

PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE

BALLYHACKAMORE

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Psalter Week 2



To know the joy of
God's *love*
and make the *love* of
God known to all

LOVE *one another...*
just as i have **loved you...**

JOHN 13:34

Dear Sisters and Brothers, as the NET Mission Team prepares to leave us, we want to say a heartfelt thank you to Shauna, Maria, Amy, Daniel, and Thomas for all the ways they have blessed our parish community. Over these past months, they have poured out their time, energy, creativity, and faith—leading our young people, supporting Alpha, helping in our liturgies, preparing children for the sacraments, singing, praying, and being a joyful witness to the love of Christ.

Their presence has brought a spark to our parish life, and many seeds have been planted that will continue to grow long after they've gone. We're especially grateful for their gentleness with the vulnerable, their joy with the young, their courage in evangelisation, and their generous "yes" to the call of mission. They have become part of our parish family, and we send them off with our love and prayers, asking the Lord to bless them abundantly in all that comes next.

This weekend we also celebrate with the children from St Joseph's Primary School who received their First Holy Communion. It was a truly joyful and moving occasion, and we congratulate each of them as they take this special step in their journey with Jesus. Our thanks to the teachers and staff at St Joseph's for their dedication, preparation, and love in guiding the children so beautifully. And to the families of the children—thank you for the role you play in nurturing their faith at home and in the parish.

As a community, we give thanks for the blessings we have shared—and continue to pray that we may all grow in faith, in friendship, and in the joy of the Gospel.

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PARISH OFFICE:

Monday & Friday 2pm-4pm,

Wednesday 8am-10.30am

Have a blessed week, Fr Conor

"Alone with none but Thee, my God, I journey on my way;"

THIS WEEK AT ST COLMCILLE'S

Sunday	Mass: 9.30am & 11.30am
Monday	Morning Prayer: 9.00am
Tuesday	Mass: 7.00pm Adoration, Confessions & 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 Vigil Mass: 5.30pm

MASS THIS SUNDAY

First Reading: Acts 14:21-27

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 144

Response: I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

Second Reading *Apocalypse 21:1-5*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesus said: 'I give you a new commandment: love one another, just as I have loved you.'

Alleluia!

A Reading from the Holy Gospel, John 13: 31-35

DECEASED

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Kathleen Burke, Nuala Daly** and all those who have died recently and whose months mind occurs. We also remember in prayer all those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Mary Scott, Elizabeth Whitford, Joe Keenan, William Dowds, Jean Dowds, Adrian Caldwell

Parish Bereavement Support Group Contact: 077 2981 6256.

ANNIVERSARIES

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

“What need I fear when Thou art near,

ALPHA

The ALPHA programme is on **THURSDAY** evenings at 7pm, in The Lampost Café, 19 Upper Newtownards Road BT4 3HT.

Meet new people and explore the Christian faith together. Each session unpacks a big question of life, faith, and purpose.

Come along, and see what you think.

All welcome. Contact Noeleen to register or make enquiries: n.dunn@downandconnor.org

Please share with family, friends, and work colleagues. Your prayers for the programme are much appreciated.

MONEY MATTERS

Weekly collection - £1,344.01

Trocaire to date - £5,545.33

Collection for the Education to Diocesan Students to the Priesthood 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.

APOSTOLIC WORK COFFEE MORNING AND CAKE AND PLANT SALE

will be held in the Parish Hall on Sunday, 1st June after both Masses. We will have our usual range of delicious homemade cakes, shortbread, tray bakes and jam and, for the garden, a range of bedding plants and also tubs, window boxes and hanging baskets to provide colour all summer. Please support this very worthy cause. We would be grateful for any help you may be able to give on the day especially in helping to clear up the hall.

Friday 30th May 2025 - A Night at the Camel Races & Disco

£5 entry fee - Doors Open 7.30pm

First Race 8.00pm - 6 races and you can have a bet for as little as £1, so bring some cash.

Camels can also be purchased before the event for £10 with the winner receiving £20.

Grab a few friends along with your own drinks & snacks for a fun night out.

For more information contact
Roisin 07854 140019 or
Mary – 07815 493463

SAUL SUNDAY: PILGRIMS OF HOPE 2025

Bishop McGuckian will return to celebrate Mass at 3pm on June 1st. Celebrating the 1500th anniversary of St Patrick's arrival here in 432AD, the Most Rev Dr Mageean, Bishop of Down & Connor cut the first sod for the monumental statue on Slieve Patrick in Saul. The works took 6 years and the first Pilgrimage took place on Sunday 12th June 1938 when people travelled from all over Ireland to attend. So began the traditional annual pilgrimage, known as "Saul Sunday". This year Bishop McGuckian will return to celebrate Mass at 3pm on 1st June. He encourages us all to be 'Pilgrims of Hope', joining him at Saul to reflect on Patrick's legacy and welcome the 'Sacred Heart Pilgrim Statue' blessed by Pope Francis to our diocese.

