

Save
The
Dates!

COFFEE MORNING

St Colmcille's Guide Unit are holding a fundraising coffee morning with scones and a cake sale on **NEXT SUNDAY 21ST MAY** after the morning Masses. There is no raffle but we will have a Tombola stall to try your luck on. We hope to see you there. Roisin 07854140019

The **SPIRITANS** (Holy Ghost missionaries) will visit our parish **next weekend 20th/21st May** to raise awareness of their work in the missions.

Join thousands across Ireland in the **PRAY FOR LIFE NOVENA** starting **next TUESDAY 23rd May, and concluding on 31st May**, the feast of The Visitation. Visit www.prayforlife.ie for the daily novena prayers.

LITURGY FOR SICK AND HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS

On **SATURDAY, 3RD JUNE at 3.00pm** in the Church, a special Liturgy will take place for our sick and housebound parishioners, to which all other parishioners are welcome to attend. There will be refreshments afterwards in the Parochial Hall which will provide an opportunity to socialise with our parishioners who are unable to attend Mass regularly.

We hope to see as many of you as possible there and would very much appreciate assistance with transport and help in the hall. If you are able to help in any way please contact— Patricia on: 07876395480 ; email: patriciakernaghan@btinternet.com

Or Claire on: 07766934246; email: cdowds181@gmail.com

ANNUAL COLMCILLE LECTURE

The Parish Pastoral Council invites you to our Annual Colmcille Lecture on **FRIDAY 9th JUNE at 7.30pm**. Michael Kelly, Editor of the "Irish Catholic" newspaper will speak about "The Future of the Catholic Church in Ireland". More details soon.



FR CONOR IS SKYDIVING—on SATURDAY 24TH JUNE for Children in Crossfire, a charity founded in N Ireland.

The Charity helps some of the most vulnerable children in the world who suffer from the injustices of poverty. Today, they work in Ethiopia and Tanzania, supporting life-saving healthcare and life-shaping education for children and families who need our solidarity.

Please scan the QR code to donate.



PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE BALLYHACKAMORE 14th MAY 2023 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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READINGS: Sunday: Cycle A, Psalter Week 1

ADORATION

Tuesday: 6.00pm—7.00pm

MASS

Saturday 5.30pm,

Sunday 9.30am & 11.30am.

Thursday & Friday at 9.30am

**NB: NO PUBLIC WEEKDAY MASS ON
TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY**

CONFESSION

Saturday 5.00pm

Morning and Evening
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Monday & Friday 9.15am

Wednesday 7.00pm

"I am in my
Father, and you
in me, and I in
you.

John 14:20

MONTH OF MARY

Prompted by the Church's special devotion to Mary in May, let us strive to imitate her.

If we truly love somebody, then we want to get to know them better, follow them more closely and finally to imitate their good qualities that we call virtues. St. Louis de Montfort in his classic *True Devotion to Mary* gives us a list of the ten principal virtues of Mary. Imitate them and you will be on the Highway to Holiness!

Here they are: Her deep humility, lively faith, blind obedience, unceasing prayer, constant self-denial, surpassing purity, ardent love, heroic patience, angelic kindness, and heavenly wisdom!

Let us also commit to Our Lady in prayer, the children from St Joseph's Primary School, who will receive their **First Holy Communion next Saturday 20th May** at 11.00am Mass.

DECEASED

We pray for the repose of the soul of all those who have died recently, especially Very Rev Kevin McMullan, and also Agnes Acton whose month's mind occurs at this time.

We remember all those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year, especially: Carmen Carey, William Dowds, Jean Dowds, Gretta Forde, Joe Keenan, Michael Kelly, Eibhlinn McAleer, Malachy McMullan, Mary Scott

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT– Tel: 074 5698 9458

ST COLMCILLES PRE SCHOOL COFFEE MORNING

Please support the Pre-School **TODAY** in their fundraising **COFFEE MORNING** and bake sale, this Sunday 14th May, in the Parish Hall: **10.00am - 2.00pm**. There will be tea, coffee, sweet treats, a raffle and face painting !

ST. COLMCILLE'S PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Report to Parishioners, March 2023

The Parish Pastoral Council met on 21st March and discussed a range of matters. These included:

- ◆ The Annual Colmcille Lecture, which will take place on Friday, 9th June. The speaker will be Michael Kelly, Editor of the "Irish Catholic".
- ◆ A possible Parish pilgrimage. Options are to be considered.
- ◆ Possible re-design of the Parish Hall, including the kitchen area.
- ◆ The imminent purchase of a defibrillator for the church.
- ◆ Arrangements for Holy Week and Easter.

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet again on Tuesday, 30th May. If there is any issue you wish to raise, please contact a Council member.

The Parish Pastoral Council members are: Fr. Conor McGrath (President), Vince Murphy (Chair), Rose Byrne (Vice-Chair), Patricia Kernaghan (Secretary), Paul Campbell, Liam Dowds, Noeleen Dunn, Eimer Magee, Leo O'Reilly, Raju Varughese.

MONEY MATTERS

Many thanks to all who contribute so generously to the collections.

Sunday 7th May : £871.47

The collection for the Education of Diocesan Students to the Priesthood will be taken up at all Masses *next* weekend.

PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE

As a Church we are called to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ and share his love in the world. But we realise that our current way of doing things is getting more difficult to sustain. With smaller congregations and fewer priests **we have to find new ways to ensure that the mission of the Church can be carried out in the future.**

For this reason our Diocese of Down and Connor is undertaking a **major programme of change called Pathways to the Future.** It will look at the priorities and structures of the Church to see how we can best serve our 86 parishes and other ministries over the next twenty years.

A steering team of lay people and clergy has been preparing for this work in recent months and representatives of every parish have taken part in initial conversations. In the coming months we all have a chance to find out more and play our part. **One important task is to collect accurate information and for that reason a census of Mass attendance across the diocese will be taken up next week.**

This will include determining profiles such as age and gender for the purposes of the research. Your cooperation with the census collectors would be greatly appreciated ! The information will be gathered with sensitivity and discretion.

LET US PRAY FOR VOCATIONS IN THE DIOCESE

Please join with Deacon Dawid Akzenscuk ,who will lead us in an Hour of Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in Church, **this Tuesday 16th May from 6.00pm -7.00pm.**

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call . Amen

MEDITATING WITH MARY IN THE MONTH OF MAY

Wednesday 17th May at 7.30pm in the Iona Room

In the Church the month of May has typically been a time we set aside for Marian devotion. *Meditating With Mary In The Month Of May* provides the opportunity to come together as a parish community, to meditate on joyful moments in the life of Mary. This Wednesday we will consider Mary's song of praise to God, the Magnificat, through two prayer forms: Visio Divina (Divine Seeing) and Lectio Divina (Divine Reading). Each participant will receive a booklet. All are welcome.