

Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse

March 7th 2025

Pope Francis has invited Bishops around the world to establish a special day of prayer in the Church year to support the journey of human and spiritual recovery.

This day is not only for victims and survivors who have been so severely injured, either inside or outside our Church, but also for the families and communities affected by grief for their loved ones.

Remembrance and the lighting of the candle will take place during 9.30am on Friday 7th March.

Within Down and Connor to mark this important event mass will be celebrated on **FRIDAY 7th March in Saint Patrick's Church, Donegall Street, Belfast at 1:00pm** to pray for and remember victims and survivors of abuse within our Church.

At this mass the Candle of Atonement will be lit.

**ST. JOSEPH'S
PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA**

**QUIZ
NIGHT**

AT HORATIO TODDS

**TUESDAY
25th Feb** | **£3PP**
per person
on the door

Arrive 8.15pm
for 9pm Quiz

Raffle Prizes on the night

St. Joseph's PTA | Charity No 108594

PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE



191 Upper Newtownards Road,
Belfast, BT4 3JB
7th Sunday in OT (Missal Pg 854)
23rd February 2025

Very Rev Conor McGrath PP, Director of Vocations
Very Rev Anthony Curran PE

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Parish Office:
Monday & Friday 2pm-4pm, Wednesday 8am-10.30am

Sunday	Mass: 9.30am & 11.30am
Monday	Morning Prayer: 9.00am
Tuesday	Mass at 9.30am Adoration & Benediction: starting at 6.00pm
Wednesday	Mass : 9.30am Evening Prayer: 7pm
Thursday	Mass : 9.30am
Friday	Morning Prayer: 9.00am Mass : 9.30am
Saturday	Confession : 5.00pm – 5.20pm Mass: 5.30pm

PILGRIMS OF HOPE - A PROGRAMME FOR

As we journey through the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis invites us to be Pilgrims of Hope – people who walk in faith, supporting one another and deepening our relationship with Christ. You are invited to *do* something for Lent this year by joining us for a new 6 week Lenten program: **Pilgrim Hearts – Walking in the Steps of Jesus**. Starting on **Sunday 9th March**, (we begin with a light breakfast) at **10.20am to 11.20am**, in the Parochial Hall

Please sign your name on the sheet at the back of the church to register.

DECEASED

We pray for the repose of the soul of all those who have died recently and whose months mind occurs. We also remember in prayer **Moya Dalton, Ted O'Neill,**

James & Kathleen Matchett, Maureen Mc Gonnell

and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Parish Bereavement Support Group Contact: 07375 535 649.

ANNIVERSARIES

If you would like an Anniversary Mass booked please contact the Parish Office on 90654157 or email stcolmcilles@downandconnor.org.

"Hope"

A Retreat for Those Discerning the Priesthood

Are you considering the call to the priesthood?

Join us for a Vocation to the Priesthood Retreat from 7th–9th March at Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne.

This year's theme, "Priests as Men of Hope," invites us to reflect on the joy and strength that come from trusting in God's plan.

To book a place or for more information, contact the Vocations Director: Fr Conor McGrath at c.mcgrath@downandconnor.org.

Let us all continue to pray for priestly vocations in our diocese:

Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father,

You are the source of all hope and the giver of every good gift.

Raise up men with hearts open to your call,
ready to serve your Church as priests,
bringing hope, healing, and the light of Christ to the world.

Give them courage to say "yes" to your will,
and bless our diocese with holy and faithful shepherds.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS

The Anointing Fire Catholic Ministry group will lead us in prayer in church **this Friday 28th February 7-11pm** to pray for priests, vocations and our own special intentions. Confession and one to one prayers are available.

Refreshments offered in the Iona Room after Benediction.

All are warmly invited. Try to make it, even for a short period of time.

MONEY MATTERS

Weekly Collection:

9th Feb - £1031.79

16th Feb - £1016.40

Sick & Retired Priests Collection - £705.00

The Monthly Offering Collection for the support of the Priests in the Diocese will be taken up at all Masses next weekend

Parochial Hall Bookings

If you would like to book a Party in the Parochial Hall we now require **1 MONTHS notice** by emailing the Parish Office at stcolmcilles@downandconnor.org.

Rosary & Rosé

Make your Friday that much sweeter! Join us once a month to pray the rosary and have a glass of rosé. 1st Friday of every month 7-8:30pm at St Colmcille's Hall, Gartan Room.



Parish Communications – please share your experience

A survey has been designed to ask your views around how news is communicated in the Parish. We would like feedback from as many parishioners as possible and will use the information to set a communications strategy for the coming year.

Surveys can be completed online using the QR code below or on paper using the forms available at the back of the church. Completed forms should be posted into the box on the table at the back of the church.

It should take no more than 5 mins to complete the survey which must be returned by Tuesday 4th March after 7pm Mass.

Venture Scouts Quiz Night Findraiser

BYOB Quiz Night at the Scout Hall (behind Parochial Hall) 1st of March @ 7PM. Support our Venture Scouts in raising money for their expedition to Switzerland this June.

Great prizes and raffle on offer! £5 per person or table of 5 for £20.

Everyone welcome!