

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

In March 2020 because of the Pandemic, we experienced 'Lockdown' when most people could not leave their homes, a situation which caused stress to so many people. The experience we had during those periods of isolation, including feeling cut off from family, from friends and from the Parish Community, helps us realise how important it is for people to feel that they are valued and not forgotten.

Thank God for almost everyone, those very trying days are over and we are able to go about our normal lives, but there is still a vulnerable group of people who are confined to their homes or nursing homes because of frailty and advancing age, and who cannot attend Mass.

As a Parish we have a duty to care for this group, to ensure that they feel they are a valued part of the Parish Community and to bring them Holy Communion on a regular basis.

After the Liturgy and Blessing of the Sick and their Carers on Saturday 3rd June we got another three names of people who are anxious to receive Holy Communion. As many of the current Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Sick and Housebound are already 'double jobbing', we are seeking additional volunteers to become part of this Ministry. Currently we have 15 volunteers who generously give their time after Mass, usually at the weekend or after the 9.30 weekday Mass. We have 34 people to visit at present and we know that there are more people who would like to be added to the Sick and Housebound List. Unfortunately, we are unable to reach out to them at this moment in time, unless we get more helpers.

Ongoing support will always be available, and we strongly encourage you to become involved in this very rewarding Ministry. Anyone who has a close relative or friend, who is housebound, would be very welcome to join the team.

Please let us know if you would like to become part of this Ministry, even just as an occasional emergency stand-in. Thank you.

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CENSUS FOR MASS ATTENDANCE IN ST COLMCILLE'S BELFAST, ON THE OF WEEKEND OF 20TH / 21ST APRIL 2023 – for inclusion in the plans for Pathways To The Future in the diocese of Down and Connor

AGE RANGE	SATURDAY 20.05.23 5.30PM		TOTAL	SUNDAY 21.05.23 9.30AM		TOTAL	SUNDAY 21.05.23 11.30AM		TOTAL	OVERALL TOTAL
	MALE	FEMALE		MALE	FEMALE		MALE	FEMALE		
0-3	0	1	1	4	2	6	5	2	7	14
4-7	4	1	5	5	9	14	5	6	11	30
8-10	2	0	2	12	5	17	15	10	25	44
11-17	3	11	14	14	13	27	18	8	26	67
18-25	5	0	5	5	3	8	1	6	7	20
26-35	1	1	2	3	9	12	9	21	30	44
36-50	8	14	22	14	32	46	25	29	54	122
51-65	13	16	29	12	22	34	13	24	37	100
66-75	3	14	17	6	10	16	4	14	18	51
75+	6	10	16	3	3	6	9	15	24	46
Total	45	68	113	78	108	186	104	135	239	538
View by Webcam	Sat 20 th May 5 mins to 1 hour 1 hour or more		394 24	Sunday 21 st May 5 minutes to 1 hour 1 hour or more				194 24		
Viewing Notes	<i>Viewing figures may have been influenced by the First Communion Mass earlier in the day</i>			<i>Figures are provided by Church Services TV These are overall daily viewing figures. The provider is unable to breakdown the viewing figures on an hourly basis</i>						