

BALLYHACKAMORE GOLF SOCIETY

This cross-community Golf Society was set up by the late Paddy Macauley in the early 1990's. We golf once per month from March to September usually on a Sunday afternoon at "local" golf courses. We invite new members of all abilities to join us for some golfing fun and craic. Lasting friendships start here. Our first outing is a 9 hole event at Helen's Bay Golf Club on **Sunday 19th May at 10:30am**. Contact our Captain Maria Murphy 07511636219 for more information.

A NIGHT AT THE CAMEL RACES—BYO & DISCO

The parish **Social & Fundraising Committee** present a **Night at the Camel Races, BYO and Disco, on Friday 7th June**. £5 entry fee. Doors open at **7.30pm**. Camels can be purchased before the event for £10 with the winner receiving £20. First race at 8.00pm—6 races with £1 per bet on the night. For more information contact Roisin: 07854 140 019; or Mary: 07815 493 463

ST COLMCILLE'S PRESCHOOL

The Pre School Management Committee and Staff would like to thank everyone who supported their recent Wine and Cheese fundraiser in The Hearth. The amazing sum of £2956 was raised from ticket sales and raffle!

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. We are praying for you!



PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE BALLYHACKAMORE 28th April 2024 FIFTH 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 1; Missal: p345

PARISH PHILIP PROGRAMME

Koinonia John the Baptist Community will facilitate a programme on the weekend of **25th /26th 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 here with the camera on your phone, or scan the code on the flyer (found at the back of the church, and church foyer), in order to find out more information and/or to register for the Philip Course. Alternatively contact the parish office.



Sunday 28th APRIL	Mass: 9.30am; 11.30am Children's Liturgy in the Parish Centre: 9.30am
Monday 29th	Morning Prayer : 9.15am
Tuesday 30th	Adoration & Benediction: starting at 6.00pm Confession: 6.15 – 6.45pm Mass at 7.00pm
Wednesday 1st MAY	Mass : 9.30am Evening Prayer: 7.15pm
Thursday 2nd	Mass : 9.30am
Friday 3rd	Morning Prayer: 9.15am Mass: 9.30am Coffee: 10.00am
Saturday 4th	Confession : 5.00pm– 5.20pm Mass: 5.30pm

DECEASED

We pray for the repose of the soul of all those who have died recently especially - **Guiseppa Bene, Luz Pontenoza**, and also **Edith Williams** whose Month's Mind occurs at this time.

We also remember in prayer all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: **Molly McEvoy, Claire Mullaly (Snr)** and **Mary Ellen Tansey**

Parish Bereavement Support Group

Contact : 07375 535 649

PARISH CENSUS

Thank you for taking part in the parish census as you arrived to Mass today. The data is being collated by the Diocesan to inform the way forward over the next few years. We hope to provide you with an update next weekend.

DOWN AND CONNOR DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA 2024

The pilgrimage will be led by **Bishop Alan McGuckian S.J**

Spiritual Directors: Fr G McCloskey, Fr M Graham, Canon S Gilmore
Departing on Tuesday 20th August 2024. Cost for 7 Nights is **£799** per person sharing. The flights are direct return flights from Dublin to Lisbon, both are afternoon flights. 20KG bags included in cost. Return airport transfers in Fatima. 7 Nights in the Hotel Avenida. Full board: breakfast, lunch & dinner. For further information please contact: - Joe Catney : 07776 425 631/02890 714 001

WEEKEND PROCLAIMERS

The readings and commentaries are available for proclaimers to pick up from the table at the back of the church, next to the rota. Please pick up your reading as soon as you have volunteered.

COFFEE MORNING

Please come to the monthly free Coffee Morning after Mass this Sunday, to catch up with friends and get to know more parishioners.

▼ MONEY MATTERS

Weekly collection - £1039.58 **Trócaire to date** - £4756.78

The Monthly Stipend for the support of the priests in the Diocese will be taken up at all Masses next weekend

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.

LOUGH DERG

One Day Retreats in May

These guided days of prayer and reflection will take place on Sunday 5th, Monday 6th, Sunday 12th, Tuesday 14th, Saturday 18th, Sunday 25th and Monday 27th. €45 per person , booking essential.

More details can be found at www.loughderg.ie.

The Lough Derg traditional **Three Day Pilgrimage** begins on Friday May 31st and continues until August 15th 2024.

SAFEGUARDING BOARD FOR NI ONLINE SAFETY HUB

One new excellent resource the Safeguarding Office are keen to tell you about is the SBNI ONLINE SAFETY HUB which brings together the latest advice and **support for children and young people, parents, carers volunteer leaders/helpers, families and professionals.**

Whether it's information about sharing images, social media, screen time or knowing where to turn to when something doesn't feel right - the Hub has free and accessible advice to help young people and families feel more safe, secure and supported online. Here is the link to access the hub: <https://onlinesafetyhub.safeguardingni.org/promote-the-hub/>

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!

APOSTOLIC COFFEE MORNING & SALE

The Annual Summer Apostolic Coffee Morning & Cake Sale will be held on **Sunday 19th May**. Plants, etc as usual also on sale, and Tombola! Offers of help to set up on Saturday 18th evening would be greatly appreciated!