

PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE

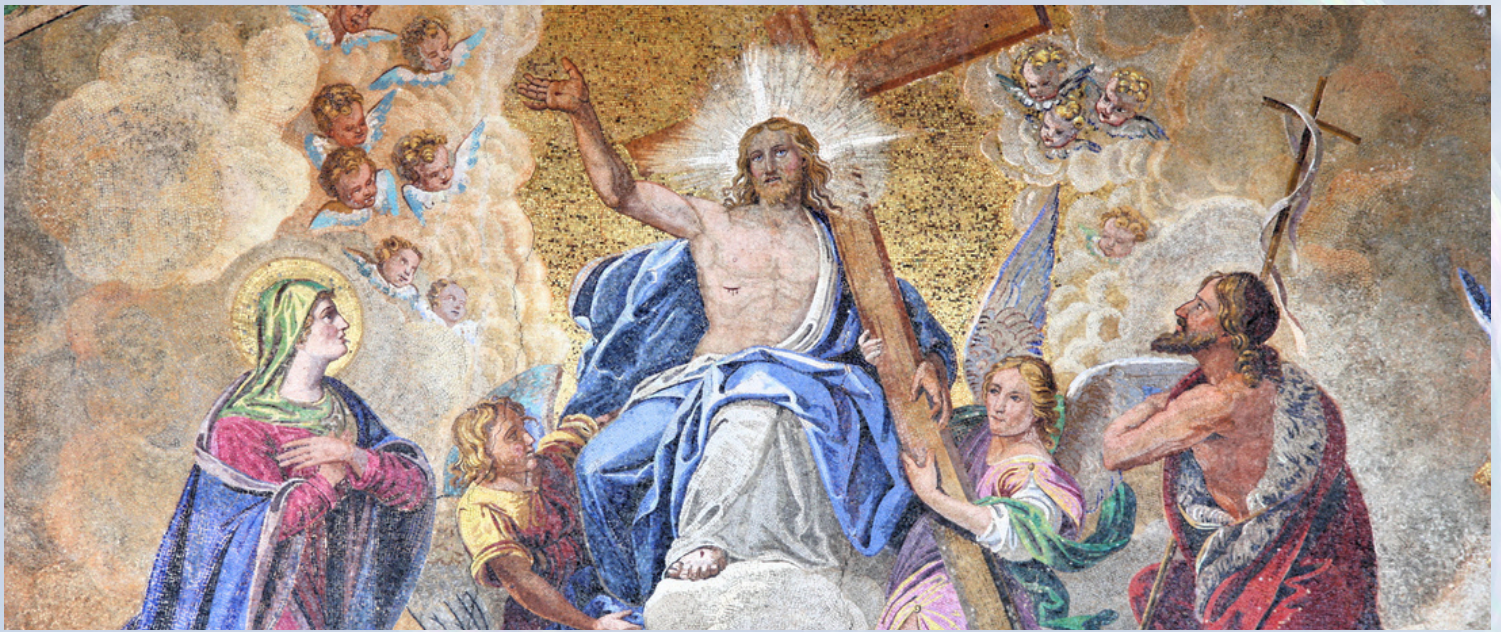
BALLYHACKAMORE

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

This Sunday we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord—Jesus returning to the Father, but not leaving us behind. Instead, He entrusts us with His mission and fills us with hope. As we lift our eyes to heaven, we also roll up our sleeves for the work of love and service here on earth.

June is the month of the Sacred Heart, when we reflect on the deep, merciful love of Jesus for each of us. Later in the month, we'll mark this devotion with a Diocesan Sacred Heart Novena. But even now, let's open our hearts to that love which never fails.

We're also entering a joyful time in our parish. On Sunday 9th June, we'll celebrate St Colmcille's Day—our patron saint—with a parish Fun Day, Confirmations, and our "Walk to Mass" initiative as part of Laudato Si' Week. If you can, go car-free that weekend and walk, cycle or share a lift. It's good for the planet, and good for the soul!

Let's make this month one of joyful witness—rooted in the love of Christ, celebrating our community, and stepping forward together.

Have a blessed week, Fr. Conor

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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 1:1-11

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 46

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

Second Reading Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Go, make disciples of all the nation; I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.

Alleluia!

A Reading from the Holy Gospel, Luke 24:46-53

DECEASED

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Brian Lambe , Vina Sands (nee McCullagh)** 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 **Anne Cairns**.

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,

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 at the Sunday masses due to the family fun day).

Car park next week

The car park will be closed next weekend. It will be open before the Confirmation and Masses only. This facilitates the fun day and ensures we do not have cars parked over the weekend. We are encouraging parishioners to take part in the 'walk to mass' weekend; more information will be in the bulletin. Of course, the car park will be available for those with mobility issues and those who need to park close to the Church. Kerrsland surgery will also be open to those who will drive.

Fun Day Volunteers

The Parish Engagement Group is calling for volunteers to help marshal the Fun Day and to help out on the day.

If you would like to volunteer some of your time please contact Stephen: 07852100861

MONEY MATTERS

Weekly collection £809.47

The Monthly Stipend 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.

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.

Summer Fair

SAT 14 JUNE | 12-4PM

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY BALLYHACKAMORE

Bouncy Castles | Face Painting
Live Music | Stalls | Teddy Tombola | BBQ
Everyone very welcome

All proceeds go to St Joseph's PTA
Charity no 108594

Purchase tokens on entry to pay for food & activities



AN EVENING OF MUSIC & SONG WITH FR SEAN

SUNDAY
1 JUNE
AT 7PM

CHURCH OF
IMMACULATE
HEART OF
MARY

RETIRING COLLECTION
IN AID OF
GAZA &
SUDAN



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



Churches Together Pentecost Service

Sunday 8th June at 4.30pm

Clonard Monastery, Belfast

Preacher: Rev Danielle McCullagh
(Chaplain, Q.U.B.)

As we celebrate 1700 years of the
Council of Nicaea, our theme is
'The Spirit of Unity'

Everyone is welcome

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