PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE
BALLYHACKAMORE

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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

As we enter into Holy Week, we step into the most sacred days of the Church's year, not as spectators, but as participants in the saving mystery of Christ's passion, death, and resurrection.

These are not simply ceremonies to observe, but moments to enter into. Each liturgy invites us to walk closely with the Lord: to stand with Him in the Upper Room, to keep watch at the Cross, and to rejoice at the empty tomb. I want to warmly encourage you, as individuals, families, and as a parish, to make a real commitment this week to be present.

This year is especially joyful for us as a parish. At the Easter Vigil, we look forward with great anticipation to the baptism of three young adults and the reception of five others into full communion with the Church. Their "yes" to Christ is a powerful reminder to all of us of the beauty of faith, and an invitation to renew our own.

A key part of that renewal is the grace of Reconciliation. Our Parish Penitential Service on Tuesday at 7:30pm will be a wonderful opportunity to encounter the Lord's mercy. There will be a number of visiting priests available, and I want to express sincere gratitude, both from myself and Fr Anthony, to our brother priests who generously assist us during what is a particularly busy and grace-filled week in the life of the Church.

If it has been some time since you last went to confession, this is the moment. Come as you are. The Lord is waiting for you.

Let us enter these holy days together, with open hearts, ready to walk with Christ, and ready to be renewed by His love.

Have a blessed week, Fr Conor

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THIS WEEK AT ST COLMCILLE'S

PALM SUNDAY
Procession and Mass: 9.30 am and 11.30 am
Pentitential services in St Brigid's Church: 4.00 pm
Evening prayer: 7.30 pm

TUESDAY
Masses: 7.30 am 7.00 pm
Adoration: 6 pm
Confessions: 7.30 -8.30 pm

SPY WEDNESDAY
Masses: 7.30 am,
12 noon Chrism Mass at St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast
Office of Tenebrae: 9 pm

HOLY THURSDAY
Morning prayer: 9.30 am
Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7 pm

GOOD FRIDAY:
Morning prayer: 9.30 am
Passion of the Lord: 3.00 pm
Way of the Cross: 7 pm

HOLY SATURDAY
Morning prayer: 9.30 am
Solemn Easter Vigil: 9.00 pm

EASTER SUNDAY
Masses: 09.30 am and 11.30 am

MASS THIS SUNDAY

First Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-7
Psalm 21
My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Second Reading: Philippians 2: 6-11
Gospel Acclamation
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory:
Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.
Gospel: Matthew 26: 14 - 27: 66

DECEASED

We pray for the repose of the souls of all those who have died recently.
Dervla Morris, Eleanor Vint
We also remember in prayer all those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Flora Fe Castillano, Maureen Brogan, Eileen Connor, Edward Judge, Norman Fusco.

ANNIVERSARIES

If you would like an Anniversary Mass booked please contact the Parish Office by phone or email.

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 at **St Colmcilles on 29th March at 7.30pm**.

MONEY MATTERS

Weekly collection - **£1,235.00**
St Patrick's Day Collection - **£395.78**

Trocaire Boxes - can be returned to the parish via: the collection baskets; the sacristy after any of the Masses; the parish office. It would be greatly appreciated if you could change the loose coins in the box into notes. Donations to Trócaire can also be made by via card payments at the machine in the church foyer.

Collections for Catholics for the Holy Land will be taken up this Friday (Good Friday) at both Liturgies. The Easter Voluntary Collection for the support of the priests in the Diocese will be taken up next weekend.

12-HOUR VIGIL

St Brigid's Parish warmly invite your parishioners to take part in a 12-hour Vigil of Prayer beginning after the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday (7.00pm) and continuing through the night until 7.00am on Good Friday.

You are invited to commit to just one hour of prayer as we accompany Christ during the sacred hours of His Passion in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Each hour will include guided reflections, the Rosary, Prayer of the Faithful, silent prayer and Taizé chants, led by different parish groups.

RECHARGE

is a young adult group based in St Colmcille's Church in East Belfast for 18- to 35-year-olds. We meet twice a month to "recharge" our spiritual batteries through prayer, intellectual formation and friendship.

All are welcome!
Dates for your diary for April:

Tuesday **7th April @7.30pm**: Holy Hour with Adoration followed by drinks in the Hearth Bar.

Tuesday **21st April @7.30pm**: Group Study course followed by social.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Calling ALL ADORERS of the Blessed Sacrament in Down & Connor Diocese
National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday 19th April
(weekend after Divine Mercy) details on www.eucharisticadoration.ie

Ring **Una** for the bus leaving Toome, at **077 4357 5969**
Patricia (Belfast bus) **07972 103 130**
Patrick 07963 581 543

Good Friday Falls/Shankill Annual Inter-Church Prayer Walk - will take place on Good Friday 3rd April, beginning at 4.45pm in front of Clonard Church, stopping midway at Shankill Methodist for a brief prayer, and returning to Clonard by 6pm. At this precarious time in our world, we commit ourselves once again - in the footsteps of Jesus - to His ministry of reconciliation and peace. All are welcome.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:

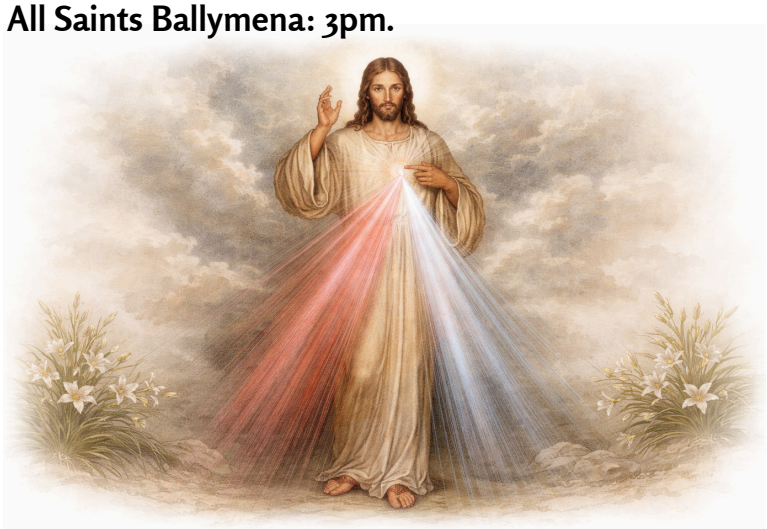
Would you like your soul to be as pure as on the day you were baptised?

If the answer is yes, read on. St. Pope John Paul II canonised a Polish mystic, Sister Faustina (1905 – 1938), on the Sunday after Easter in 2000 and declared that, from then on, the second Sunday of Easter would be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

In a revelation to Sister Faustina (recorded in her Diary 1109), Jesus told her, 'I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to confessions and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy' (Divine Mercy Sunday).

The conditions for receiving this great grace, including going to confessions, can be fulfilled by attending any of the following Churches on **Divine Mercy Sunday, 12 April** this year.

- **St Peter's Cathedral: 2pm**
- **Mater Dei, Crumlin: 2pm**
- **Sacred Heart, Oldpark Rd: 2pm**
- **All Saints Ballymena: 3pm.**



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Every Thursday, 7 - 8pm in St James' Church, Whiteabbey.

All are welcome. We especially encourage youth and young adults to come and spend some time with the Blessed Sacrament in an hour of praise and worship.



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