

ADORATION CHAPEL

Could you commit to spending more time with Jesus?

The Adoration Chapel is open from 9.00am to 5.00pm each day for private prayer.

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

The relics of Blessed Carlo Acutis will be in the churches of the parish of Dunsford and Ardglass on **this Monday 13th & Tuesday** 14th May. Programme details on church notice board.

ABORTION

On this **Wednesday 15th May** MPs will vote on abortion amendments: lowering the abortion time limit from 24 weeks to 22 weeks, as a significant number of babies born at this time can now survive outside the womb; bringing the abortion time limit for babies with Down's syndrome in line with babies without disabilities (abortion for Down's syndrome is currently legal right up to birth). To petition your MP to support these amendments you can collect a postcard today from the foyer of the church and post it to your MP (East Belfast: Gavin Robinson). Or visit righttolife.org.uk/little_fighters and righttolife.org.uk/uptobirth

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, first race at 8pm. 6 races with £1 per bet on the night. If you would like to sponsor a camel for £10, with the chance of winning £20, or for more information, contact Roisin: 07854 140 019; or Mary: 07815 493 463.140 019

YOUTH CLUB

Young people in Primary 7 up to Year 10 are invited to meet **each Saturday** in May and June in the Parish Centre, from **6.30pm to 8.30pm** for indoor and outdoor activities, and nights out..

DEADLINE

Please submit notes for the parish bulletin no later than **12 noon on Wednesdays** by- emailing the parish office or dropping a note into the Bulletin Box in the church foyer. Please limit bulletin notes to a maximum of 100 words. Many thanks.



PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE

BALLYHACKAMORE

12th May 2024

ASCENSION 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 3; Missal: p353

PARISH PHILIP PROGRAMME

Fast approaching—an opportunity to re-ignite your faith, be spiritually nourished, listen to simply-spoken yet powerful talks, and experience the impact of the Holy Spirit ! 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 by email or phone (see above).



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| Sunday 12th | Mass: 9.30am; 11.30am |
| MAY | Children's Liturgy in the Parish Centre: 9.30am |
| Monday 13th | Morning Prayer : 9.15am |
| Tuesday 14h | Adoration & Benediction: starting at 6.00pm Confession: 6.15 – 6.45pm Mass at 7.00pm |
| Wednesday 15th | Mass : 9.30am Evening Prayer: 7.15pm |
| Thursday 16th | Mass : 9.30am |
| Friday 17th | Morning Prayer: 9.15am Mass: 9.30am Coffee: 10.00am Funeral Mass: Peter Stobart, 12.30pm |
| Saturday 18th | 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 **Peter Stobart**, and also **Eileen Connor** whose Month's Mind occurs at this time.

We also remember in prayer all those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially: **Michael Kelly** and **Sinead McCartney**.

Parish Bereavement Support Group

Contact : 07375 535 649

CONGRATULATIONS

A warm congratulations to the children who received their First Holy Communion this weekend at St Colmcille's! Let us keep praying for and keep encouraging, the children and their families on their continuing faith journey together.

ANNUAL NOVENA—TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

Holy Family Parish Limestone Road, and St Gerard's Parish Antrim Road will share this Novena starting tomorrow Monday 13th May.

Holy Family Church- Monday 13th—Friday 17th: 9.30am; 7.30pm.

St Gerard's- Saturday 18th: 9.30am; 6.30pm. Sunday 19th: 11.30am; 7.30pm.

Holy Family Church: Monday 20th: 9.30am; 7.30pm.

Both Churches warmly invite you to participate in their Annual Novena in honour of Our Mother of Perpetual Help.

GIFT

Living Church, Down and Connor, is offering an 'orientation session' on **Saturday 22nd June** to support parish leaders in running the GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) initiative with 11-16 year old youth. This programme connects young people to one another, to their Parish and to God. **Could you support this project and become one of the parish leaders (age 18+) for GIFT?** You can: be beacon of faith and mentor to young people; ignite their passion for their relationship with God; help them forge lasting connections within our parish family. Please email the parish office for more information or to register for the GIFT programme training.

MONEY MATTERS

Weekly collection - £710.11

The Collection for the Education of Diocesan Students to the Priesthood will be taken up at all Masses next weekend

CONFIRMATION

Twelve young people from a number of schools will receive their Confirmation sacrament **next Saturday 18th May** at 11.00am. Please pray that they will grow closer to the Holy Spirit and begin to recognise the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives, as they continue on their faith journey, supported by their families and the parish community.

PRAYER FOR EXAMS

Please support all those who preparing for and undertaking exams at this time of the year, by your prayers. Many young people in the parish have registered their names recently to seek prayer support.

You are invited to take a slip of paper from the Exam Names' basket in church and pray for the student, whose name you have selected, throughout May and June. Many thanks for your prayerful support.

APOSTOLIC COFFEE MORNING & SALE

The Annual Summer Apostolic Coffee Morning & Cake Sale will be held on **next Sunday 19th May** after the Masses. Plants, etc as usual also on sale, and Tombola! There will be an opportunity to make a donation after the 5.30pm Mass on Saturday 18th.

Offers of help to set up the hall on Saturday 18th at 8.30pm would be greatly appreciated! Could you volunteer?

LAUDATO SI WEEK

The 'Laudato Si Week' will be celebrated **starting on next Sunday 19th May to Sunday 26th May**. The Theme this year is 'Seeds of Hope'. The parish Laudato Si group will provide more details later. Meanwhile the Laudato Si parish Gardening Group invite you to join them on Tuesdays from 11am to 1pm each week to do a little work in the church garden. Please bring your own tools and gloves if you have them.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Parents please leave the children over to the Iona Room, at the Parish Centre, **before the start of 9.30am Mass** on Sundays - as the leaders no longer depart from the church to walk the children to the Parish Centre. Children from age 3 years are welcome. Children learn about the message of the Gospel story through listening to a simple version of the scripture. This is reinforced through art & crafts, discussion, games with aims, songs and role play. Additional adult volunteers (who are willing to be vetted) are always hoped for!