22nd February 2026

PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE

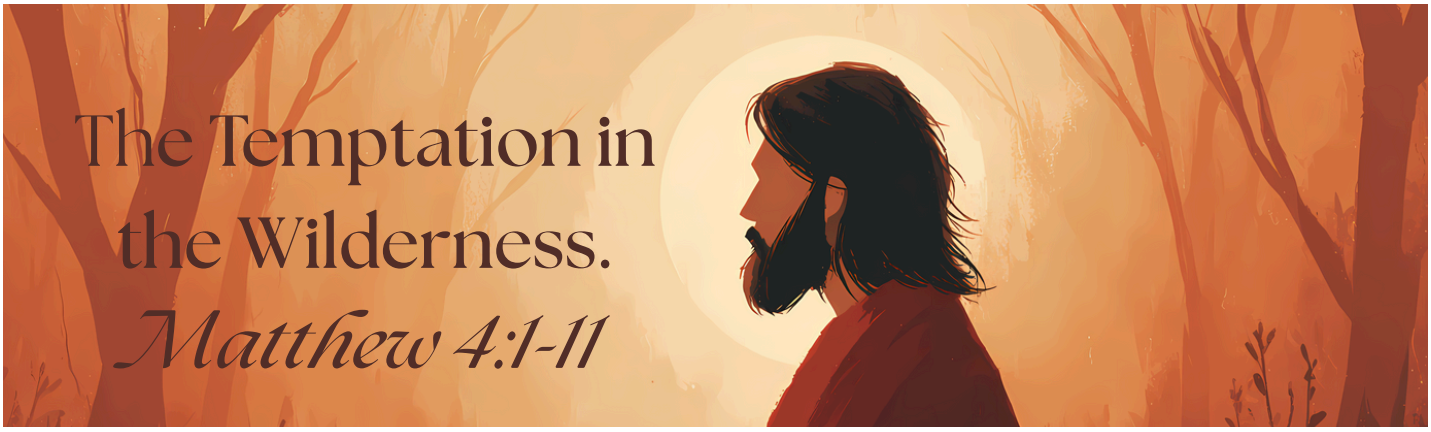
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First Sunday in Lent Year A

Missal Pg 113



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



Lent: Love in Action

Lent invites us to make our world a better place — not only through prayer and fasting, but through practical love expressed in almsgiving.

We are delighted to welcome Trócaire to our parish this weekend to speak about their vital work. Please do take a Trócaire box home with you, or scan the QR code to make your contribution. Even the smallest sacrifice, offered generously, can bring real hope and dignity to those most in need.

A sincere word of thanks to our Laudato Si' Group who organised and coordinated Trócaire's visit. Your commitment to care for our common home and to stand in solidarity with the vulnerable is a beautiful witness to the Gospel in action. We are deeply grateful for your initiative and quiet leadership.

The Apostolic Work Society are also hosting their Lenten tea and lunch this weekend — a lovely opportunity to gather as a parish community while continuing to support the missions.

Through these small but faithful steps this Lent, may we grow in compassion, generosity and love.

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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 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Psalm 50

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Second Reading: ROMANS 5:12-19

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

DECEASED

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Joe Mc Shane & Anna Szadkowska** and all those who have died recently.

We also remember in prayer all those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Edward O'Neill, Moya Dalton, Maureen McGonnell, Gabriel Mullaly (Snr), Gerry Keane

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

MONEY MATTERS

Weekly Collection: £1141.58

Sick & Retired Priests Collection: £769.20

Monthly Stipend Collection will be taken up next 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!

Apostolic Work

This Sunday, 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.

