

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

Standing orders March: £3646.76

Sunday 2nd April weekly collection: £903.80

Sunday 9th April weekly collection: £1258.16

Catholics in the Holy Land: £715.31

Trócaire to date: £1969.68

Please return your Trócaire box through the Offertory Collection baskets, or the Parish Office. If you are able to change small coins to larger denominations, that would be appreciated. Cheques can also be accepted—made out to: St Colmcille's Parish

The new Offertory Envelopes begin this month. If you wish to contribute by standing order or by envelope, and do not do so currently, please email Philomena: p.dawson@downandconnor.org or phone the parish office : 02890 654157 The collection for the Sick and Retired Priests of the Diocese will be taken up at all Masses next weekend

DIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2023 (£5) available in the Church Porch.

The directory provides details of all parishes, Mass times, Priests, and spiritual organisations in the Diocese of Down and Connor.

Please place the money in one of the wall boxes next to the candelabras.

MINISTRY OF WELCOME

Many thanks to those who have engaged recently in this very important Ministry of Welcome at the weekend Masses. More support is needed in order to develop a rota. If *you* are also able to volunteer, even occasionally, please contact the parish office with your details: stcolmcilles@downandconnor.org / 02890 654157

Laudato Si' Group: Prayer for the Environment.

O God, grant us the wisdom and faithfulness to care for the Earth as you care for us. Help us to nurture the flora and fauna you have blessed this Earth with. Give us the strength to protect the beautiful creatures that walk upon your Earth, and grant us the humility to give more to your Earth than we take. O God of Creation, we thank you for blessing our earthly home. In Lord Jesus Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

PARISH OFFICE

Items for the **next bulletin** should be submitted no later than **Wednesday 19th April 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/>.



PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE

BALLYHACKAMORE

16th APRIL 2023

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Divine Mercy Sunday

Very Rev Conor McGrath PP, Director of Vocations

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READINGS: Sunday: Cycle A, Psalter Week 2

ADORATION

Tuesday: 6.00pm—7.00pm

MASS

Tuesday: 7.00pm

**Wednesday, Thursday & Friday :
9.30am**

Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday 5.30pm,

Sunday 9.30am & 11.30am.

Confession:

Tuesday 6.00pm—6.45pm

Saturday 5.00pm

The disciples were
filled with joy when
they saw the Lord, and
he said to them again,
“Peace be with you”

John 20:20-21

**Feast of Divine Mercy – St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast,
this Sunday 16th April 2023**

You are most welcome to join us in St Peter's Cathedral for the celebration of this wonderful Feast. The celebration will commence with the Holy Rosary at 2:30pm. The Divine Mercy chaplet will be recited at 3pm and will be followed by Holy Mass. We would remind everyone coming to the celebration that there is no obligation to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation on the Feast Day itself, as long as you avail of the Sacrament of Reconciliation within the octave of the Feast (eight days).

For those who are unable to join us in person, you may wish to join us through the webcam (St Peter's Cathedral Belfast – Cathedral House, St Peter's Square, Belfast (churchservices.tv)).

DECEASED

We pray for the repose of the soul of all those who have died recently,
especially Agnes Stella Acton

We remember all those whose anniversaries occur
at this time of year, especially:
Noel Bowden, Brendan McMullan and Lucy Trainor

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT– Tel: 074 5698 9458

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 16th April 9.30am : Noel Bowden

Sunday 16th April 11.30am : Brendan McMullan

MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Morning Prayer: Monday & Friday 9.15am

Evening Prayer : Wednesdays, at 7.00pm.

COULD GOD BE CALLING YOU TO BE A PRIEST?

The annual Vocations Retreat will take place at Drumalis Retreat and Conference Centre, Larne, on next weekend, 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](https://www.eventbrite.com) or email Fr Conor McGrath, our Vocations Director on c.mcgrath@downandconnor.org.

ALPHA continues in St Colmcille's Parish Hall on **this Wednesday 19th April** 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

SACRAMENTS

FIRST COMMUNION preparation class for children, resumes on this Thursday 20th April from 6.00pm to 7.00pm in the Iona Room.

CONFIRMATION class resumes on this Wednesday 19th April from 6.00pm to 7.00pm in the Iona Room.

SHOUT! KOINONIA

Come and enjoy an evening of **PRAISE & WORSHIP** in the Parish Hall on **FRIDAY 5th MAY at 7.30pm**, led by the band from Italy, Shout! Koinonia.

Shout! Koinonia is a project and music band of the community Koinonia John the Baptist. Fr Luca Arzenton started this project in 2010. He is a priest and musician of Koinonia. He has composed various songs of praise, music for evangelisation and music of the liturgy.

Shout! Koinonia



Shout! takes up the quotation of the prophet Isaiah which refers to John the Baptist. The purpose of Shout! Koinonia is about declaring Jesus is Lord, in a modern style with contemporary arrangements.

The musical repertoire extends from songs of praise and adoration to liturgical songs, including an album of songs for Mass. All are welcome.

SUMMER FEARLESS PROGRAMME FOR YOUTH

Young people, in Year 8 to year 14, are invited to participate in a programme planned by Koinonia John the Baptist Community and the Youth Volunteers, leading to the **Summer Madness Christian Camp for Youth in Portglenone, from Friday 30th June to Tuesday 4th July.**

The first meeting will be **this Thursday 20th April** in the Parish Hall.

Enquiries to Noeleen : 07879 498131

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy has resumed at the **9.30am Mass** each **Sunday**. **All children attending should be registered in advance.** Please pick up a **registration form** for your child/children, in the Church porch and return to one of the Children's Liturgy leaders or place in the Bulletin Box in the porch. All children from age 3 to 11 years are welcome.

The children are introduced to the Sunday's Gospel message in a child-friendly way through chat, games, challenges and song.

More help is always needed. If *you* would be willing to assist with this ministry, on a rota basis, please speak to one of the leaders, or email n.dunn@downandconnor.org