

PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE

BALLYHACKAMORE

6TH 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

Keep God's Word and God Will Be with Us

Jesus answered and said to him,
If a man love me, he will keep
my words: and my Father
will love him, and we will
come to him, and make
our stayed with him.

John 14:23



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Let me begin by saying a heartfelt thank you and goodbye to our wonderful NET Team – Shauna, Maria, Amy, Daniel and Thomas – who have blessed our parish over the past year with their faith, energy and love. We wish them every blessing in what comes next!

There's still much to look forward to – starting with a night of fun and laughter at our Camel "Night at the Races" on Friday 30th May. It promises to be a fantastic evening – don't miss it!

Then we come to Sunday 9th June, a truly special day. It's Pentecost – the birthday of the Church, and also the feast of our patron, St Colmcille. That morning at Mass we'll be celebrating Confirmations, including several adults who have journeyed in faith to this moment – what a joy to share it with them.

After the 11.30am Mass, we'll keep the celebration going with our Parish Fun Day— full of food, music, games, and gratitude for all our parish, especially our brilliant volunteers. It's a day for everyone, from every corner of the parish – come and be part of it!

We're also marking Laudato Si' Week with our "Walk to Mass" initiative that weekend. If you can, try coming on foot, by bike or public transport – a small but meaningful way to care for creation. For those who need to drive, parking will be available at the front of the church and at the doctor's surgery, and we're grateful to the surgery for their support. So come one, come all – June is a month to celebrate being the Church together

Have a blessed week, Fr. Conor

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

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PARISH OFFICE:

Monday & Friday 2pm-4pm,

Wednesday 8am-10.30am

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 15:1-2. 22-29

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 66

Response: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

***Second Reading** Apocalypse 21:10-14 22-23*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him'

Alleluia!

A Reading from the Holy Gospel, John 14:23-29

DECEASED

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Anne Cairns** 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

Phelim, Seamus & Martin Green, Joan & Bill Mc Carthy, Deirdre Murphy, John Mc Cormick

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.

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.



MONEY MATTERS

Weekly collection £1214.83

Trocaire to date £5850.94

The Monthly Stipend 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.

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.

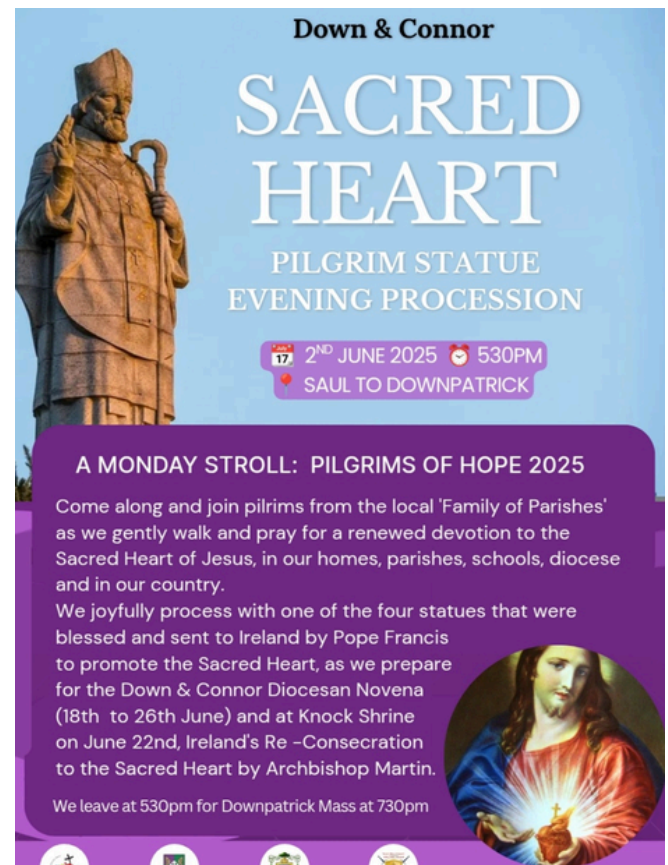
Camels can also be purchased before the event for £10 with the winner receiving £20.

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



The Parish Engagement Group
warmly invites you to

ST COLMCILLE'S

FUN DAY & WALK TO MASS

**CELEBRATE TOGETHER AS A PARISH
ON PENTECOST SUNDAY**



8 June 12.30-3:30

Parish Hall & Car Park



• **BBQ, Bouncy castle and more!**



**WALK TO MASS SUNDAY – 7 AND 8 JUNE 2025
JOIN US IF YOU CAN!**

This year marks the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home*. The document urges us, as individuals and communities of faith, to take action to address the multiple ecological crises in our world. We are called to choose a simpler lifestyle, reducing our consumption of the earth's resources.

To celebrate this anniversary in St Colmcille's Parish, we invite parishioners to choose to walk to Mass on the weekend of 7 and 8 June. Let those of us who can, make this small act of care for our common home together. 'There is a nobility in the duty to care for creation through small actions...' (L.S. 211)

If walking to Mass would be difficult for you, please travel by your usual mode of transport (though be aware that access to the church car park will be restricted)

Useful Contacts

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stcolmcilleschurch/> **Instagram:** [stcolmcillesballyhack](https://www.instagram.com/stcolmcillesballyhack)

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