1st March 2026

PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE
BALLYHACKAMORE

Second Sunday in Lent
Year A
Missal Pg 118



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

Parish Renewal Day – Grateful for the Journey, Hopeful for the Future

Last Saturday our Parish Engagement Group gathered for a Renewal Day, marking almost three years of faithful leadership, prayer, discernment and service. It was a moment to pause and give thanks — for the generosity of those who said "yes," for the conversations that weren't always easy, for the courage to try new things, and for the deep love for our parish that has carried us to this point.

So much has happened over these past years. What began as a desire to move from maintenance to mission has grown into something tangible and real in the life of our community. We are deeply grateful to every member of the Parish Engagement Group, past and present, who has helped lay foundations for renewal. Your commitment, wisdom and perseverance have borne fruit.

Following our Hearts on Fire Conference, there is a strong sense that we are stepping into a new chapter. Not a different story — but the next page of the same story God has been writing among us. Renewal is not a one-day event; it is a way of living. It is the daily choice to be a parish that prays deeply, welcomes warmly, and reaches outward courageously.

There is a real momentum among us. Let us protect it. Let us nurture it. Let us move forward together with confidence and trust in the Holy Spirit, who has guided us thus far and will not abandon the work He has begun.

The best is not behind us. With gratitude for the journey so far, we look forward with hope to all that we will do — together — in the months and years ahead





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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.
Wednesday	Mass : 7:30am & 9.30am
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: Genesis 12:1-4

Psalm 32

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Second Reading: Timothy 1:8-10

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: ' This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

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:

Mark Mullaly, Cojofifina Colina, Gavin Power, Sean Mc Carthy

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.

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

MONEY MATTERS

Weekly Collection: £1105.11

Monthly Stipend Collection will be taken up this weekend.

Many thanks to all those who so generously donated

RCIA/Faith Formation Course

The course continues on this Thursday at 7pm in the parish hall. We will be looking at the Sacraments of initiation: baptism and confirmation 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

Prayer & Praise

All are welcome to our Friday Prayer and Praise evenings. The night begins with an hour of adoration in the church accompanied by praise and worship music and finishes with a time of fellowship and food in the parish hall. It runs from 6.30-8.30 for ages 16 and up. We'd love to see you there!

What's Ignite?

Ignite is our weekly faith-based youth club for 14–17-year-olds. The club is on every Thursday night at 6:30 PM to 8 PM. We have games, discussion, and the opportunity to go deeper into your relationship with God . We want to encourage young people to love Jesus and embrace the life of the Church!



A Life of Adoration, Prayer, Intercession for the World
Vocation Discernment Weekends
20- 22nd March 2026
17-19th April 2026
Single Women
Age (18-35)
Please contact:
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The Shroud of Turin

The Knights of St. Columbanus have organised a talk on the Shroud of Turin. An overview of scientific research followed by discussion.

The talk will be delivered by Ulster University Professor Emeritus, Dr. Pauric McGowan - A Postgraduate of Turin Shroud Studies at the Pontifical University, Rome.

It will take place on Sunday 22nd March at 7pm in the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Carryduff

St Patrick's Way Pilgrim Walk

☘Don't miss a DIVINE invitation to come on St Patrick's Way Pilgrim Walk in Downpatrick with guides Martina Purdy & Elaine Kelly on Sat March 14 in honour of Ireland's patron saint and the 25th Anniversary of The Saint Patrick Centre. Includes the fabulous 180° IMAX film of St Patrick, with internal bus transfers, pilgrimage lunch, an authentic Camino passport and a 6 mile pilgrimage walk finishing at St Patrick's grave. A special 25% discount price is on offer of £40 (normally £55) To book ring 02844 61900 or www.thesaintpatrickcentre.com ☘

STARS IN THEIR EYES

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.

Useful Contacts

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Parish Office: Tues & Thurs 2pm-4pm, Wednesday 8am-10.30am