

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

The Monthly Stipend Collection for the support of the priests in the Diocese will be taken up at all Masses *this* weekend.

### ROSARY RALLIES

There will be a public Rosary to mark the Feast Day of Our Lady of Fatima, at the Grotto of Our Lady of Mercy, in the car park of St Oliver Plunkett Church, at **4.00pm this Saturday 13th May**. Everyone is welcome.

A Rosary will also be recited on this Saturday May 13th, at **St Mary's Grotto Chapel Lane Belfast at 4.00 pm**. The special intention is for the **Protection of Life** and the **Renewal of the Holy Catholic Faith in Ireland**.

For information please call Precious Life on 07592280522

### MARY'S MEALS – PRAY IN MAY

During May, the month dedicated to Our Lady, Mary's Meals invites you to pray for its life-changing work, carried out in her name. We currently provide nutritious daily school meals to 2.4 million children in 18 of the world's poorest countries. These meals bring children into the classroom, where they can gain an education and hope of a better future. Could you commit to praying each day of May for the children receiving Mary's Meals, the volunteers and all who support this work and those children still waiting? Further information and prayer resources for individuals, groups and schools can be found at [www.marymeals.org.uk/prayinmay](http://www.marymeals.org.uk/prayinmay)

### 11TH BELFAST SCOUT GROUP, ST. COLMCILLES

For the 22nd time, the parish scout troop won the Down and Connor campcraft trophy, the Columbanus Shield. A patrol of scouts competed with 11 other patrols (teams) representing 6 other troops over the past weekend and when the final marks were tallied, came first and retained the shield. Over the weekend the scouts demonstrated skills in campcraft, cooking, ballista making, shelter building and the ability to bake delicious scones and pizza over an open fire. Many congratulations to Dara, James, Fionnuala, Maria, Tom, Eva, Shea and Luke who will now represent the Down and Connor Scout County at the "All Ireland" the Phoenix scoutcraft trophy in August at the National Scout Headquarters campsite, Larch Hill, Dublin.

### PARISH OFFICE

Items for the **next bulletin** should be submitted no later than **Wednesday 10th May at 12noon**. Bulletin items will be included space permitting.



## PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE BALLYHACKAMORE 7th MAY 2023 FIFTH 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.

**NB: NO PUBLIC WEEKDAY MASS  
THIS WEEK**

#### CONFESSION

Tuesday 6.00pm—6.45pm

Saturday 5.00pm

*Morning and Evening*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Monday & Friday 9.15am

Wednesday 7.00pm

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### VOCATIONS

**LET US PRAY FOR VOCATIONS TO THE DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD**

**We welcome Deacon Dawid Akzenscuk to our parish for the next few months. Dawid will be ordained a priest on the 28th August. He will lead an Hour of Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday 9th May from 6-7pm.**

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

## **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: Patricia Josephine Arnold, Claire Fleming, Very Rev Canon Robert Fullerton, Liam Gallagher, Gerry Hughes, Robert Murray, Teresa O'Neill, and Feliciano Penjana (Sr)

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

## **LITURGY FOR SICK AND HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS**

On **Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 3pm** 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

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## **ST COLMCILLE'S LAUDATO SI' GROUP**

"The external deserts of the world are growing, because the internal deserts have become so vast". (Benedict XVI). For this reason the ecological crisis is also a summons to profound ecological conversion, where the effects of our encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in our encounter with the world around us. Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue — it is not an optional or secondary aspect of our Christian experience. (Pope Francis LS 217).

## **CEMETRY SUNDAY**

Milltown Cemetery	This Sunday 7th May at 3.00pm
City Cemetery	Sunday 14th May at 3.00pm
Hannahstown Cemetery	Sunday 28th May at 3.00pm
Tullyrusk Cemetery	Sunday 4th June at 1.30pm
St Peter's the Rock Cemetery	Sunday 4th June at 3.00pm

## **FREE COFFEE MORNING**

Please come along to the Parish Centre **this Sunday 7th May** after Mass, for *free* coffee and buns, and catch up with friends and other parishioners !

**FR CONOR IS SKYDIVING** for Children in Crossfire. 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. Children in Crossfire's goal is to give hundreds of thousands of children hope for the future of possibility and opportunity they deserve.



## **MEDITATING WITH MARY IN THE MONTH OF MAY**

**Wednesday 10th, 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 three joyful moments in the life of Mary: the Annunciation, and the Visitation which culminates in Mary's song of praise to God, the Magnificat, through two prayer forms: Visio Divina and Lectio Divina. Each participant will receive a booklet.

## **ST COLMCILLES PRE SCHOOL COFFEE MORNING**

Please support the Pre-School in their fundraising Coffee Morning and bake sale next Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May in the Parish Hall, 10am - 2 pm. There will be tea, coffee, sweet treats, a raffle and face painting !

## **ANNUAL COLMCILLE LECTURE — SAVE THE DATE!**

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.

## **MINISTRY OF WELCOME @ ST COLMCILLE'S**

Could you help to provide a welcome at the door, to parishioners and visitors to the Church, at the weekends ?

If you can volunteer, even occasionally, please contact the parish office with your details: [stcolmcilles@downandconnor.org](mailto:stcolmcilles@downandconnor.org) / 07879 498131