

LENT

Lent begins on **NEXT 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.

TROCAIRE BOXES

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

APOSTOLIC WORK

This year on the First Sunday of Lent, instead of our usual Lenten Lunch, there will be a **church door collection NEXT SUNDAY 11th February**, 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 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

TOBAR MHUIRE RETREAT CENTRE CROSSGAR

We continue our series of conversations on LIFE, FAITH and HOPE.

On **next Tuesday 13th February** we host Duncan Morrow from Ulster University, and on **Thursday 22nd February** we welcome Naomi Long MLA. Sessions begin at **7.00pm**. All welcome.

Voluntary donation. Registration is required to secure a seat. Tel: 02844830242 – email: secretary@tobarmhuire.com



PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE

BALLYHACKAMORE

3rd February 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

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 1; Missal: p709

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Tuesday 6pm

MASS

Saturday : 5.30pm

Sunday : 9.30am & 11.30am

Tuesday : 7.00pm

Wednesday — Friday : 9:30am

CONFESSION

Tuesdays : 6.15pm—6.45pm

Saturdays : 5.00pm—5.20pm

Morning and Evening PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Monday & Friday 9.15am

Wednesday 7.00pm



Jesus Heals !

Mark 1:29-39

NEW BISHOP FOR DOWN AND CONNOR DIOCESE

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has appointed

Bishop Alan McGuckian

Bishop of Raphoe, as Bishop of Down and Connor.

Bishop Alan is no stranger to Down and Connor, a native son of the Diocese, he was a member of the Belfast Jesuit community for many years and undertook a number of ministries, most significantly Director of Living Church. Welcome home Bishop Donal !

A copy of Bishop Donal's letter to The People of Down and Connor is available to pick up in the church foyer today

DECEASED

We pray for the repose of the soul of all those who have died recently, especially **Imelda Bowden, Elizabeth Fliegner, and Rosaleen Murray.**

We also remember in prayer all those whose anniversaries occur at this time : **Kathleen Acton, Eileen Banks, Jack Banks, Mary McCaffrey, Frank McEvoy, Patrick O'Callaghan, Noel O'Hare, and James Tansey.**

ALPHA

A new Alpha programme continues on **this Wednesday 6th February at 8.00pm** in the Parish Centre! Its not too late to join us! New guests arriving each week. Enquiries: contact the parish office by email- stcolmcilles@downandconnor.org or send a message to 07879 498131

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

PARISH YOUTH TEAM

Are you aged 19 to 90 and yearning to leave an indelible mark on others' lives? Look no further!
Join us as a volunteer with the Youth Team and become a part of something extraordinary. Your age is just a number; your desire to make a difference is what truly counts. Empower the next generation, share your wisdom, and contribute to shaping unforgettable moments. Whether you're an expert or a newcomer, your unique perspective is invaluable. Take the opportunity to be a living print in the lives of others. Come and make a difference with us! Contact Francis at: f.lacuitto@downandconnor.org

FRANKIE'S 1970S MUSIC NIGHT

NEXT Saturday 10th February from 7.30pm to 11.00pm in our Parish Centre. All proceeds go towards **Children in Crossfire**. Entrance £10.00 per person. A glass of wine / shloer and light refreshments included. Please enter into the spirit of things by wearing 1970s outfits (not obligatory). The idea is to have a fun evening. Just turn up on the night! Further details/information can be obtained from any of the following. Kathy 07801 032101, Carla 07720 841587, Mary 07815 493463 or Claire 07801 820674
An idea of numbers who are interested would be appreciated.
Tickets on sale after all the weekend Masses—£10
For those who would simply like to make a **donation to the charity**, buckets are available in the church foyer.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

Pastoral Letter from Most Rev. Donal McKeown

Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Down and Connor

“Every year, Safeguarding Sunday provides us with an opportunity to highlight the fact that Safeguarding is not just one task among many in the life of our Church. Rather, it is a vital ministry that touches all aspects of parish life. Today is also an opportunity to recommit ourselves to maintaining and fostering a culture of Safeguarding in our parishes. This is a responsibility shared by all of us in making our parishes and Church spaces safe and welcoming for young people and adults at risk.”

The full text of the Bishop's Pastoral letter is available to pick up in the church foyer.

CONFIRMATION

Please pray for the Primary 7 pupils from St Joseph's PS who will have the sacrament of Confirmation conferred on them by Fr Conor, on **this Wednesday 7th February at 4.00pm** in church.

HANDING ON THE FAITH

Grandparents—would you like some support in handing on the faith? The Catholic Grandparents Association (founded by Catherine Wiley Co Mayo) offers regular faith-based opportunities and resources for grandparents, including the regular Grandparents Faith Café meetings. On **Tuesday next 13th February** there is an online Grandparents Faith Café meeting, and a talk by Kimberly Hahn via **Zoom at 7.30pm**. Registration is open now. Please request the link for the meeting by emailing- info@catholicgrandparentsassociation.com

ST BRIGID CROSSES

If you didn't get the opportunity to make a St Brigid Cross last weekend, there are some ready-made crosses in the church foyer for you to buy. The suggested donation is **£5**. The money will go to a diocesan parish who are fundraising for the purchase of a St Brigid statue .

MONEY MATTERS

Many thanks to all who have contributed to the weekly collections. The Monthly Stipend Collection for the support of the priests in the Diocese will be taken up at all Masses *this* weekend