

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) or filling the form in the porch at the entrance of the Church.

MAKES AND BAKES AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

Our popular Art and cookery afterschool group will be returning to St Joesph's P.S. on Mondays from the 15th of April. Our projects include everything from creating pottery to making pizzas. Sessions are £6.50 per child. P1-P3 2:00pm-3:00pm, P4-P7 3:00pm to 4:00pm. Call 07812355982 or email hello@makesandbakes.com to secure a place.

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



PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE BALLYHACKAMORE 31st March 2024 EASTER SUNDAY

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

Readings: Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2; Psalter Week 1; Missal: p332

THIS WEEK

Easter Sunday 31st March	Mass: 9.30am; 11.30am Children's Liturgy in the Parish Centre: 9.30am	Monday 1st April	Mass: 9.30am
Tuesday 2nd	Mass: 9.30am	Wednesday 3rd	Mass: 9.30am
Thursday 4th	Mass: 9.30am Funeral Mass at 12 noon : Eileen Connor	Friday 5th	Mass: 9.30am



THE LORD IS RISEN
Praying that you have
joy-filled and happy Easter.

May God bless you this
Easter Time

Fr Anthony & Fr Conor

DECEASED

We pray for the repose of the soul of all those who have died recently, especially **Eileen Connor, Tommy Falloon** and **Edith Williams** . We also remember in prayer all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: **Norman Fusco** and **Edward Judge**

FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY

The feast day will be celebrated **next Sunday 7th April in St Peter's Cathedral, Falls Road Belfast starting with the Rosary at 2.30pm followed by the Divine mercy Chaplet at 3.00pm. Mass will be celebrated at 3.15pm.**

Also **St Paul's Church Falls Road** will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 1.30pm, followed by the Rosary, Reflections and the Divine Mercy Chaplet from 2.00pm. Mass and Benediction will be at 3.00pm. All are welcome.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK Sunday 14th April.

Ring 07963 581 543 to enquire or book a seat.

Full Bus details on www.eucharisticadoration.ie (scroll down)

The bus **from St Bernadette's Church** departs at **6.00am**. Please contact Maureen for details: 07745 093 530 or Patrick: 07963 581 543

SALKTALK 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.

MONEY MATTERS

Weekly collection - £1207.10 Trócaire to date - £198.00

The Easter Voluntary Collection will be taken up at *this* weekend.

The Monthly Stipend Collection 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. 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.

PARISH VOLUNTEERS BRUNCH

In recognition of the enormous contribution made by volunteers to Parish life Fr Conor and the Parish Engagement Group wish to invite *all volunteers* to a celebratory **Thank You Brunch**.

We are all very fortunate in our Parish that so many people are prepared to devote time to their community. Many of you quietly and humbly dedicate your time week after week, year after year without seeking any recognition or affirmation. However it is very important that the Parish takes time to recognize your substantial contribution and to say thank you.

We are arranging this **Thank You Brunch** on **Saturday 13th April 2024 in the Parish Hall starting 10.15am**. As well as acknowledging your support it will be an opportunity for you to meet other volunteers in the Parish and for Fr Conor and the Parish Engagement Group to hear about all the good work you're doing already, your plans for the future and how we continue to work together.

For catering purposes please contact your group or committee coordinator, or the parish office to indicate that you will be attending.

STEERING YOUTH GROUP

Ready to make a difference and shape youth activities in the Parish? The Steering Group for Young People is your chance to innovate, and to lead. Dive into a community where your ideas matter and your actions inspire.

No matter your age and your passion, your voice, ideas and action are crucial to turning dreams into reality.

Join us to lead, learn, and grow. Are you in?

First meeting **Wednesday 9th April at 7:30 pm Parish Centre**. For more information contact Francesco at 07763 698 579

TREE PLANTING

The Parish Laudato Si Group invite parishioners and their families to come to **Tullycarnet Park** on **this Saturday 6th April at 2.00pm**, where, with friends from Stormont Presbyterian Congregation, we will plant out 100 trees. *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. Please contact Brian McLoughlin to indicate that you will be attending: 07738 292 160 or email: mcloughlinbm@gmail.com