

A Prayer in Gratitude for Our Mothers

Good and Gentle God, we pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all the women who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. You who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings. Give them the strength to live and to be loved in return, not perfectly, but humanly. Give them the faithful support of husband, family and friends as they care for the physical and spiritual growth of their children. Give them joy and delight in their children to sustain them through the trials of motherhood. Most of all, give them the wisdom to turn to you for help when they need it most. Amen.

LAUDATIO SI GROUP

In a meeting at the Vatican on Jan. 19, the Pope defined “ecological conversion” as “true repentance” that leads to the end of “ideologies and practices that are hurtful and disrespectful to the earth.” Pope Francis said that it requires people to commit to “promoting models of developments that heal wounds inflicted by greed, excessive search for financial profits, lack of solidarity with neighbours, and disrespect for the environment. He continued: “For their part, Christians fulfill their ecological responsibility when, as trustworthy stewards, they protect creation, the work God has entrusted to them ‘to till and to keep’” (Gen 2:15; cf. Laudato Si’, 95; 217).

Thought for the week :

CAT SUPPORT GROUP — SPRING SALE

Saturday 25th March 2023

1.45pm to 3.30pm

ST COLMCILLE'S PAROCHIAL HALL,

191 UPPER NEWTOWNARDS ROAD, BELFAST

Stalls selling: gifts, toys, cakes, books, plants, Bric-a-Brac

Admission: suggested donation of £2 (which includes refreshments)

DIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2023 (£5) available in the Church Porch.
WALK WITH ME, booklet for Lent (£1) on table at the back of the Church.
Please place money in one of the candelabra boxes in the wall.

PARISH OFFICE

Items for the **next bulletin** should be submitted no later than **Wednesday 22nd 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

19th March 2023

4th SUNDAY OF LENT—Laetare Sunday

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READINGS: Sunday: Cycle A, Psalter Week 3

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

I was blind,
but now I
see!

Prayer to St Joseph

O Saint Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most Loving of Fathers."

(Monday 20th March, Feast of St Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church)

INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKERS

You are warmly welcome to a Lenten Talk will be given in St Colmcille's on **Friday, 24th March**. The speakers will be **Martina Purdy**, former journalist, and **Elaine Kelly**, former barrister. Martina and Elaine will describe their faith journey, from leaving their professions, to joining the Adoration Sisters, and then their decision to continue their work as lay missionaries. The talk will begin at **7 30pm** and there will be an opportunity for questions. Refreshments will follow, and everyone is welcome.



DECEASED

We pray for the repose of the soul of all those who have died recently, especially Paul McGlynn and Sheila O'Donnell

We remember all those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year, especially:
Bernard Neeson, Norah Rogan, Francisco N. Escara, Sr.

Mass Intentions:

- ♦ **Sat 4th March 5.30pm:** Norah Rogan
- ♦ **Wed 22nd March 9.30am:** Bernard Neeson

LAY MINISTRY ENRICHMENT DAYS

The Living Church Office is offering a range of lay ministry formation programs for Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers, and Baptism preparation teams. These programs have been designed to provide opportunities for lay ministers to reflect on the significance of their own Baptism and to provide space for personal, spiritual, and catechetical formation.

• **BAPTISM – OUR CALL TO MISSION: ONLINE SESSION:**

Wednesday 22nd March 7.00pm – 8.30pm

Enrichment Day Choice of:

Saturday 25th March: Holy Rosary Parish Centre 10.00am – 4.00pm

Saturday 1st April 2023: Newcastle Parish Centre 10.00am – 4.00pm

To Book your place click: <https://forms.office.com/e/1wcC3F7F31>

• **PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD : ONLINE**

Monday 17th April 7.00pm – 8.30pm

Enrichment Day

Saturday 22nd April: Holy Rosary Parish Centre 10.00am – 4.00pm

Saturday 29th April: Newcastle Parish Centre 10.00am – 4.00pm

To Book your place click: <https://forms.office.com/e/9NgX0LKevW>

• **EUCHARIST – FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY: ONLINE SESSION**

Wednesday 10th May 7.00pm – 8.30pm

Enrichment Day

Saturday 13th May: Holy Rosary Parish Centre 10.00am-4pm

Saturday 20th May: Newcastle Parish Centre 10.00am – 4.00pm

To Book your place click: <https://forms.office.com/e/hDNes3KNC9>

MONEY MATTERS: Many thanks to all of you who continue to contribute so generously to the Weekly Collection - £1208.09. The collection for Needy Parishes will be taken up at all Masses this weekend.

Making the Most of Lent

PRAYER, FASTING, ALMSGIVING

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 - Monday: 7.15am; Tuesday: 7.00pm; Wednesday to Friday: 7.15am & 9:30am.**
- ♦ **MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**
Morning Prayer - Monday & Friday 9.15am
Evening Prayer - Wednesdays, at 7.00pm.
- ♦ **Adoration** at any time of the day in the Adoration Chapel.
Tuesday evening in the Main Church from **6.00pm to 7.00pm.**
Many thanks to all those who have committed recently. Please sign the new register.
- ♦ **MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY—THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES**
- a new Lenten Video Programme on Tuesday at 7.30pm in the Iona Room. This new video series, reminds us of the power of the Rosary with provides us with new insights. It is made on location in the Holy Land. Refreshments & Discussion.
- ♦ **LECTIO DIVINA** - Thursday mornings, at 10.00am, in the Iona Room. Helps me deepen my prayer life and to listen more closely to what God is saying to me !!
- ♦ **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** - please join in the prayers of the Way of the Cross each Saturday in Lent at 5.00pm in Church.
- ♦ See **Notice Board** in Church Porch for other Lent Programmes

COULD GOD BE CALLING YOU TO BE A PRIEST?

The annual Vocations Retreat will take place at Drumalis Retreat on 21st– 23rd April 2023. The retreat will allow discerners to come together and hear God's calling in their lives. To sign up please search for 'Diocesan Vocations Retreat' on eventbrite.com or email Fr Conor McGrath, our Vocations Director on c.mcgrath@downandconnor.org.

ALPHA continues in Tobar Mhuire on Saturday 25th March from 10am to 4pm. *All are welcome!* To register your interest, or make enquiries, please email : n.dunn@downandconnor.org or text to 07879 498131.