

MONEY MATTERS

Standing Orders for February - £3,701.06
Digital Collection Plate for February - £342.00
Last Sunday's Collection - £827.46
The collection for Needy Parishes will be taken up at all Masses next weekend

The Financial Statement was issued to parishioners last weekend. If you didn't receive a copy of it and would like to receive one please email p.dawson@downandconnor.org and Philomena will email you a copy. Alternatively ring the Parish Office – 02890 654157 and leave your name and address and a copy will be posted out to you.

Anyone interested in setting up a Standing Order or contributing via Collection Envelopes are asked to email p.dawson@downandconnor.org or contact the Parish office on 02890 654157 and Philomena will contact you.

TRÓCAIRE'S LENT CAMPAIGN

Happy Mother's Day from all in Trócaire. In the Machinga district of Malawi, Malita is a strong and resilient woman, despite the challenges she faces. She works tirelessly in her community to improve the life of all its members. Like all mothers, she prays for the best for her children. She wants them to have an education and opportunities for a better life. Trócaire and its local partners are working with women like Malita to build a more just world.

Teresa Hill from Trócaire will speak at the Masses this weekend.

WINE AND CHEESE EVENING

St Colmcille's Pre-School will have a Wine and Cheese Fundraising Evening in **The Hearth** at Ballyhackamore on **Friday 22nd March from 8.00pm to late**. Music by the Celtic Soul Brothers. It is a ticket event only. Tickets are £20. Tickets are available to buy—after the Masses this weekend in the foyer of the church; during drop-off or pick-up at the Pre-School; text / whatsapp to 07449 700314

LAETARE SUNDAY / MOTHERING SUNDAY

This Sunday is considered a day of relaxation from normal Lenten rigours; a day of hope with Easter at last within sight. Traditionally, people returned to visit their mother church, the place in which they received the sacrament of baptism — hence 'Mothering Sunday'. Priests are given the option to wear rose coloured vestments at Mass in place of the violet vestments normally worn during Lent.



PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE BALLYHACKAMORE 10th March 2024 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Very Rev Conor McGrath PP, Director of Vocations
Very Rev Anthony Curran PE

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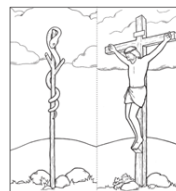
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Parish Office: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 10.00am—2.00pm

Readings: Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2; Psalter Week 4; Missal: p154

John 3:14-21



The purpose of God sending His Son was to save the world, just as the purpose of commanding Moses to erect a serpent on a pole was to save the people from death. The son came to save, to grant eternal life, because God loved the world.

This Week

Sunday 10th	Mass: 9.30am; 11.30am
Monday 11th	Mass: 7.00pm
Tuesday 12th	Mass: 7.15am; 7.00pm Adoration & Benediction: 6.00pm Confession: 6.15 – 6.45pm.
Wednesday 13th	Mass: 7.15am; 9.30am Alpha: 8.00pm-9.30pm
Thursday 14th	Mass: 7.15am; 9.30am
Friday 15th	Mass: 7.15am; 9.30am Morning Prayer: 9.15am Coffee/Chat: 10am All Welcome
Saturday 16th	Stations of the Cross: 5.00pm Confessions: 5.00pm - 5.20pm Vigil Mass: 5.30pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Leader : We Adore You O Christ and We Praise You

Response: Because by your Holy Cross, you have redeemed the world. *(As we genuflect towards the Station)*

After each Reflection : **I love you Jesus my love above all things. I repent with my whole heart of having offended you.**

Never permit me to separate myself from you again, grant that I may always love you and then do with me what you will.

DECEASED

We pray for the repose of the soul of all those who have died recently, especially **Jeremy Myers**. We also remember in prayer all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: **Maureen Bradshaw, Kevin Crummy, Norma Loder, Marcelino Mayoyo, Joe McMullan**

ST PATRICK'S DAWN PRAYER GATHERING

Continuing the legacy of Saint Patrick who tells us in his Confessions that he rose as many as one hundred times before dawn to pray. A group of Christians will gather at **5:45am at his grave in Downpatrick, on Saint Patrick's morning 17th March**. We will pray The Our Father/ The Lord's Prayer one hundred times for peace and unity in Christ among our peoples. Everyone welcome. Please spread the word among friends from different Christian denominations.

YOUTH MUSIC MINISTRY

Are you a musician or a singer? Are you in Secondary School? This group is for you. **Help us to build up a Youth Music Ministry** for one of the weekend masses. If you are interested get in this link: <https://forms.gle/eQSWARfEE6fAbfkUA> or contact Francesco at— 07763 698 579
The 11.30am choir are very happy to welcome additional singers from the youth and young adult age group.

YOUTH CLUB VOLUNTEER

The Youth Club is an amazing place where young people can come and have fun in a safe environment. It is a place of social interaction and growth. If you are interested in making a difference in the life of these young people, come on **Thursday 21st March at 8.00pm** in the Parish Centre! We are putting together a **team of volunteers** to run the Youth Club more often and as diverse as possible.
If you want more information, send a text to Francesco at - 07763 698 579

YOGA FOR ALL AT THE HALL

Please join us for 6 weeks of Yoga, suitable for anyone over 16 years old. The classes focus on gentle movement, mindfulness and deep relaxation. Classes are **every Tuesday for 6 weeks** starting on **19th March to 23rd April, 7.00pm-8.00pm** at St. Colmcille's Parochial Hall. £10 per class or £50 for the full 6 weeks. Please email me to book your place, or ask any questions: goandrea909@gmail.com

'PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR THE PASSION'

Friday 22nd March, 7.00pm - 8.30pm in the main Church.

A short evening of film, music and readings to draw us deeper into the mystery and power of Jesus' sacred wounds, using scripture and insights from the saints and mystics.



- ◇ What does the Passion of Jesus mean to me in my life today? How is it relevant? What difference does it make?
- ◇ It says in scripture '*By His wounds we are healed*' (Isaiah 53:5). What do we need healing from? What do we wish we could move beyond in our lives?
- ◇ Come along and take a little time to explore some of these questions in a prayerful atmosphere.

Refreshments in the Parish Centre afterwards.

TREE PLANTING

The Parish Laudato Si Group invite parishioners and their families to come to **Tullycarnet Park on Saturday 6th April at 2.00pm**, where, with friends from Stormont Presbyterian Congregation, we will plant out 100 trees. Some parishioners have been looking after tree saplings, grown from seed, for the past two years. If you are one of those, please come and bring your tree. If you don't already have a tree, or your tree has died, please come anyway as we have plenty of extra trees to plant. Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si* calls all of us to care for creation and protect our common home for future generations. This initiative is a symbol of our commitment to that call. For further information contact Brian McLoughlin : 07738 292 160.

QUIZ

The 11th Belfast Scout Troop will be holding a fund-raising Quiz, on **Saturday 23rd of March at 7.00pm** in the Scout Hall, to raise money for the Venture Scouts expedition to Demark this summer. There will be prizes available for winners. It is a **£5 per person** entry and teams can be of any number.

SAVE THE DATE

All **parish volunteers** are invited to lunch with the Parish Engagement Group on **Saturday 13th April**. More details to follow.