

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!

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

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

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 7th April 2024 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY 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 2; Missal: p332

Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

It can feel a bit jarring: the forty days of Lent suddenly give way to the joy of Easter. The seeds of our prayer, fasting and almsgiving burst into bloom, and we stand in wonder at the Risen Christ. God triumphs over death. And yet, for so many of us, the sacrifices and challenges of Lent seem to march on in our lives. However our God of surprises beckons us forward, invites us to step into something new. And jarring as it may feel, this seemingly hidden juxtaposition between fasting and flourishing, almsgiving and Alleluia, the Spirit is still at work, still creating something new — even if we cannot yet see it.



[Finding God This Easter Season - Jesuits.org](http://FindingGodThisEasterSeason-Jesuits.org)

Sunday 7th April	Mass: 9.30am; 11.30am Children's Liturgy in the Parish Centre: 9.30am
Monday 8th	Funeral Mass of Edith Williams RIP, at 1.45pm
Tuesday 9th	Mass at 7.00pm
Wednesday 10th to Friday 12th	Mass at 9.30am

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: **Dermot Allister, Zenaida Fabia, Gerry Hughes and Rosaleen Knox**

Parish Bereavement Support Group

Contact : 07375 535 649

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Next 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.

TREE PLANTING - POSTPONEMENT

Due to Storm Kathleen and the safety and well-being of participants, the Tree Planting event was postponed at **Tullycarnet Park** yesterday. Please save **Saturday 20th April at 2.00pm**, in your diary, for the proposed new Tree Planting day. Please contact Brian McLoughlin to indicate that you will be attending: 07738 292 160 or email: mcloughlinbm@gmail.com

MONEY MATTERS

Weekly collection - £1419.10 Trócaire to date - £762.32

The Monthly Stipend Collection for the support of the priests in parishes will be taken up at all Masses *this* 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.

FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY

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

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 **next Saturday 13th April 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 **this Tuesday 9th April at 7:30pm Parish Centre**.

For more information contact Francesco at 07763 698 579

LOST / FOUND

Keys have been found in the parish hall recently, on two separate occasions. They are being held in the parish office.

Many items which parishioners have left behind in church over the past few months are sitting on the **unit in the church foyer**—where the Bulletin Box is located. The unit will be cleared out after this weekend.