

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

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](mailto: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 this 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](mailto:stcolmcilles@downandconnor.org) / 02890 654157

**Laudato Si' Group:** For the Dignity of Human Life.

Lord and giver of all life, help us to value each person, created in love by you. In your mercy guide and assist our efforts to promote the dignity and value of all human life, born and unborn.

### PARISH OFFICE

Items for the **next bulletin** should be submitted no later than **Wednesday 26th 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 23rd APRIL 2023 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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**

Were not our hearts  
burning within us  
while he spoke to us  
on the way and  
opened the Scriptures  
to us

**Visit to the Tomb:** The empty tomb is a twofold invitation for us – an invitation to believe like Peter and the other disciple, and an invitation to love like Mary of Magdala. First, the invitation to come to the tomb, like Peter and the other disciple, to enter, see and believe. There are only “the burial cloths and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place.” But they are enough to make us believe. Enough to believe that Easter Sunday transforms a terrible Friday into a Good Friday, that the cross is not the end, that a new world is coming to birth. Secondly, the invitation to stay a little longer, like Mary of Magdala, by the tomb. The invitation not to rush back home, but to remain and waste some time by the tomb. To be called by name by the risen Lord and encounter him living and alive. Perhaps we lack Mary’s ardent love for the Lord, or her fervent yearning to see him. The invitation is precisely to develop in us this great love, this profound longing for the Lord, in such a way that we learn to see the risen Lord in every gardener, every person, every man and woman we encounter on our way. (The Tomb in our Church will remain open the weeks of Easter.)

## **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: Marjorie Hale  
Brendan Ronan Sharkie, Mary Ellen Tansey,

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

## **MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Morning Prayer: Monday & Friday 9.15am

Evening Prayer : Wednesdays, at 7.00pm.

## **UNBOUND: HEALING**

Fr. Gerry Campbell and a team from the Archdiocese of Armagh will be leading an information and training day on UNBOUND 10am - 5pm on Saturday 29th April at St. Columcille's Parish Hall, 191a Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast.

UNBOUND is based on Neal Lozano's book and ministry and it has been used very effectively in helping people break free from sinful patterns, fears and hopelessness using Five Keys: 1) Repentance and Faith 2) Forgiveness 3) Renunciation 4) Authority and 5) The Father's Blessing.

Register by email to: [office@divinehealingministries.org](mailto:office@divinehealingministries.org) Bring a packed lunch; tea/coffee provided.

**ALPHA** continues in St Colmcille's Parish Hall on **this Wednesday 26th April** from 8.00pm to 9.30pm. *All are welcome!* To register your interest, or make enquiries, please email : [n.dunn@downandconnor.org](mailto:n.dunn@downandconnor.org) or text to 07879

**TOBAR MHUIRE RETREAT CENTRE:** You are invited to a series of conversations will take place in Tobar Mhuire over the coming months in which people share their experience of life and faith and finding hope in their lives. Participants will include people such as Rev Harold Good, Baroness Nuala O'Loan and Fr Aidan Troy CP. Our first conversation will be on Tuesday 2 nd May at 7pm with Rev Bill (CEO, 174 Trust) who will share his experience in peace making in North Belfast. All welcome. Voluntary donation.

## **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.**

Enquiries to Noleen : 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](mailto:n.dunn@downandconnor.org)