

MONEY MATTERS

Weekly collection - **£964.42**

The Collection for **Needy Parishes** will be taken up at all Masses **this weekend.**

Trocaire Boxes – can be returned to the parish via: the collection baskets; the sacristy after any of the Masses; the parish office. Greatly appreciated if you could change the loose coins in the box into notes.

QUIZ

The 11th Belfast Scout Troop will be holding a fund-raising Quiz, on **next Saturday 23rd of March at 7.00pm** in the Scout Hall, to raise money for the Venture Scouts expedition to Demark this summer.

It is a **£5 per person** entry and teams can be of any number.

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 **this Tuesday 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

GOOD FRIDAY FALLS/SHANKILL ANNUAL PRAYER WALK

The walk will take place on **Good Friday 29th March** beginning at **4.45pm** in front of **Clonard Church**, stopping midway at Shankill Methodist for a brief prayer, and returning to Clonard by 6.00pm. All are welcome as we commit ourselves once again to the ministry of reconciliation, in the footsteps of Jesus of Nazareth.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Kirkpatrick Memorial Church invite St Colmcille's parishioners to their Friendship Club on the **2nd and 4th Tuesdays** of the month, 3.00pm-4.15pm. Programme details on the notice in the church foyer.

KNOCK PILGRIMAGE

Monday 29th April - Wednesday 1st May : £210 per person sharing!
Come along with St Michael's on a parish retreat to beautiful Knock Shrine, staying at the Knock House hotel. Bus leaving from St Michael's Church Finaghy Road North Belfast.

Please register your interest asap with Catherine on 02895 904304 at the Parish Office (Monday to Thursday: 9.30am to 12.30pm) or email: stmichaels@downandconnor.org

PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE

BALLYHACKAMORE

17th March 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT




St Patrick's Breastplate

Prayer of Protection

**Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of every
man who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of
everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye
that sees me,
Christ in every ear
that hears me.**

This Week

Sun 17th	St Patrick's Day  Mass: 9.30am; 11.30am
Mon 18th	Mass: 7.00pm
Tues 19th	Solemnity of St Joseph Mass: 7.15am; 7.00pm Adoration: 6.00pm Confession: 6.15pm-6.45pm.
Wed 20th	Mass: 7.15am; 9.30am
Thurs 21st	Mass: 7.15am; 9.30am
Fri 22nd	Mass: 7.15am; 9.30am Morning Prayer: 9.15am Coffee/Chat: 10.00am
Sat 23rd	Stations of the Cross: 5.00pm Confessions: 5.00pm-5.20pm Vigil Mass: 5.30pm

Bishop Alan McGuckian will take up his ministry and mission as Bishop of Down & Connor on this Tuesday 19th March.

O God, bless your servant Alan whom you have chosen as shepherd of the Church of Down & Connor St Malachy, St MacNissi and St Colmcille pray for him



DECEASED

We pray for the repose of the soul of all those who have died recently. We also remember in prayer all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: **Margaret Fuller, Margaret Kerr, Bell McGivern, and Norah Rogan.**

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.

ALPHA AWAY DAY

Alpha guests will attend an Alpha Holy Spirit Day in Tobar Mhuire Crossgar **next Saturday 23rd March**. “Father God, through the work of the Holy Spirit, may it be a powerful experience for all !” Enquiries to parish office: stcolmcilles@downandconnor.org / 02890 654157

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 **this Thursday 21st March at 8.00pm** to the Parish Centre! We are putting together a **team of volunteers** to run the Youth Club more often, and as diverse as possible. All those who are age 18 years and over welcome.

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.

READINGS: Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2; Psalter Week 1; Sunday Missal : page 159.

HOLY WEEK begins next Sunday. Let us prepare well for the celebration of Easter, by joining in the daily services, liturgies and events of Holy Week. Full details in next weekend's bulletin.

'PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR THE PASSION'

Next 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.

WINE AND CHEESE EVENING

St Colmcillee's Pre-School will have a Wine and Cheese Fundraising Evening in **The Hearth** at Ballyhackamore on **this Friday 22nd March from 8.00pm to late**. Music by the Celtic Soul Brothers. It is a ticket-only event. 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; or text / whatsapp to 07449 700314

SAVE THE DATES

Saturday 13th April: All parish volunteers are invited to lunch with the Parish Engagement Group.

Weekend of 26th—28th April: Marriage Enrichment weekend, Co Kildare. Visit www.marriageencounter.ie/marriage-encounter-weekend

Weekend of 25th—26th May: In the Parish Centre- The Philip Course. A life-changing spiritual experience!

Friday 7th June: Parish Social Event—A Camel Racing Night !

More details to follow