



**PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE
BALLYHACKAMORE**
5th May 2024
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Parish Office: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 10.00am—2.00pm
Readings: Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2; Psalter Week 2; Missal: p349

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 5th MAY	Mass: 9.30am; 11.30am Children's Liturgy in the Parish Centre: 9.30am
Monday 6th	Morning Prayer : 9.15am
Tuesday 7th	Adoration & Benediction: starting at 6.00pm Confession: 6.15 – 6.45pm Mass at 7.00pm
Wednesday 8th	Mass : 9.30am Evening Prayer: 7.15pm
Thursday 9th	Mass : 9.30am
Friday 10th	Morning Prayer: 9.15am Mass: 9.30am Coffee: 10.00am
Saturday 11th	Confession : 5.00pm– 5.20pm Mass: 5.30pm

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

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.

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.

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.

PARISH CENSUS 25th / 26th APRIL 2024

Saturday 27th 5.30pm : 156	Sunday 28th 9.30am : 314	Sunday 28th 11.30am : 222	Sunday 28th 3.00pm : 59					
Total: 751 Up 39.5% on the 2023 parish census								
Overall Attendance by Age								
0-11 19.4%	12-18 10.2%	19-29 5.45%	30-39 11.18%	40-49 15.31%	50-59 13.18%	60-69 11.45%	70-79 8.25%	80+ 5.45%

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: **Seamus Diamond, Gretta Forde, Fr Peter McCann, Dominic McClure, Teresa O'Neill, Feliciano Pejana Sr, John Roddy, Julia Roddy, and Pawel Todygo .**

Parish Bereavement Support Group

Contact : 07375 535 649

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.

LAST CALL — SAFETALK SUICIDE PREVENTION

Do you know how to be more alert to someone thinking of suicide and are you able to connect them with future help? Using a simple yet effective model SafeTALK equips you to better manage this conversation.

There will be **SafeTALK** training session in our Parish Centre on **this Friday 10th of May from 6.30-9.30pm**. SafeTALK 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.

MONEY MATTERS

Weekly collection - £1139.56
Standing Orders for April - £4033.06
Digital Plate for April - £645.85

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please pray for the children from **St Joseph's PS**—who will receive their First Holy Communion **next Saturday 11th May** at 11.00am—that they will recognise the impact of the Blessed Sacrament on their lives, as they continue forwards together 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.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA - ROSARY RALLY

The rally will take place on **next Saturday 11th May at 4pm** at St Oliver Plunkett Church Lenadoon Belfast, in the carpark at the Grotto of Our Lady of Mercy. Everyone is welcome to come and pray the Rosary and prayers of Our Lady of Fatima. This initiative is being held at the same time throughout Ireland in different venues.

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! Could you volunteer?

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.

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!