

### MONEY MATTERS

**Weekly Collection - £989.12,**

**Education of Diocesan Students Collections - £725**

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

### MUSICAL EVENING & SUPPER

St Colmcille's parishioners are invited by Knock Presbyterian Church to a musical evening on **this THURSDAY 30th MAY, 7.30pm - 9.15pm** in the Elliott Hall, Knock Presbyterian premises, Kings Road. A light supper will be provided in the middle of the evening.

### GIFT

Living Church, Down and Connor, is offering an 'orientation session' on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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?** Email the parish office for more information.

### BLESSING AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

On **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June** in the church, commencing at 3.00pm, there will be a Liturgy of Blessing and Anointing for our Sick and Housebound parishioners and their Carers. This will be followed by refreshments in the Parochial Hall. Helpers are needed on the day as some people will need wheelchair assistance. We will need drivers, and volunteers to help us make sure they are comfortable and safe in the Church and help them over to the hall and to cars. Also volunteers to make and serve tea & coffee. If you are aware of anyone who is not on the Parish list of Sick & Housebound, please let us know if they would like to attend, by contacting: the parish office: 02890 654157; Patricia Kernaghan: 07876395480; Claire Dowds: 07766934246, cdowds181@gmail.com

### PARISH YOUTH GROUP

The Ballyhack youth club are looking to update their equipment. **Do you have unused sports equipment or games** sitting looking sad in the garage? Well why not get in contact with us as we can put them to good use! Ideas of equipment we could use: table tennis equipment; portable badminton nets or tennis nets; table football or games tables; Wii games or remotes; Play Station games or remotes; 'Just Dance' mat and game; Karaoke machine; Board games also welcome. Please contact Francis: [f.iacuitto@downandconnor.org](mailto:f.iacuitto@downandconnor.org) and we can arrange to collect items. Thank you.

### WEEKEND PROCLAIMERS

The readings and commentaries for **JUNE** are available, for the proclaimers on the rota, to pick up their copy- from the table at the back of the church.



## PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE

BALLYHACKAMORE

26th May 2024

**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**



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: p418

### DOWN & CONNOR DIOCESAN NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART

**RENEW OUR HEARTS**

**The Novena begins on this Thursday 30th May and concludes on Friday 7th June, the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.**



As Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ begins his time as bishop of the diocese he would love everyone in the diocese to join him in nine days of prayer, asking Jesus to give us a new heart. Many people among us are weary or wounded, hurting in one way or another. He wants us to make a novena for each other, aware that we are brothers and sisters in Christ.

The prayers are available in a booklet, one per family, that you can pick up at Mass this weekend, or read on the parish website. It will also include a piece of scripture and a reflection for each day for those who wish to go a little deeper.

Bishop Alan's hope is that this novena will be prayed either individually or together by parishes, groups, schools or families. Even young children can join in with the short prayers!

**Join Very Rev Conor McGrath each morning at 9.00am,** starting this Thursday 30th May, to pray the novena together in church, at St Colmcille's 191 Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast BT4 3JB.... or join via the parish webcam.

### 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, especially: **Martin Greene, Phelim Greene, Bernard O'Reilly.**

**Parish Bereavement Support Group**  
**Contact : 07375 535 649**

### FEAST DAY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

All the children who have recently received their **First Holy Communion** are invited to come and celebrate together with parishioners, at a special Mass on the feast day of Corpus Christi, **next Sunday 2nd June at 9.30am.** The children may wear their special Communion Day outfits, and join in the Entrance Procession. Refreshments in the parish hall after Mass.

### SAUL SUNDAY

The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to St Patrick's Mountain, Saul (Saul Sunday) is on **next Sunday 2nd June. Bishop Alan McGuckian** will celebrate **Mass** on the mountain at **3.00pm.** Everyone is welcome.

### AMENDMENTS TO ABORTION LAW

Last opportunity to improve our abortion law - contact your MP today. Save lives, and ask your MP to support pro-life amendments to the Criminal Justice Bill that: lower the abortion time limit from 24 weeks to 22 weeks; reinstate in-person consultations to help protect women and babies; bring the abortion time limit for babies with Down's Syndrome (currently full term) in line with the time limit for babies that do not have disabilities (currently 24 weeks).  
**Take action:** Email your MP by visiting: [righttolife.org.uk/takeaction](http://righttolife.org.uk/takeaction) before the debate on **Tuesday 4 June.**

### 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 8.00pm. 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 140019; or Mary: 07815 493463

### SAYING GOODBYE

The Mariposa Trust invite anyone suffering baby loss, or infertility- to come to a service in St Anne's Cathedral on **Sunday 16th June at 3.30pm.** More details about the Mariposa remembrance and support service are on the poster on the church noticeboard.

Sunday 26th May	Mass: 9.30am; 11.30am Philip Course: 9.30am-3.00pm. Children's Liturgy in the Parish Centre: 9.30am
Monday 27th	Morning Prayer : 9.15am
Tuesday 28th	Adoration & Benediction: starting at 6.00pm Confession: 6.15 – 6.45pm Mass at 7.00pm
Wednesday 29th	Sacred Heart Novena: 9.00am Mass : 9.30am Evening Prayer: 7.15pm
Thursday 30th	Sacred Heart Novena: 9.00am Mass : 9.30am
Friday 31st	Sacred Heart Novena: 9.00am Morning Prayer: 9.15am Mass: 9.30am Coffee: 10.00am
Saturday 1st June	Confession : 5.00pm– 5.20pm Mass: 5.30pm

### SUMMER TIME - *End of the Exams Celebration*

Have you just finished your GCSE/ A-Level Exams? Join us on **Tuesday June 25th from 7:00pm to 9:00pm** for a special celebration marking the end of the exam season and the start of summer! Enjoy two hours of fun and engaging activity, including an exciting challenge, along with delicious food. This is a perfect opportunity to celebrate your achievements and kick off the summer in style. Please RSVP by June 15th to secure your spot. We look forward to celebrating with you!



### SUMMER MADNESS - *Living life with Purpose*

Are you between 15 and 19 years old? Join us at Summer Madness, a Christian festival held at Portglenone Abbey grounds from **Friday June 28th to Tuesday July 2nd!** Experience worship, fun activities, seminars, friendship, and diversity. On Saturday, don't miss the Mass celebrated by Fr. Conor McGrath. To have more information and register, scan the QR code or contact **f.iacuitto@downandconnor.org** You will have the possibility to choose between a Day Ticket, Short Weekend or Full Festival.



### STAY CURIOUS

Are you between 15 and 19 years old? Stay Curious is a week-long event where young people can freely be themselves in a welcoming and friendly environment. Each day begins with brunch at 10am followed by lunch at 2pm, and concludes at 4pm. Between meals and throughout our time together, there will be opportunities to ask questions and explore the beauty of life, not just the ordinary, but a life lived in abundance. Join us for a week of discovery, friendship, and meaningful conversations.

