

PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE

BALLYHACKAMORE

PENTECOST SUNDAY

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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,

ST COLMCILLE'S PARISH

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PARISH OFFICE:
Monday & Friday 2pm-4pm,
Wednesday 8am-10.30am

Today, we rejoice in the great feast of Pentecost, the birthday of the Church, when the Holy Spirit descended with wind and fire and set the hearts of the disciples ablaze. That same Spirit is still at work—calling, sending, renewing.

This Pentecost, we give thanks for the many signs of life and grace in our own parish community. We celebrate the gifts of faith, friendship, and service that flow so generously here. We pray for renewal in our mission, for deeper unity, and for the courage to share the Gospel in word and deed. We also give thanks for one of our own—Fr Paul Strain, a son of this parish, who celebrates 40 years of priesthood. We honour his faithful witness and ministry, and we pray that the Lord will continue to bless him with joy and strength.

On this day of fire and sending forth, we ask the Holy Spirit to raise up new vocations to the priesthood, religious life, and missionary discipleship—especially from our own parish family. May many hear the quiet whisper or bold call to say “yes” to God’s invitation.

Come, Holy Spirit. Renew your Church. Renew our hearts. Renew this parish

St Colmcille, our patron, pray for us! Happy Feast of St Colmcille tomorrow

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 - St Colmcille's Day Mass: 6pm
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 2:1-11

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 103

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading Romans 8:8-17

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love

Alleluia!

A Reading from the Holy Gospel, John 14:15-16, 23-26

DECEASED

We pray for the repose of the soul of 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 **Catherine O'Donnell, Javier Duenas, Eulalia Soriano and Trinidad Boquiren**

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).

MONEY MATTERS

Weekly collection £949.50
May Standing Orders £3, 883.26
Digital Plate: £437.00

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 Annual Summer Sale 1st June

Thank you to all who, in any way, supported our event. Thanks to your generosity, through sales and donations we received £1800 for the Missions. Special thanks to those who turned up on Saturday evening to set up the furniture for us, to those who served tea and coffee and worked in the kitchen. We could not have done it without you.

Down & Connor Diocesan Novena to The Sacred Heart June 19th to June 27th, the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

It is with great joy as a diocese we celebrate the Novena to The Sacred Heart. This year we celebrate the 350th Anniversary of the apparitions of the Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. The Sacred Heart Novena invites you to nine days of prayer, cumulating in the celebration of the Feast of the Sacred Heart. The prayers will be available in a booklet you can pick up at Mass or read online; it will also include a piece of scripture and a reflection for each day for those who wish to go a little deeper.

Blessing and Anointing of the Sick and Housebound

A team of dedicated volunteers attend our sick and housebound parishioners weekly to bring them Holy Communion and by doing so make them aware that they are still a valued part of our parish community. It is very important that anyone who is unable to attend Mass is nourished spiritually.

On Saturday 28th June, commencing at 3.00 pm, there will be a Liturgy of Blessing and Anointing for our Sick and housebound parishioners and their carers. This will be followed by refreshments in the Parochial Hall.

You are warmly invited to come to this liturgy and in fact your help would be much appreciated.

Helpers are needed on the day as some people will need wheelchair assistance. We will need drivers and volunteers to help us make sure they are comfortable and safe in the Church and help them over to the hall and to cars, also to make and serve tea & coffee.

If you are aware of anyone who is not on the Parish list of Sick & Housebound, please let us know if they would like to attend, by contacting.

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Patricia Kernaghan: 07876395480

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Oh King of night and day?"



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




Yoga & Mindfulness to help reduce Stress & Anxiety

Join us for 6 weeks of Gentle Yoga, Deep Relaxation & Mindfulness.
Classes are every Tuesday from 19:15 – 20:15 on 17th & 24th June, 8th– 29th July 2025 in St. Colmcille's Parochial Hall.

All levels of yoga welcome from beginners to those in need of a deeply nourishing class. Classes are £10 each or £50 for all 6 classes. Contact me to book your space or to ask for more details goandrea909@gmail.com

18th - 26th June 2025
Clonard Solemn Novena
In honour of our Mother of Perpetual Help



WEEKDAYS
6:45am, 9:30am, 11:30am,
4:00pm, 6:00pm, 8:00pm.

SATURDAY and SUNDAY
6:45am, 9:30am, 11:30am,
1:30pm, 4:00pm, 6:00pm, 8:00pm.

Sacrament of the Sick
Friday, 20th June at 9:30am, 11:30am and 6:00pm

Procession in Thanksgiving to Our Mother of Perpetual Help
After the final 8:00pm Mass on Thursday, 26th June

Organised by the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference

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NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE FOR LIFE





"You gave hope to your people in a time of distress and comforted them in sorrow."

SATURDAY 21ST JUNE 2025

Join the National Pilgrimage for Life in Knock Shrine, County Mayo, as we pray for the protection of all human life - Starting at 3pm with Mass and Anointing of the Sick.

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