

DRUMALIS RETREAT & CONFERENCE CENTRE, LARNE
Pathways – Adult Faith Development Programme

Now in our 18th Year... Have you ever thought of taking time out, to reflect, to better understand your faith in all its richness, to explore how it might be integrated with your busy, daily life and to nurture in a focussed way your relationship with God? If the answer is “yes”, then Pathways may be for you. The course runs one Saturday per month (10 am – 4 pm) from October to June, either in-house at Drumalis or online via Zoom.

Certificate in Christian Thought (Two-year, part-time course)

The Certificate in Christian Thought aims to offer a space where adults can explore, reflect upon, discuss and study faith and how it relates to life in today's world, both at a personal and community level. It is possible to do the course for validation by St Mary's University College or for personal development only. The course is offered either in-house at Drumalis, Larne or online via Zoom over seven Saturdays from September to May.

For further information or to register on either of these courses, please contact Drumalis during office hours (Mon-Fri, 9 am – 5 pm) – 028 28276455/28272196 or email maura@drumalis.co.uk Further information also available on Drumalis website: <http://www.drumalis.co.uk>

ST COLMCILLE'S PARENT & TODDLER GROUP provides an opportunity for anyone caring for a child from 0 to 4 years to come along with the child and enjoy company, snacks and play. We meet on **Wednesdays at 10am** If you haven't been before, it's a great way to make new friends. All mums, dads, grandparents, childminders and carers welcome, with their children.

TOGETHER: Gathering of the People of God

As the synod in Rome begins in October, we encourage people to pray for the Synod and in particular for the delegates from the Irish Church, Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ and Bishop Brendan Leahy.

St Patrick's Donegall St, Belfast will host a prayer service to pray for the Synod on Saturday 30th September at 7pm. This ecumenical service will include Taize music and everyone is welcome. It is our Diocesan response to Pope Francis' invitation to prayer: “The path to Christian unity and the path of synodal conversion of the Church are linked. I invite brothers and sisters of all Christian denominations to participate in this “Gathering of the People of God” as we will entrust the work of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod Bishops.

BULLETIN: Please submit notes for the parish bulletin **NO LATER than Wednesday 27th September**, by dropping a note into the Bulletin Box in church or sending an email: stcolmcilles@downandconnor.org



PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE
BALLYHACKAMORE
24th September 2023
Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Day of Migrants & Refugees

Very Rev Conor McGrath PP, Director of Vocations

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

*'Why be envious
because I am
generous?'*

*"Thus the last will
be first, and the
first, last."*

Matthew 20:15-16

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**

Missal Page No: 655

Entrance Antiphon I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord forever.

Response to the Psalm: The Lord is close to all who call him.

Communion Antiphon: You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

Free refreshments will be served in the parish hall **after Mass this Sunday**. All are welcome. Come and catch up with friends, and get to know other parishioners.

Fr Dawid Akzenczuk (formally known as deacon!) Will celebrate Mass in our Parish on **this Tuesday 26th September @ 7pm**. Come along and support our newly ordained priest.

DECEASED: We pray for the repose of the soul of all those who have died recently especially Eamonn McPeake, and also Mairead Halton whose month's mind occurs at this time. We also remember all those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year, especially: Trevor Gray, Aleyamma Joseph, and Martin Rosaupan.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT- Tel: 074 5698 9458

SEASON OF CREATION

"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: Laudato Si', 217).

PARISH AWAY DAY - SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER

You are invited to come for a day away with the Benedictine Monks at Holy Cross Abbey.

Lying in the shadow of the Mourne, Kilbroney seems to be the perfect place to seek peace and tranquillity and reconnect with God.

The cost for the day is £20.00 which covers a donation to the monks and a light lunch.

Please indicate your interest on the sheet at the back of the church or contact Claire Dowds on: 07766 934246 / email: cdowds181@gmail.com

SACRAMENTS

You may register your young person now, for the parish evening classes, in preparation for First Holy Communion or Confirmation— if they are not being prepared in their own school. We also have a satellite class in Strandtown PS for First Communion, for children who attend there. Please contact Noeleen : 07879 498131 / colmcilleyouth@yahoo.co.uk

APOSTOLIC WORK

The next meeting of the Apostolic Work group will take place in the Iona Room on **Tuesday, 3rd October about 7.30pm** (after 7.00pm Mass).

All members and anyone else who is interested in joining are asked to attend. New members are very important for the future of Apostolic Work in

MONEY MATTERS

Weekly collection : £751.47

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

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

Join us for a night of enchanting melodies and harmonious celebration as we mark the **40th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ST. COLMCILLES PARISH CHOIR!**

- Date: October 13th, 2023
- Time: 7:30 PM
- Venue: St Colmcille's Church Belfast

Prepare to be captivated by a symphony of voices as the choir harmonizes with:

- St Joseph's Primary School
- Contact Singers (Gilnahirk Presbyterian)
- Fr. Martin O'Hagan from The Priests

Please scan the QR code to register your interest in attending.



MINISTERING TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

We are seeking volunteers to bring Holy Communion to our sick and housebound parishioners on a regular basis. Training will be given and ongoing support will be available. So if you feel that you might like to be part of this ministry and would like more information, please contact:

Patricia Kernaghan, mobile number 07876395480 or
Claire Dowds, mobile number 07766934246.

LAUDATO SI GROUP - PARISH GARDEN WORKDAY

As part of our celebrations for this year's Season of Creation, the Parish Laudato Si' Group is organising two events for parishioners, on the last weekend of September.

Parishioners and their families are invited to join us for an **AUTUMN TIDY UP** of the parish garden and grounds on **Saturday 30th September between 10am and 1pm**. All welcome.

Please wear appropriate clothes and footwear for gardening. If you have them bring gardening gloves, and tools: eg hand trowel, fork, spade, rake; also paint brushes welcome as we hope to paint the fence.
Contact Brian McLoughlin 07738292160 for further information.

The second event is the **Annual Blessing of Animals** on the afternoon of **Sunday, 1st October**.

All pets and companion animals are welcome, with their owners and carers. Refreshments will be provided for humans and non-humans alike.
More details soon!