**STAY & PRAY
FAMILY ROSARY**

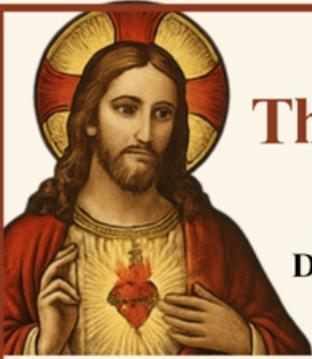
Join us between Masses (after coffee) to pray the rosary with your family – beginning Sunday, 1st June. Pick up your rosary kit after mass and wear it to our first Stay & Pray!

First Sunday every month
11-11:30
IONA ROOM

Down & Connor

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Diocesan Devotions June 2025




Friday, May 2nd to Friday, June 27th **NATIONAL NOVENA OF MASSES**
Fridays in May & June, in Cathedrals & churches across Ireland & on **Shalom World Prayer Channel**
Live stream on www.sacredheartcrusade.ie
(Led each Friday by Irish Bishops)

Sunday, June 1st **SAUL SUNDAY**
Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to the National Shrine to St Patrick Reception of Pope Francis' Sacred Heart Pilgrim Statue
(Mass @3pm led by Bishop Alan McGuckian)

Monday, June 2nd **SACRED HEART PROCESSION**
We gather 5.00 at St Patrick's Church Saul & process the Pilgrim Statue to St Patrick's Church Downpatrick for 7.30 Mass A prayerful evening stroll of 2.5miles
(Led by local clergy)

Tues. June 3rd to Wed. June 18th & Sat. June 28th to Mon. June 30th **PILGRIM STATUE DOWN & CONNOR PARISH VISITS**
The Sacred Heart Pilgrim Statue will travel through the diocese, preparing and promoting devotion (Mass, Prayer, Holy hours)
(Led by local clergy)

Thurs. June 19th to Fri. June 27th **DOWN & CONNOR DIOCESAN SACRED HEART NOVENA**
Daily Mass and Novena from St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast
(Led by Bishop Alan McGuckian and local clergy)

Friday, June 20th **VENERATION OF RELICS & NATIONAL NOVENA MASS**
The Relics of St.s Margaret Mary Alacoque & Claude la Colombière visit St. Peter's Cathedral
(Led by Bishop Alan McGuckian & local clergy)

Sunday, June 22nd **RE-CONSECRATION OF IRELAND TO THE SACRED HEART**
Statue goes to Knock Shrine for 22nd & returns D&C on 23rd
(Led by Archbishop Eamon Martin)

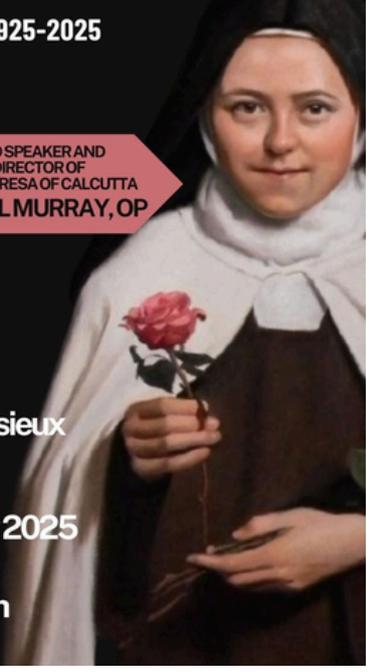
A CELEBRATION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CANONIZATION OF

SAINT THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX

1925-2025



RENOWNED SPEAKER AND SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR OF MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA
FR. PAUL MURRAY, OP



Blessing with the Relic of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux

Thursday 22nd May 2025
7:00 PM
Holy Family Church
Belfast

HOLY MASS • CONFESSIONS • ADORATION • TALKS • WORKSHOPS
FELLOWSHIP • PRAYER MINISTRY • PRAISE & WORSHIP • HEALING

* WORSHIP LEADERS * MINISTRY TEAMS * SPEAKERS * EVANGELISTS * PROPHECY * KINGDOM DREAMERS * MISS-ONARIES * WITNESSES * DVD *



FR COLLEEN JORDAN OFM PIPPA BAKER FR DAVES O'REILLY MITCH ROBIN DOHERTY FR OIBIN MARTIN OFM



Join us for the
Down and Connor Diocesan
Pilgrimage to Knock
Sunday 8th June 2025

Cost £45.00pp - Bus Departs at 7.30am,
Living Church Office, 120 Cliftonville Road,
Belfast BT14 6LA



For more information or to book your seat contact Claire:
Tel: 028 90690920
Email: pathwaystothefuture@downandconnor.org



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PENTECOST IRELAND

👑 2025 - Jubilee Year of Hope - 2025 👑
Join us for an exciting and anointed weekend - don't miss the outpouring!

SCHEDULE
SAT 7TH JUNE 10AM - 10PM
SUN 8TH JUNE 10AM - 3PM

FOOD DRINKS PARKING AVAILABLE

7TH JUNE PENTECOST WEEKEND 2025

£25



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“More safe am I within Thy hand, Than if a host did round me stand.”