.
Evening Prayer continues in the church on **Wednesdays, at 7.00pm**. 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? Many hanks to all who have committed**
- ◆ **MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY—THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES** is 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** is a meditative way of reading and praying with the scriptures. The practice of Lectio Divina teaches us how to listen to God and to see in the scripture passage, that which we may otherwise miss! All are welcome on Thursday mornings during Lent, at 10.00am, in the Iona Room.
- ◆ **APOSTOLIC WORK LENTEN LUNCH** on **THIS 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.