

The Month of June

GROSVENOR CHORALE : our upcoming summer concert "Serenity" which is being held **on THIS 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.

APOSTOLIC WORK COFFEE MORNING PLANT AND CAKE SALE

On NEXT Saturday 3rd and Sunday, 4th June we are having our **annual summer sale and coffee morning** after all Masses. There will be the usual bedding plants, tubs and hanging baskets, cake stall, books and toys and Tombola but, **PLEASE NOTE - NO bric a brac**. We encourage as many parishioners and friends as possible to come to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and/or buy some of our home-made cakes etc. The assistance of a few people to clear the tables and chairs afterwards would be much appreciated. For anyone who cannot come in person to our event, there will be an opportunity to contribute to a church door collection that weekend. **Apostolic Work supports Missionaries in many countries.**

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.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR LIVING CHURCH

An exciting opportunity has arisen within the Living Church Office, for the role of Assistant Director. The role will attract someone who will work to make the vision and hope for our Diocese an ever-stronger reality, in everything the Living Church does. Supporting the Director of the Living Church and working as part of a team to implement Diocesan Initiatives in youth ministry, peace and reconciliation, evangelisation, and faith development. Closing date 8th June. More details on the church notice board in the foyer.



PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE BALLYHACKAMORE 28th MAY 2023 PENTECOST SUNDAY

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READINGS: Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 1; Psalter Week 4

Come
Holy
Spirit,
Come!

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**

PRAYERS TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

FOR HOLINESS: Breathe into me Holy Spirit, that all my thoughts may be holy. Move in me, Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Attract my heart, Holy Spirit, that I may love only what is holy. Strengthen me, Holy Spirit, that I may defend all that is holy.

FOR EXAMS: Holy Spirit as I prepare to write the test ahead of me, I pray that You will quiet any anxious thoughts inside me. Help me to remain focused and calm. Please grant me the discipline to prioritize my studies, strengthen my gifts and inspire me in my studies.

CONGRATULATIONS to the 32 young people, aged 11—17 years, from 15 schools in east Belfast, who were **CONFIRMED** this Saturday. May the Holy Spirit guide, protect and strengthen them, as they continue on their faith journey !

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:
Martin Green, Phelim Green, John McCormick

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT– Tel: 074 5698 9458

LITURGY FOR SICK AND HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS

On **THIS 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

Diocesan three-day pilgrimage to **LOUGH DERG : Friday 30th June – Sunday 2nd July 2023.** Cost £90 includes luxury coach transfers. Bus departs 9am Friday 30th June from Glengall Street. Places are limited. Please book early.
Contact Claire Tel: 02890 690920 Email: livingchurch@downandconnor.org

LAUDATO SI' GROUP

This week marks the eighth anniversary of the publication of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si' on care for our common home*, in which we are all called to make a profound interior conversion, a change of heart. This conversion entails gratitude for God's loving gift of creation and 'a loving awareness that we are not disconnected from the rest of creatures but joined in a splendid universal communion' (LS para 220). What is needed is not just individual but community conversion. 'Social problems must be addressed by community networks and not simply by the sum of individual good deeds.' (LS para 219). Pope Francis writes that communities can be transformed by a shared action to protect the local environment. 'Around these community actions, relationships develop and a new social fabric emerges. Thus, a community can break out of the indifference induced by consumerism' (LS 232). What are the ways in which we as a parish community can achieve this?

MONEY MATTERS

Many thanks to all who contribute so generously to the collections.
Sunday 21st May : £ £933.15 The Monthly Offering Collection for the support of the priests in the Diocese will be taken up at all Masses next weekend

PENTECOST SUNDAY

The Diocesan Committee for Charismatic Renewal has organised a celebration of Pentecost on **THIS 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 THIS SUNDAY at 7.00pm**

PASTORAL LETTER

A Pastoral Letter from the Most Reverend Donal Mc Keown, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Down and Connor, for Pentecost Sunday 28th May, is available to pick up from the table in the foyer of the Church.

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

PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE

This weekend we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came down upon the apostles. In an instant a group of frightened disciples were empowered to go out and proclaim God's amazing dream for the world - the Good News of Jesus Christ!

When we read about Pentecost and the birth of the Church in the Acts of the Apostles, we find inspiration for where we are as a Church here in Ireland today. We know that we have come to a fork in the road. We can't keep going the way we were, we have to head out on a new pathway.

In Down & Connor the Pathways to the Future project is charting the next steps on this journey. We have to be realistic - change is inevitable. There will be new ways of working in our parishes and communities. But this isn't something to be afraid of. God still has a dream for our Church. He wants us to be filled with the Spirit and willing to go out and share the Gospel with others. He wants us to be generous, loving and inclusive, welcoming everyone into his family. And he wants us to be confident that **each of us - lay women and men, clergy and religious - has a part to play in renewing our parishes, the diocese and building up the Kingdom of God.**

Thank you for all your help in gathering the **CENSUS** information for the diocese last weekend. The information gathered revealed attendance for the weekend Mass at 5.30pm : 113; 9.30am : 186; 11.30am Mass: 239
Viewing figures for Saturday (5 mins to 60mins+) was 170; Sunday: 148