

LAUDATO SI GROUP

A parishioner, Brian Moore, has been maintaining the Parish garden on a voluntary basis in recent weeks. THANK YOU BRIAN! The Laudato Si group is looking to set up a small cohort of volunteers to help Brian over the summer months for an hour or two on Tuesday mornings, starting on **TUESDAY 4 JULY between 11am and 1pm**. If you're free then and would like to lend a hand you would be very welcome to join us. If you have them, please bring your own gardening gloves and some tools eg secateurs, trowel, fork, spade.

GOLDEN JUBILEE INVITATION

This summer **Monsignor Patrick Delargy** will be celebrating fifty years of priesthood. To mark the occasion a jubilee Mass will be celebrated in **St Malachy's church, Coleraine on FRIDAY 7TH JULY**. A special invitation is extended to **Monsignor Delargy's friends, from his time in St Colmcille's parish**. If you are planning to attend it would be helpful for catering purposes to let us know by emailing portrush@downandconnor.org

ONE DAY PARISH PILGRIMAGE—LOUGH DERG

We are proposing a One Day Retreat to Lough Derg on **SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2023**. The cost is 45 euros per person and includes tea/coffee/scone upon arrival and a soup/sandwich lunch.

If interested and definitely wish to go, can you **put your name on the sheet at the back of Church please by SUNDAY 9th JULY** If we have a sufficient number, we will then seek a deposit of £20.00. This is a wonderfully rewarding day and provides an opportunity for peaceful contemplation in the most beautiful surroundings.

RETREAT DAY

In the Gospel according to Mark, Jesus said to the Apostles: "You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while"

As in the past, you are invited to come for a day away with the Benedictine Monks at Holy Cross Abbey Rostrevor, on Saturday 7th October 2023.

Lying in the shadow of the Mourne, Kilbroney seems the perfect place to seek peace and tranquillity and reconnect with God. Details will follow, but for now **save the date: Parish Away Day, SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2023**

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF ST COLMCILLE'S CHOIR !

Join the parish choir in an uplifting concert in the Church —A Night To Remember—on **FRIDAY 13TH OCTOBER** at 7.30pm . Refreshments in the parish hall afterwards. Save the date now!

Young people—who have worked with Jacqui Vance through primary school, summer schemes or teaching—we would love you to be involved in our celebrations and be part of a youth choral on the night. Please contact Jacqui: 07594 646660



PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE BALLYHACKAMORE 25th JUNE 2023 Twelfth Sunday in ordinary time

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

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

Every hair on
your head has
been counted, so
there is no need to
be afraid. You are
worth more than
hundreds of
sparrows!

Hello Everyone!

As this is our last bulletin before the Summer, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you every blessing and happiness over the next few months. We have had a fantastic term—from our Lent and Easter celebrations, our Communion, Confessions, Confirmations, lectures and processions—as well as the occasional cup of tea! Thank you to everyone who came together to make all these moments memorable. Whether you are travelling near, far or staying in the comfort of your own kingdom, I hope that this summer will be one of rest and renewal. Stay safe and God bless,

Fr Conor

DECEASED

We pray for the repose of the soul of all those who have died recently, especially Vincent McCaughan, brother of a parishioner.

We also remember all those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year, especially: James Armstrong, Barbara Barrington, Mary McKenna and Maura McManus

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT– Tel: 074 5698 9458

ADORATION

The Adoration Chapel will continue to be open through July & August from 9.00am to 6.00pm. Please renew your resolve, to commit to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, if necessary. Both regular and drop-in Adorers are encouraged !

Our communal worship at Mass must go together with our personal worship of Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration, in order that our love may be complete.

The Eucharist is a priceless treasure: by not only celebrating it but also by praying before the Blessed Sacrament outside of Mass we are enabled to make contact with the very wellspring of grace.

Pope St John Paul 11

CHILDREN'S LITURGY is taken each Sunday during the 9.30am Mass by a small team of volunteers. It is open to children from age 3 to 11 years. The children engage in prayer, discussion, role play, singing, and games with a learning intention—all focused on the Sunday Gospel.

Please consider offering to help with this ministry, even on a rota basis.

Children's Liturgy has concluded for this term and we will resume again on

SUNDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER.

Please contact Noleen : 07879 498131

LOST PROPERTY

Please have a *final look* in the church foyer and the unit with the Bulletin Box, for any items you may have lost over the past few months, including umbrellas, glasses and a mobile phone.

MONEY MATTERS

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

Weekly Collection: 17th June— £914.25

Peters Pence Collection - £657.37 The Monthly Offering collection for the support of the priests in the Diocese will be taken up at all Masses *next* weekend

The next **PARISH BULLETIN** will be issued on the weekend of **2nd / 3rd September 2023**. Please submit items for the bulletin by noon on **Wednesday 30th August**.

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



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.

Its not too late to donate!

Please scan the QR code to donate.

PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE

This is a time of major change – politically, economically, socially, and within our Church. Change can be unsettling and even a little frightening, especially when it impacts on something that we love, cherish, and rely upon, like our parish communities and how we celebrate our faith. Over recent weeks, we have heard about changes that are coming to our parishes and Diocese. Changes in the number of priests in active ministry in years to come, changes in how our parishes will work together in new families of parishes, changes in the active role that lay people will play working alongside our clergy in new ministries, leadership roles and the management of our parishes. The Holy Spirit is moving within these changes, and **Jesus is calling each one of us to renew and to rebuild His Church**. As Bishop Donal McKeown said in his Pastoral Letter at Pentecost, “*The Spirit which acted with such unexpected force and fulness in Pentecost is the same Spirit we can call upon and put our entire trust in today.*”

The Pathways to the Future team is concluding its initial planning work. **Further information about our new Families of Parishes, lay ministries, and new ways for our lay people and clergy to work together in the service of God and each other will shared through a series of events across the Diocese in the autumn.** This will be the start of ongoing conversations that will continue within parishes and across parishes as we start to build our new parish families. As Bishop McKeown said at Pentecost, “*Together we can renew and rebuild the Church. Together, we can become part of God’s amazing dream for ourselves and for the whole of creation. Like the disciples at Pentecost, let us embrace the future with confidence and hope.*” In doing so, let us hear Jesus’ voice as He continues to tell each of us “**Do not be afraid**”.