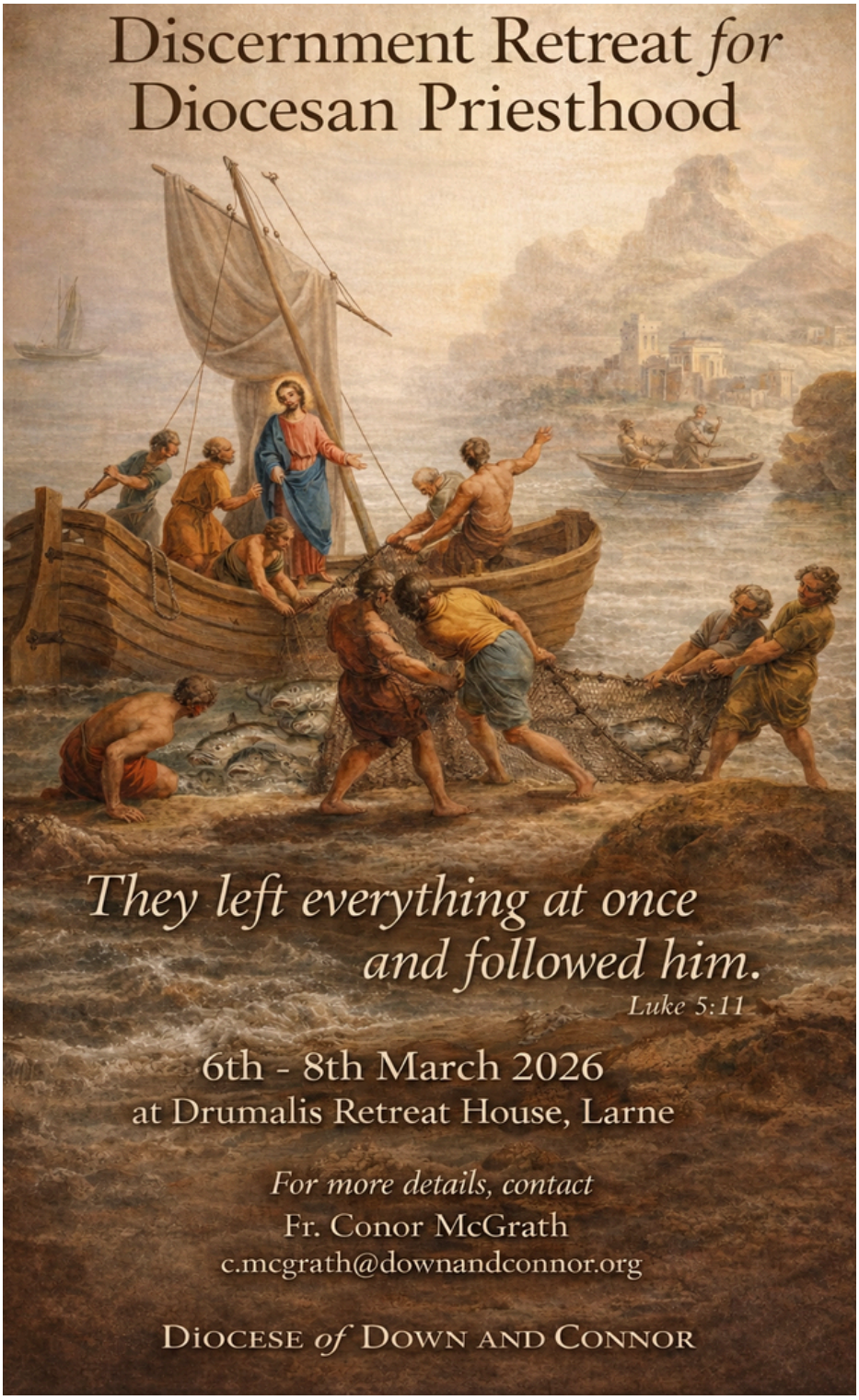
11th Belfast Scout Group

On Saturday 7th February, in the Stormont Hotel, 149 guests celebrated 60 years of Scouting in St. Colmcilles. Ex members from every decade since the reformation of the Scout Group in 1965 attended, some travelling from Great Britain and further afield from the United States. Special guests included Fr. McGrath, the Chief Scout, Eoin Callanhan, who travelled from Cork and fellow Scout Leaders from Dublin and local Groups.

The night was voted an outstanding success by all who attended, with everyone looking forward to the Group's 65th anniversary celebrations!

Sensory Mass Invitation

Our monthly Sensory-Friendly Mass will be held on next Saturday, 28th February at 12:00 noon. This special shorter Mass is designed to help young people and adults, with sensory sensitivities, benefit from a more relaxed and quieter worship environment. Please consider who you could alert to this invitation. Refreshments after Mass in the parish centre, with supervised quiet activities for all.



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