

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.



Parish Communications – last chance to have your say!

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.

Survey closes on Tuesday 4th March after 7pm Mass.

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.

PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE



**191 Upper Newtownards Road,
Belfast, BT4 3JB**
8th Sunday in OT (Missal Pg 858)
2nd March 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

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| Sunday | Mass: 9.30am & 11.30am |
| Monday | Morning Prayer: 9.00am |
| Tuesday | Mass: 7.30am & 7.00pm Adoration & Benediction: starting at 6.00pm |
| Wednesday | Mass : 7.30am & 9.30am Evening Prayer: 7pm |
| Thursday | Mass : 7.30am & 9.30am |
| Friday | Morning Prayer: 9.00am Mass : 7.30am & 9.30am |
| Saturday | Confession : 5.00pm – 5.20pm Mass: 5.30pm |

Weekday Masses during Lent
Tuesday– Friday 7.30am & 9.30am

Ash Wednesday

5th March marks the beginning of Lent.
Ashes will be distributed during Masses
7.30am, 9.30am & 7.00pm

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 **Gabriel Mullaly (Snr), Gavin Power, Ramon Escartin** 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.

Lenten Invitation

Parishioners are invited to join the clergy of our neighbouring parishes to pray Night Prayer together on the **Sundays of Lent at 8.00pm** in this Jubilee **Year** of Hope that we might support each other with our presence and prayer.

Sunday 9th March St Brigid's Church, Belfast.

Sunday 16th March St Matthew's Church, Belfast.

Sunday 23rd March Good Shepherd Church, Belfast.

Sunday 30th March St Malachy's Church, Belfast.

Sunday 6th April Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Carryduff

Sunday 13th April St Colmcille's Church, Belfast.

Recharge

Recharge is a young adult group based in parish for those aged 18 to 35. The group meet twice monthly on the first and third Tuesday of each month to "recharge" the spiritual batteries through Adoration, intellectual formation and social gatherings. This month, we will be meeting on Tuesday the 4th and 18th of March at 7.30pm. All welcome!

APOSTOLIC WORK LENTEN COLLECTION

There will be a church door collection after all Masses on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th March. All proceeds will be used to support the work of Missionaries in many parts of the world.
Thank you for your regular support of this cause.

MONEY MATTERS

Weekly Collection: £871.78

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

"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.