15th February 2026

PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE

BALLYHACKAMORE

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A
Missal Pg 576



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



ASH WEDNESDAY – THE BEGINNING OF LENT

This week we enter the holy season of Lent with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. Masses will be at 7:30am, 9:30am and 7:00pm. From Ash Wednesday and throughout Lent, there will be an additional 7:30am Mass Tuesday to Friday, giving everyone the opportunity to begin the day with the Lord.

Lent is not about giving up for the sake of it — it is about choosing life. It is a season to reset the heart, to clear space, and to allow God to renew us from within.The Church gives us three simple pillars:

Almsgiving – turning outward in love. Supporting Trócaire or another charity, being generous with time, kindness and practical help.

Fasting – becoming more conscious of what we consume. Perhaps eating more simply and offering that sacrifice in solidarity with those who have less, while strengthening our own spiritual freedom.

Prayer – making intentional time for God each day. Even 5–10 minutes of quiet prayer can reshape the direction of a whole day.

Let's make the most of this season. Lent is a gift. Let's enter it with open hearts

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THIS WEEK AT ST COLMCILLE'S

Sunday	Mass: 9.30am & 11.30am
Monday	Morning Prayer: 9.00am
Tuesday	Holy Hour, Confessions, : 6pm, Mass: 7pm.
Ash Wednesday	Mass : 7:30am, 9.30am.& 7pm
Thursday	Mass : 7:30am, 9.30am
Friday	Morning Prayer: 9.00am Mass: 7:30am, 9.30am
Saturday	Confession : 5.00pm – 5.20pm Vigil Mass: 5.30pm

MASS THIS SUNDAY

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20

Psalm 118

They are happy who follow God's law!

Second Reading: Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

DECEASED

We pray for the repose of the souls of all those who have died recently.
We also remember in prayer all those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Eileen Kennedy, Matthew Dalton, James Dalton, Eva Haan, Frank Mc Evoy, Teresa Judge, Joan Thompson

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.

Evening Prayer across the Vicariate

The priests and deacons of the Vicariate will gather for Evening Prayer every Sunday in Lent across the Vicariate.

Parishioners are invited to join them in prayer if they can at 7.30pm.

1st Sunday Lent 22nd February Carryduff

2nd Sunday Lent 1st March Holy Rosary

3rd Sunday Lent 8th March St Brigids

4th Sunday Lent 15th March St Matthews

5th Sunday Lent 22nd March St Malachys

6th Sunday Lent 29th March St Colmcilles

There will be **Penitential Services** in St Brigid's Church on Palm Sunday 29th March at 4.00pm

St Colmcille's Church on Tuesday 31st March at 7.00pm



Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Abuse

In Ireland, a Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse is marked each year on the Friday immediately following Ash Wednesday. This year it will be marked across Ireland on Friday 20th February 2026

This day is not only for victims and survivors who have been so severely injured inside our Church, but also for the families and communities affected by the pain and grief of their loved ones.

MONEY MATTERS

Weekly Collection: £1270.79.

Many thanks to all those who so generously donated.

RCIA/Faith Formation Course

The course continues on Thursday 19th at 7pm in the **parochial house**. All are welcome. Please email Ollie for more details.

Wednesday morning Scripture Course

After the 9:30am mass on Wednesday, there will be a short (20/30 min) video course on the book of Acts from the St Paul Center in the parish hall. Contact Ollie for more details.

Apostolic Work

On Sunday 22nd February Apostolic Work would like to invite you a Fundraising Coffee Morning. After the 9.30 Mass we will have tea / coffee with scones and after the 11.30 Mass we will have the Lenten Lunch of soup and wheaten bread. On Saturday 21st there will be a church door collection.

We look forward to your support.

Trocaire

"Next Sunday we are delighted to welcome Trócaire volunteer Aideen D'Arcy to speak at the end of our Parish Masses to bring us up to date with Trócaire's work and their 2026 Lenten Campaign.

Please pick up a Trócaire envelope from the church porch and support Trócaire in making a real difference in the lives of families like Uwamahoro's who are featured in this year's campaign."



The parish are keen to put on a "Stars in their Eyes" FUNdraiser in October! We would love it to be a whole parish event and with that in mind we would need help/volunteers in any one or more of the following areas -

1. Solo or Group Music Acts
2. Technical-Sound-Lights PowerPoint-Videos
3. Staging
4. Art Design
5. Back stage management
6. Front of House- tickets,posters
7. Costumes/Sewing
8. Makeup
9. Music Mentors
10. Choreography mentors

PLEASE COME ON BOARD FOR WHAT IS SURE TO BE A FANTASTIC PARISH EVENT!

Please contact Aurora on 07833668599 to express your interest.

Scan to give feedback on Hearts on Fire

Useful Contacts

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