15th March 2026

# PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE

## BALLYHACKAMORE

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**
**Year A**
Missal Pg 128



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

**St Patrick and St Joseph – Two Great Feasts This Week**



This week we celebrate two very special feasts in the life of the Church and in the life of Ireland.

On Tuesday 17th March we celebrate the Feast of St Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. Patrick's courage, faith and missionary spirit helped plant the seeds of the Gospel in this land, and through his witness generations have come to know the love of Christ. In giving thanks for the gift of faith in Ireland, we also remember that Patrick himself was once a stranger here who became a missionary to the people he came to love.

To mark the feast there will be a Vigil Mass on Monday evening at 7.00pm, and Mass on the Feast Day itself at 11.30am. Everyone is warmly invited to join us as we honour our national patron and give thanks for the faith that has been handed down to us.



Later in the week, on Thursday 19th March, the Church celebrates the Feast of St Joseph, the husband of Mary and foster father of Jesus. Joseph is the quiet guardian of the Holy Family, a man of deep faith, trust and obedience to God. His example reminds us that holiness is often found in faithful service, humility and care for those entrusted to us.

St Patrick and St Joseph both remind us that God works through ordinary people who respond generously to His call.

We wish everyone celebrating their patron saint or national feast day this week a very happy and blessed celebration.

Have a blessed week, Fr Conor

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## THIS WEEK AT ST COLMCILLE'S

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| Sunday | Mass: 9.30am & 11.30am |
| Monday | Morning Prayer: 9.00am |
| Tuesday | Holy Hour, Confessions, : 6pm, Mass: 7:30am & 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**: 1 Samuel 16: 6-7, 10-13

**Psalm 22**

**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

**Second Reading**: Ephesians 5: 8-14

**Gospel Acclamation**

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

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**Gospel: John 9:1-41**

## DECEASED

We pray for the repose of the souls of all those who have died recently:

**Friedrich Werner Bock**

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

**Paddy Macauly, Michael Bartlett, Bernard and Peter Neeson**

## 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.

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: £1369.07

The Collection for Needy Parishes will be taken up at all Masses 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 Sacrament of Penance. 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.

## Belfast Jesuit Centre:
## Faith & Film Night – Silence (2016)

Join us for our Faith & Film Evening on Thursday **26th March, 7–10pm.**

Featuring Silence, a powerful film about faith and courage in 17th-century Japan, followed by optional discussion.

All welcome. Light refreshments provided.

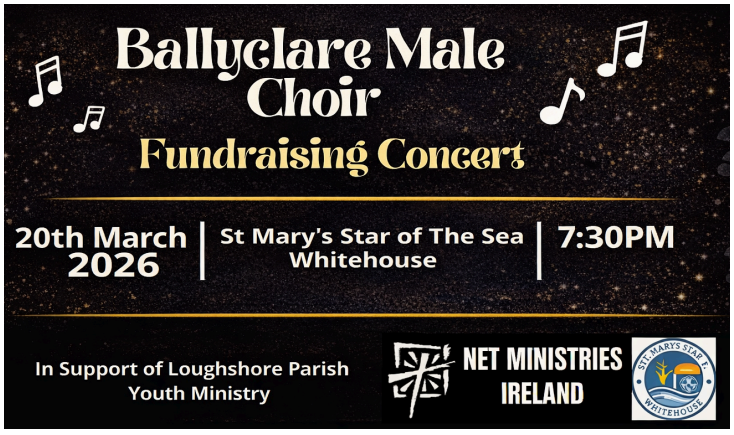
## Prayer & Praise

Join us for Friday Prayer & Praise!

An hour of Adoration with praise and worship music, followed by food and fellowship in the parish hall. 6:30-8:30pm, Ages 16+, All are welcome!

## What's Ignite?

Ignite is our weekly faith-based youth club for ages 14–17, held every Thursday from 6:30–8:00pm. Enjoy games, discussion, and a chance to grow in your relationship with God while discovering the life of the Church.







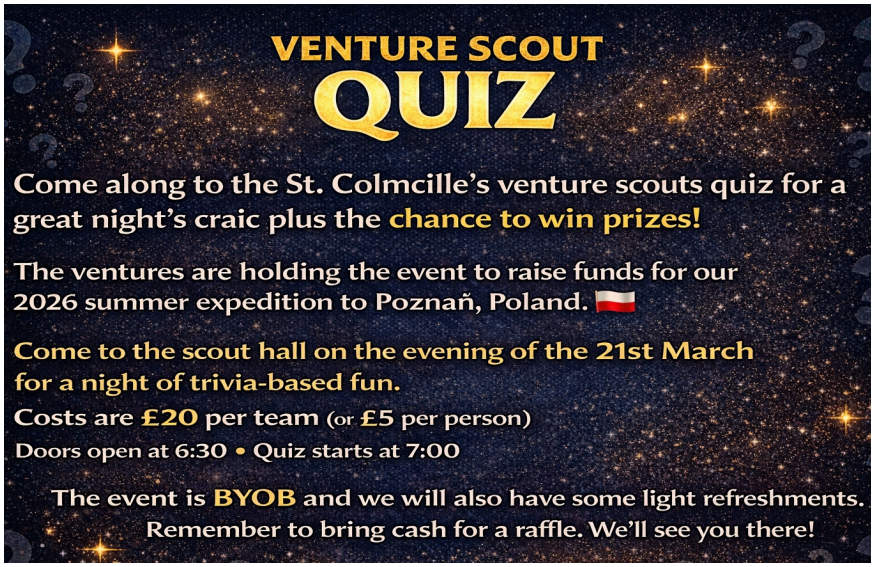


## The Shroud of Turin

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** ☘

### Saint Patrick's Dawn Prayer Gatherings

Christians from all denominations will gather at Saint Patrick's grave in Downpatrick at 5:45 am, 17th March, to pray The Our Father/ Lord's Prayer, one hundred times for peace and unity in Christ. Everyone welcome. Please spread the word and consider organising a Saint Patrick's Dawn Prayer Gathering in your own area - For a straightforward guide contact **legacyofsaintpatrick@gmail.com**




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