

### CHARITY CAR WASH

St Joseph's PTA invite you bring your car along to a car wash event, in aid of school funds, on **next Saturday 27th April from 1.30pm to 4.30pm** in the church car park.

### PHILIP COURSE

Koinonia John the Baptist Community will facilitate a course on the weekend of **25/26 May** in parish. Are you looking for something that will be spiritually impactful, unforgettable and life changing? Then this is for you! Scan the QR code on the flyer (found at the back of the church, and church foyer) using your phone, to find out more information and/or to register for the Philip Course.

### CAMEL RACING

The parish **Social & Fundraising Committee** present a **Night at the Camel Races and Disco**, on **Friday 7th June**. £5 entry fee. Doors open at **7.30pm**. First race at 8.00pm. BYO . For more information contact Roisin: 07854 140 019; or Mary: 07815 493 463

### 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/s117e8wggGMKUee88> (or Scan the QR Code here)  
or filling the form in the porch at the entrance of the Church.



We are praying for you!

## PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE BALLYHACKAMORE



**21st April 2024**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**VOCATIONS 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 4; Missal: p341



Pope Francis has released his message for **VOCATIONS SUNDAY** in which he focuses on the theme: "Called to sow seeds of hope and to build peace".

In his message, Pope Francis calls on everyone to: "Let Jesus draw you to himself; bring him your important questions; let him challenge you by his presence; More than anyone else, Jesus respects our freedom."

This Day, *Vocations Sunday 21 April 2024*, is dedicated in a particular way to imploring from the Father the gift of holy vocations for the building up of his Kingdom: "Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest" (Lk 10:2).

Sunday 21st April	Mass: 9.30am; 11.30am Children's Liturgy in the Parish Centre: 9.30am
Monday 22nd	Morning Prayer : 9.15am
Tuesday 23rd	Adoration & Benediction: starting at 6.00pm Confession: 6.15 – 6.45pm Mass at 7.00pm
Wednesday 24th	Mass : 9.30am Evening Prayer: 7.15pm
Thursday 25th	Mass : 9.30am
Friday 26th	Morning Prayer: 9.15am Mass: 9.30am Coffee: 10.00am Adoration 6-7pm Confession 6.15-6.45pm Mass: 7pm. Praise and Prayer : 7.30pm—11.00pm Drop in at any time during the evening to pray for Vocations and your own special intentions. Refreshments at 9.30pm
Saturday 27th	Confession : 5.00pm– 5.20pm Mass: 5.30pm

### 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: **Claire Fleming, Gerry Edwards, Anthony Fusco, Florence Fusco, Benjamin Laybayan Jr, and Brendan Rowan Sharkie.**

Parish Bereavement Support Group  
Contact : 07375 535 649

### PARISH CENSUS

The Diocesan Office has asked all parishes to take part in the annual census **next weekend** 27th / 28th April. You will be invited to take a blue counter (male) or a red counter (female) as you enter the church for Mass. Please then place your counter in the appropriate age category bowl, on the table at the far side of the church foyer. Many thanks in advance for your help.

### SVP UPDATE

Thank you so much for your support over Christmas and throughout the year. Your generosity enabled families to survive the Christmas crisis. Over 200 households were supported to have gifts for children, food and warm homes at the coldest time of the year. January is also a crisis month. Benefits are paid before Christmas and January lasts longer than the money stretches. Your generosity helped people also to survive January.

Research tells us a person needs £200 pw to meet essentials. People over 25 gets £92 so this parish continues to pull people back from the brink and for that we say thank you.

### COFFEE MORNING

There will be a Family Mass next Sunday 28th April, to support the children preparing for First Communion, followed by a Coffee Morning for all parishioners after both Masses.

### MONEY MATTERS

**Weekly collection - £1414.58**

**Trócaire to date - £4425.23**

**Trócaire Boxes** – can be returned to the parish via: the collection baskets; the sacristy after any of the Masses; the parish office. Donations to Trócaire can also be made by via card payments at the machine in the church foyer.

### VOCATIONS

**Anointing Fire Catholic Ministries** invite you to join them **this Friday** evening 26th April, to pray for **Vocations**, in a programme starting and **6pm** and concluding at **11pm**. You are welcome to attend all of the evening , or drop in for parts of it. Refreshments at 9.30pm. The full evening schedule is shown on the front page.

The **Poor Clares in Galway** are hosting an **online Q&A** for young women who would like to know more about the Poor Clare way of life from **7pm-8:30pm on Wednesday, 1st May**. For more information contact: [vocations@poorclares.ie](mailto:vocations@poorclares.ie)

The **Poor Clares in Carlow** invite women from age 22 to 40 years for a cuppa and a chat to find out more about their life on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May from 2.30pm to 4.30pm**. If interested please make contact before the event: [poorclaresvoc@gmail.com](mailto:poorclaresvoc@gmail.com)

**Called to be a monk?** There will be a 'Come and See' day on **Sunday 23rd June at Our Lady of Bethlehem Abbey Portglenone, from 10am - 5pm**. Very often, even if we feel sure that we have some calling or vocation to priestly or religious life, we don't take that first step by ourselves - we need someone else to ask the question! We would like to invite men between the ages of 20 and 50 to join us for a day at the Abbey. To indicate that you would like to attend this introductory day, please email Dom Aelred Magee: [frmagee@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:frmagee@yahoo.co.uk), or ring 028 25821211, to leave your name and contact details.

### 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 by email or phone, to book your place.

### 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 welcome to join us. Just turn up!

### PARISH YOUTH CLUB

Young people age 11-14 years are invited to the parish youth group on **next Saturday 27th April: 6.30pm to 8.30pm**