

### PARISH VOLUNTEER BRUNCH

A big thank you to the members of the Parish Engagement Group who hosted the 'Thank You Brunch' this Saturday past. One hundred and thirty volunteers crowded the hall for the event. There was a wonderful buzz about the day, with great conversations and discussions, ending with an hearty ulster fry. If you would like to get involved in any group or ministry in our Parish— be sure to reach out!

### EXAM SEASON SUPPORT

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, (...) present your requests to God. And the peace of God (...) will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (Phil 4:6-7)

Are you going to face GCSEs and Levels exam in these months ahead?

We as a Parish would like to support you and present with you your requests of this season, asking together that the Holy Spirit will empower you and give you Wisdom.



The Masses during the first weekend of May will be special as we are going to pray for you at the end of each one of them, and each parishioner will pray for you for all of the months of May and June.

We would like to organise a wee celebration for your achievements at the end of June, when the exams will be over.

You can receive all this blessings in 2 ways: filling the form online <https://forms.gle/s117e8wgqGMKUee88> (or Scan the QR Code here) or filling the form in the porch at the entrance of the Church.

### SAVE THE DATES

**Saturday 27th April:** Parish Youth Club, 6.30pm-8.30pm

**Friday 10th May:** SafeTALK suicide prevention training in parish.

**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*



## PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE BALLYHACKAMORE 14th April 2024 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

**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 3; Missal: p337

### THE MOST REVEREND ALAN MCGUCKIAN SJ

Former Bishop of Raphoe Alan McGuckian SJ will be installed as the new Bishop of Down and Connor on this Sunday at a 3pm ceremony in St Peter's Cathedral. Live on St Peter's webcam.

We pray for Bishop Alan -

*Eternal God, our Shepherd and Guide*

*We bless and thank you for the appointment of your servant Bishop Alan.*

*May your Holy Spirit grace him with the gifts of wisdom and strength, gentleness and compassion, as he takes up his role as our pastor and teacher.*

*May he be a shepherd after your own heart, who will walk in your ways and, with loving care, watch over your people.*

*May he be a leader of vision and a teacher of your truth.*

*As Bishop Alan is installed today in our Cathedral, may we welcome him joyfully into our Diocesan community, now entrusted to his care and leadership.*

*May we, as the Body of Christ in the Diocese of Down and Connor through our work and prayer together bear witness to Christ and the building up of your kingdom.*

*We ask this through your Son Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen*



### BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

The loss of a partner through death, separation or divorce is devastating. Beginning Experience is a peer ministry to the bereaved, separated and divorced, based within the Family Ministry of the Diocese of Down and Connor.

Beginning Experience is offering a **programme of bereavement support** in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Ave., Belfast on three **Saturdays: 27th April, 25th May and 29th June.**

Booking is essential. To find out more, contact Pauline 07519 289 185 or Marie 07896 119 669 or email: belfastbe@yahoo.com

If you require any further information please contact any of the above numbers and we will be happy to help.

### FORGIVENESS

There will be a day of reflection at SMA, Dromantine, Newry on: **Forgiveness; the journey from hurt to healing, freedom, peace and happiness**—on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May from 9.30am – 5.00pm. The day will be facilitated by Fr. Des Corrigan SMA.

Cost (incl. lunch) £38/€43. Telephone: 02830 821 964 or email: admin@dromantineconference.com

### GARDENING GROUP

The parish Laudato Si group members tend to the Parish garden on Tuesday morning from 11am to 1pm (weather permitting). If you're free for some or all of that time you're very welcome to join us. Just turn up.

### MONEY MATTERS

**Weekly collection - £724.02**

**Digital Collection Plate for March - £244.17**

**Standing Orders for March - £8690.06**

**Catholics in Holy Land - 951.32**

**Trócaire to date - £4285.23, this includes £430.00 received from St Joseph's Primary school**

**Trócaire Boxes** – can be returned to the parish via: the collection baskets; the sacristy after any of the Masses; the parish office. It is greatly appreciated if you could change the loose coins in the box into notes. Donations to Trócaire can also be made by via card payments at the machine in the church foyer.

### 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:

**Agnes Acton, Danny Acton, John Collins, Brendan McMullan, Lucy Traynor and Gerald Vallely.**

Parish Bereavement Support Group  
Contact : 07375 535 649

Sunday 14th April	Mass: 9.30am; 11.30am Children's Liturgy in the Parish Centre: 9.30am
Monday 15th	Morning Prayer : 9.15am
Tuesday 16th	Adoration & Benediction: 6.00pm Confession: 6.15 – 6.45pm Mass at 7.00pm
Wednesday 17th	Mass at 9.30am Evening Prayer: 7.15pm
Thursday 18th	Mass: 9.30am
Friday 19th	Mass: 9.30am Coffee & Chat at 10am in Parish Centre
Saturday 20th	Confession: 5.00pm– 5.20pm Vigil Mass: 5.30pm

### SAFETALK SUICIDE PREVENTION

On **Friday 10th of May from 6:30-9:30pm**, there will be **SafeTALK** training in the Parish Centre. SafeTALK equips people to be more alert to someone thinking of suicide and better able to connect them with future help. Using a simple yet effective model, SafeTALK empowers everyone to make a difference. SafeTALK by Living Works is for participants aged 15+, with no adverse effects from training. One of its goals is to help break down suicide stigma in the community. If you would like to take part in the training, please contact the parish office to book your place.