

You're Invited to a Musical Extravaganza!

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 click on the QR code to register your interest in attending.

PILATES

Align Physio led Pilates classes, held in the Parish hall, resume **this Monday 4th September**. Morning (9.30am & 10.30am) and evening (7.15pm & 8.15pm) classes available on a Monday, with a live Zoom option for 2 of the classes. Limited spaces available. Contact Olivia 07989 840442 for details.

BOWLING CLUB

The Parish has an excellent Indoor Bowling Club and enjoy great facilities. We meet every **Thursday evening at 7.15pm** for a game of bowls and supper. The new seasons starts on **this Thursday 7th September** in the parish hall. We look forward to meeting current members and hope to welcome some new members. If you would like to join, come along and see if bowls are for you. No gear is needed as the club has spare bowls to start you off. For further information call Peter on 07582 851946 /Deirdre on 07479 329938.

GROWTH IN PRAYER AND REFLECTIVE LIVING

- hosted by Drumalis Retreat Centre **via Zoom**, commencing on **Monday 18th September**.

Do you feel restless, do you sense there is a deeper meaning to life, that God is out there but you feel disconnected. The Growth in Prayer and Reflective Living course may be for you. This 20 session course via Zoom between September and March is based on the insights of Ignatian Spirituality. For further details, please contact Drumalis during office hours (Mon-Fri, 9 am – 5 pm) – 028 28276455/28272196 or email drumalis@btconnect.com

Please submit notes for the parish bulletin **NO LATER than Wednesday** 6th September, by dropping a note into the Bulletin Box in church or sending an email: stcolmcilles@downandconnor.org



PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE BALLYHACKAMORE 3rd September 2023 Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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READINGS: Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 1; Psalter Week 2

*If anyone wants
to be a follower of
mine, let him
renounce himself
and take up his
cross and follow
me!*

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**

PARISH EMMAUS DAY

Saturday 16th September 2023

The Lord is walking with us and guiding us!

The purpose of the Emmaus Day is to come together as a parish and recognise that Jesus is gently walking with us, guiding us and accompanying us. The day is an opportunity for us to listen deeply to what matters most and create a future together. It is hoped that the beginnings of a new pastoral council will emerge from the day. We will finish with good food, friendship and great fun!

We would love to hear from people from the many different backgrounds and ages that make up our parish. What a richly diverse and beautiful parish we have. We want to hear as many voices and possible—even if you can only come to for a short time! Please see the bulletin insert to sign up for the day.

DECEASED

We pray for the repose of the soul of all those who have died recently. We also remember all those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year, especially: Elizabeth Martin

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT— Tel: 074 5698 9458

COFFEE & CHAT

All are warmly invited to catch up with family, friends and other parishioners in the parish hall **this Sunday** after Mass, for **free** Coffee, Tea and Cake!

ADORATION

Adoration of the **Blessed Sacrament** is a powerful way of praising, worshipping, thanking, and petitioning God. The Adoration Chapel is open: Monday to Friday from 10.00am, to 6.00pm; Saturday from 12.00noon to 6.00pm; Sunday from 1.00pm, to 6.00pm.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY resumes this Sunday at 9.30am Mass, for 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. Teenagers who would like to assist too, will also need to attend safeguarding training. Please contact Noeleen : 07879 498131

A new **Children's Choir** will sing at 9.30am Mass, age from 3 years. Please speak to Meghan or Bruce (the musicians) after Mass any Sunday, to enrol your child.

There will be a **Family Mass** every 4th Sunday of the month at 9.30am, starting on Sunday 24th September.

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 after school class in Strandown PS for First Communion, for children who attend there. Please contact Noeleen : 07879 498131 / colmcilleyouth@yahoo.co.uk

MONEY MATTERS

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

Weekly Collection: 27th August— £952.36

The monthly stipend collection for the support of the priests in the Diocese will be taken up at all Masses *this* weekend

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

Congratulations to **Father Dawid Aksenczuk** on the occasion of his ordination to the priesthood. Fr Dawid has been with us in St Colmcilles this last few months and it was wonderful to celebrate the occasion with him last Sunday at St Peter's Cathedral. He will take up his appointment as curate in Antrim Parish later in September. Ad multos annos, Fr Dawid !

ONE DAY PARISH PILGRIMAGE—LOUGH DERG

Our parish One Day Retreat at Lough Derg, Co Donegal, will depart **this Saturday 9th September** at 7.00am from the church car park. This will be a wonderfully rewarding day and provide an opportunity for peaceful contemplation in the most beautiful surroundings. The bus will depart later from Lough Derg, to return to Belfast, at 4.30pm.

If you are interested in joining us, there are 3 places left on the bus. The cost for the day is £40 per person, and includes tea/coffee/scone upon arrival and a soup/sandwich lunch.

Please contact Eimer to book a place : 07843 371672

SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation is marked throughout the Christian world from **1st September to 4th October**. It celebrates the joy of creation and encourages awareness-raising activities to protect the natural environment.

This year's theme is "**Let Justice and Peace Flow**", taking inspiration from the prophet Amos who declares: "Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-ending stream". (Amos 5:24). We are called to join the river of justice and peace, and to speak out with and for communities most impacted by climate injustice and the loss of biodiversity. As the people of God we must work together as part of that mighty river of peace and justice.

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