

## The Month of June

On **THURSDAY 1 JUNE at 5.15pm**, the **QUB CHAPLAINCY** will host a **GRADUATION MASS** for the Class of 2023. Students, their families and friends, as well as staff and alumni are most welcome. This Mass will be the last special celebration before we close our doors and move to temporary accommodation whilst our landmark building on Elmwood Avenue undergoes major redevelopment. If the Chaplaincy holds special memories for you and you would like to experience it as-is for one last time, know that we would love to have you join us. Refreshments will be served afterwards. If you plan to come, it would be helpful if you could let us know by emailing - catholicchaplaincy@qub.ac.uk

**GROSVENOR CHORALE** : our upcoming summer concert "Serenity" which is being held on **FRIDAY 2ND JUNE at 7.30pm** in Knock Methodist. Following our recital of music - sacred and secular, ancient and modern - we invite the audience to join us for some light refreshments in the church hall. Proceeds to Grosvenor and East Belfast Mission, Hosford House.

### LITURGY FOR SICK AND HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS

On **NEXT 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 co-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

### APOSTOLIC WORK COFFEE MORNING PLANT AND CAKE SALE

On **SATURDAY 3RD AND SUNDAY, 4TH JUNE** we are having our annual summer sale and coffee morning after all Masses.

### 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 21st MAY 2023 THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

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### READINGS: Sunday: Cycle A, Psalter Week 3

*Go, therefore, make  
disciples of all the  
nations;  
baptise them in the  
name of the Father  
and of the Son of  
the Holy Spirit*

#### ADORATION

**Tuesday: 6.00pm—7.00pm**

#### MASS

**Saturday : 5.30pm,  
Sunday : 9.30am & 11.30am.**

**Tuesday : 7.00pm,  
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday:  
9.30am**

#### CONFESSION

**Tuesday : 6.00pm to 6.45pm  
Saturday : 5.00pm**

**Morning and Evening  
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH  
Monday & Friday 9.15am  
Wednesday 7.00pm**

### MAY THE MONTH OF MARY

*THE MEMORARE PRAYER - a favourite of Mother Teresa's*  
Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thine intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the Primary 4 children from St Joseph's PS, who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday 20th. Please also hold in prayer 31 young people from 15 schools in east Belfast, who will make their Confirmation in the parish next Saturday 27th May, at 11.00am, Pentecost weekend.

## 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:  
James Elliott

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

The **SPIRITANS** (Holy Ghost missionaries) are visiting our parish **this weekend 20th/21st May** to raise awareness of their work in the mission fields.

## **COFFEE MORNING**

St Colmcille's Guide Unit are holding a fundraising coffee morning with scones and a cake sale on **THIS 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

Join thousands across Ireland in the **PRAY FOR LIFE NOVENA** starting **THIS TUESDAY 23rd May, and concluding on 31st May**, the feast of The Visitation. Visit [www.prayforlife.ie](http://www.prayforlife.ie) for the daily novena prayers.

Join in praying for **VOCATIONS in our Parish and Diocese at the ADORATION HOLY HOUR on THIS TUESDAY at 6.00pm**

## **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**Fr James O'Reilly** is hosting a **Pentecost event in St Joseph's Catholic Church**, 54 Greystone Road, Antrim BT41 1JZ from **10.00am to 10.00pm on next SATURDAY 27th MAY**. There will be Amazing Speakers, Confession, Adoration, Praise & Worship, Workshops, and Food Trucks. See poster on noticeboard in foyer.

The Diocesan Committee for Charismatic Renewal has organised a celebration of Pentecost on **NEXT SUNDAY, the 28th May from 7.00pm to 9.00pm, in ST BERNARD'S Church**, Antrim Road, Glengormley BT36 7QR. The celebration will include prayer and praise, testimony and a talk by Fr. Darren Brennan PP.

You are also invited to take part in the *interdenominational* celebration of Pentecost in **KNOCK METHODIST CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY at 7.00pm**

## **MONEY MATTERS**

Many thanks to all who contribute so generously to the collections.  
Sunday 14th May : £ 831.19

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

**BROADCAST MASS: Next Sunday** (28th May) the 9:30 Mass **will be delayed until 10:03am** to facilitate **BBC Radio Ulster's morning service**. We are honoured to host the broadcast. If you are attending, please be seated in the Church by **9:45am**. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

## PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE

In the Gospel this Sunday we hear the mission that Jesus gives his Church - "Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations." And that is still our mission today. Here in Down and Connor, our Pathways to the Future programme has been set up to help us go out, make disciples and share the love of Christ more effectively in the coming years.

**One initial task is the count of Mass attendance which is happening across the diocese this weekend.** On a practical level this helps us to get an accurate snapshot of who is connecting with our local parishes at this time. But it also encourages us to reflect about who isn't coming and how we might go out and share the Gospel with them.

That might seem a daunting task and it will mean doing some things differently in the future. But if we work together as a whole Church - lay people, religious and clergy, guided by the Holy Spirit - God promises that our efforts will be fruitful. Let's pray for the courage and imagination to go out and make disciples here in Down and Connor.

This is a time of rebuilding and renewal for our diocese and we set off on the pathway confident that the Holy Spirit, sent to us by the Father, will guide us on our journey together. **Please keep this project in your prayers! THANK YOU FOR TAKING PART!**

## LAUDATO SI' GROUP

*Laudato Si' Week*, May 21st - 28th is an opportunity to celebrate the beauty, diversity, and interconnectedness of all of creation as well as the care of creation initiatives that offer hope for the future of our Common Home. We are grateful for the following four initiatives, In their new book *The Parish as Oasis: An Introduction to Practical Environmental Care* (Messenger Publications, Dublin, 2022) Kevin Hardagen and Ciara Murphy, from the Jesuit Centre for Faith and Justice, make the point that care for creation and social justice are deeply interconnected. And that communal action for change is much more effective than individual action. They advocate that the parish is the ideal place to start. 'A parish really pushing together in the work of protecting their common home? That would have an impact nationally'(p.23). How can we as a parish community work together to protect our common home? One possibility is signposted by the recent call of the Irish Bishops to use a percentage of parish grounds as a haven for pollinators and biodiversity 'in order that it can be enjoyed in perpetuity by the whole community'.