

MONEY MATTERS

Collection Figures :
 Sunday 28th January - £1,233.10 Sunday 4th February - £776.96

Standing Orders for January - £4,343.06

Digital Collection Plate for January - £226.14

The Annual Collection for the Sick & Retired Priests in the Diocese will be taken up at all Masses *next* weekend



DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE – the parish is now accepting donations using your contactless debit/credit card or smart phone/ device. The Digital collection plate is situated in the porch of the Church. Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the reader. The Digital Collection plate can be used for : **the Offertory Collection; candles at the candelabra; books and papers.**

For queries relating to using the Digital Collection Plate contact Philomena at p.dawson@downandconnor.org. You can also opt-in for Gift Aid to increase your donation by 25%, which means that we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received.

IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE

Presentation talk and discussion on **Wednesday 28th February at 7.30pm** in South Belfast Quaker Meeting House 22 Marlborough Park North BT9 6JL. The focus will be on Malawai—too much too little water—and the challenges here, related to flooding and the pollution of Lough Neagh. RSVP to nicholas.hanrahan@trocaire.org
 See poster on church notice board in foyer.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR TEMPERANCE

Mass for **TEMPERANCE SUNDAY & WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK** will be broadcast *today* Sunday 11th February at 11.00am on RTÉ TV & Radio.

RITE OF ELECTION

Throughout the Diocese, candidates for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) will be making their final preparation to be received into the Catholic Church at Easter. As part of that preparation, the *Rite of Election* will take place at Saint Peter's Cathedral at 5.30pm on next Saturday 17th February, the Vigil Mass for the First Sunday in Lent. Please pray for all candidates, and in particular those from our parish.



PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE

BALLYHACKAMORE

10th February 2024

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

DAY OF PRAYER FOR TEMPERANCE

Very Rev Conor McGrath PP, Director of Vocations

Very Rev Anthony Curran PE

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Parish Office: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 10.00am—2.00pm

READINGS: Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2; Psalter Week 2; Missal: 713



Mark 1:40-45

Lord, help us to see how we isolate ourselves and others.

Help us to break down barriers of stigma, shame and fear, and help us to reach out in love to others, - just as you did.

Mass & Services This Week

Sunday 11 th	Mass: 9.30am; 11.30am
Monday 12 th	Adoration Chapel open for private prayer 9.00am—5.00pm each day
Tuesday 13 th	Adoration & Benediction: 6.00pm Mass: 7.00pm Confession: 6.15pm – 6.45pm
Ash Wednesday 14 th	Mass: 7.15am; 9.30am; 7.00pm Funeral Mass of Malachy Carey at 11.00am RIP
Thursday 15 th	Mass: 7.15am; 9.30am
Friday 16 th	Mass: 7.15am; 9.30am Morning Prayer: 9.15am
Saturday 17 th	Mass: 7.15am; 5.30pm Stations of the cross: 5.00pm Confessions: 5.00pm - 5.20pm

THE SEASON OF LENT

Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. As Sunday is a celebration of The Resurrection, the six Sundays during Lent are not counted in 'the 40 days' of Lent, as each Sunday is treated as a 'mini Easter'.

DECEASED

We pray for the repose of the soul of all those who have died recently, especially **Malachy Carey**.

We also remember in prayer all those whose anniversaries occur at this time : **Eva Haan** and **Gary Morris**.

ADDITIONAL MASS TIMES & SERVICES DURING LENT

Mass on Monday: 7.00pm, and Tuesday to Friday: 7.15am each week

Stations of the Cross : 5.00pm on Saturdays

DOWN AND CONNOR PILGRIMAGES 2024

Applications for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to **LOURDES** are now open:

Wednesday 10th - Wednesday 17th July, £919;

Wednesday 10th - Monday 15th July, £719 / £815.

Youth Team: Wednesday 10th – Wednesday 17th July, £750

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to **FATIMA** leaves on Tuesday 20th August for 7 nights: £799

Please see the posters on the **notice board** in the church foyer for more details.

ADORATION CHAPEL

The Adoration Chapel is open from 9.00am to 5.00pm each day for private prayer. Please sign your name on the Adoration sheet at the door. A quiet period of time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament increases our faith, and draws us into a closer relationship with Jesus. Please repose the Blessed Sacrament as you leave, by closing the tabernacle door.

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE DURING LENT

What are the Lenten observances in regard to fasting and abstinence?

The Church asks that those who are 14 years of age or over to *abstain* from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. Catholics between the ages of 16 and 59 should also *fast* on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In fasting on those two days you may eat one full meal, and two small meals to maintain strength. The two small meals together must not equal the size of one full meal. If one's work or health make it inadvisable to fast or abstain from meat, they are not obligated to do so. This includes mental health: Fasting may be harmful for someone who struggles with an eating disorder. Such a person might do an alternate penance on the days of fasting. Pregnant and nursing women are exempt from the fast.

LENT

Lent begins on THIS WEDNESDAY 14th February



WALK WITH ME

The Lenten booklet 'Walk With Me' has daily reflections to aid you on your journey through the season of Lent. The booklet is located on the table at the back of the church this weekend, and is available to buy at £1.00. Please put money in the box on the wall next to the candelabra or use your card at the digital collection plate in the foyer.

APOSTOLIC WORK

This year, instead of our usual Lenten Lunch, there will be a **church door collection THIS WEEKEND** in aid of Apostolic Work after all the Masses. Just drop your donation in one of the buckets. There are envelopes available in the porch if you wish to Gift Aid your donation. If you do, please just drop the completed envelope with your donation in one of the buckets. Sorry for disappointing all those who enjoy the lunch every year. Thank you for all your support to the Missions.

DIOCESAN LENT PROGRAMME

Really free in Christ?

Reading St Paul's *Letter to the Romans* together

With insights from Augustinian priest Kieran O'Mahony, Scripture scholar and Ecumenical Canon of Christ Church 2012-2017. 6.00pm (optional Dinner) 7.00pm-9.00pm Lecture and discussion **Starts this Tuesday 13th Feb** (Shrove Tuesday) & continues on **Tuesdays in Lent: February 13th, 20th, 27th, and March 5th, 12th, 19th.**

Book your place on Eventbrite - Find the link on our Belfast Jesuit Centre Facebook page or website www.belfastjesuitcentre.org

LENTEN PLEDGE

Many people choose to abstain from alcohol during the season of Lent. Could you do it too? Please consider taking the short-term Pioneer Lenten pledge and say the prayer daily.

"I promise in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary to abstain from all alcoholic drink during Lent."

TRÓCAIRE BOXES

The Trócaire Box pack is available for you to pick up from one of the tables in church this weekend.