19th April 2026

PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE

BALLYHACKAMORE

Third Sunday of Easter
Year A
Missal Pg 301



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

This weekend, we are delighted to welcome the **Medical Missionaries of Mary,** who will join us to speak about their work and mission. Their presence among us is a powerful reminder of the Church's call to bring the love and healing of Christ to those most in need across the world. I encourage you to listen with open hearts and to support them generously.

At the same time, I would like to invite you to join me and parishes across the diocese in praying a Vocations Novena, beginning this Saturday and continuing until Good Shepherd Sunday.

We pray that the Lord will raise up generous men to serve His people as priests, and that our parish may play its part in fostering a culture where His call can be heard and answered.

Whether through a simple daily prayer or by sharing the novena with others, your participation truly matters.

Let us be a parish that supports the mission of the Church both at home and across the world, and one that listens attentively for the voice of the Lord still calling today.



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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, : 6.00pm, Mass: 7.00pm.
Wednesday	Mass: 9.30am
Thursday	Mass: 9.30am
Friday	Morning Prayer: 9.00am Mass: 9.30am
Saturday	Confession : 5.00pm – 5.20pm Vigil Mass: 5.30pm

MASS THIS SUNDAY

First Reading: Acts 2: 14, 22-33

Psalm 15

Show us, Lord, the path of life.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1: 17-21

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 24: 13-35

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:
Gerald Vallely, Gintautas Nastulevicius, Lucy Traynor, Gerry Hughes, Alice Doyle and Brigid Erwin

ANNIVERSARIES

If you would like an Anniversary Mass booked please contact the Parish Office on 90654157 or email stcolmcilles@downandconnor.org.

Money Matters

Weekly Collection:
Sunday 5th April - **£1420.27**
Sunday 12th April - **£1138.41**
Catholics in the Holyland - **£1313.77**
Trocaire to date – **£35454.89**.
Please return your Trocaire boxes to the parish as soon as possible.
Thank you to all who kindly donated.

Camel Racing and Disco

Friday 5th June in Parochial Hall. Doors open at 7.30 pm; first race at 8.00 pm. £5 entry fee. More details will follow closer to the time.

Catholic Mothers Ireland

An Evening of Peace, Encouragement & Faith For Women and Mothers
Join **Catherine DiNuzzio** for a gentle, faith-filled evening offering hope and practical guidance for navigating anxiety with the peace of Christ.
Wed 22nd April | 7.30pm St Peter's Lurgan. Co. Armagh

Ongoing Formation Course

An ongoing formation course will begin on **Wednesday, 22nd April at 7 pm** in the **Iona room**, where we will be looking at key figures in the history of the Church using Bishop Barron's 'Pivotal Players' video series, amongst other things. We will begin by looking at Saint Augustine. All are welcome. Please contact Ollie by email for more information.

Sensory Mass Invitation

Our monthly Sensory-Friendly Mass will be held next **Saturday, 25th April at 12:00 noon**. This is an opportunity for families to attend together, in a special, shorter Mass, when movements around the church and noisy attendees are welcomed. It is especially helpful to some with autism, dementia and those who feel overwhelmed in crowded places. Please consider who you could alert to this invitation. **Refreshments after Mass in the parish centre.**

JOB ADVERTISEMENTS:

Dominican convent community in West Belfast.

Caretaker/ Maintenance Role (Part-Time)
Hours: 16–18 hours per week
Rate: £14.85 per hour (or commensurate with experience)
Contact: Caitríona Smyth
Email: caitrionaionahouse@gmail.com

St Matthew's Parish

Housekeeper Role
Hours: 16–18 hours per week
Rate: £12.71 gross per hour
Contact: Diocesan website
http://www.downandconnor.org

Wednesday Scripture Course

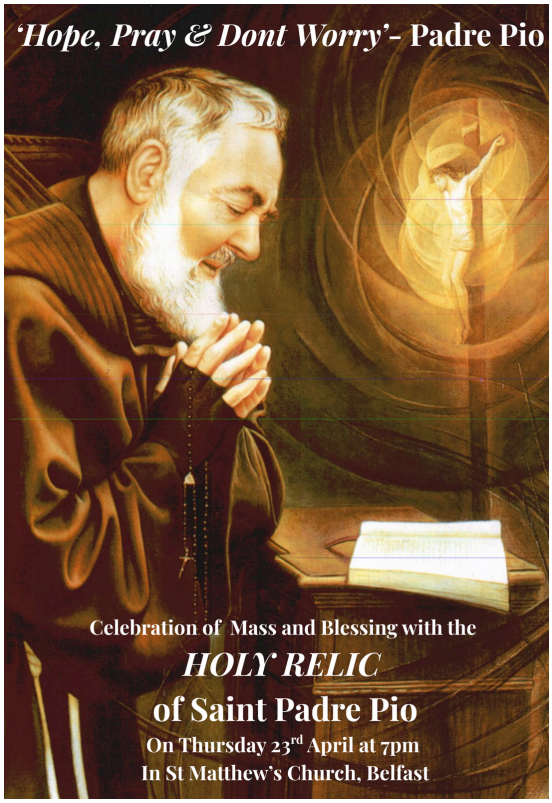
The Wednesday Scripture course will be restarting on **Wednesday, 22nd of April,** immediately **after the 9:30 am mass** in the parish hall. All are welcome.

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:

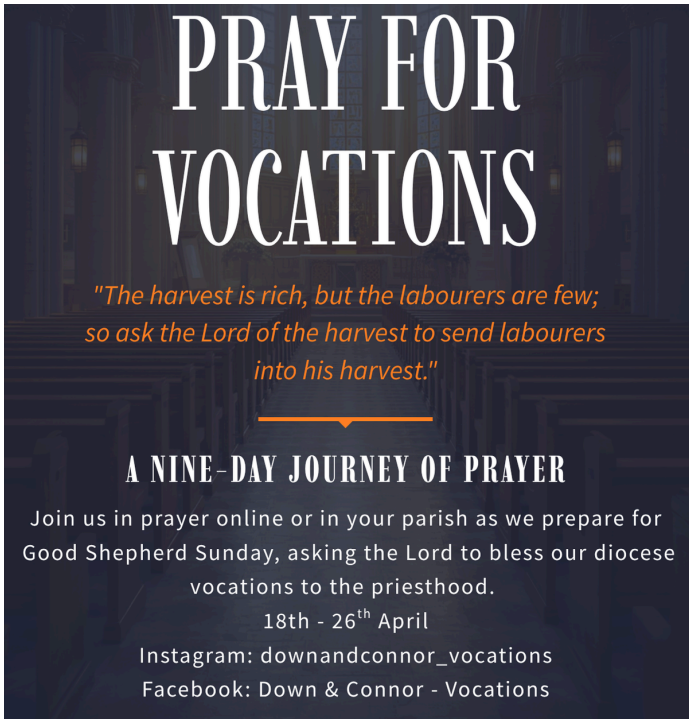
- **Tuesday 21st April** @7.30pm: Group Study course followed by social.

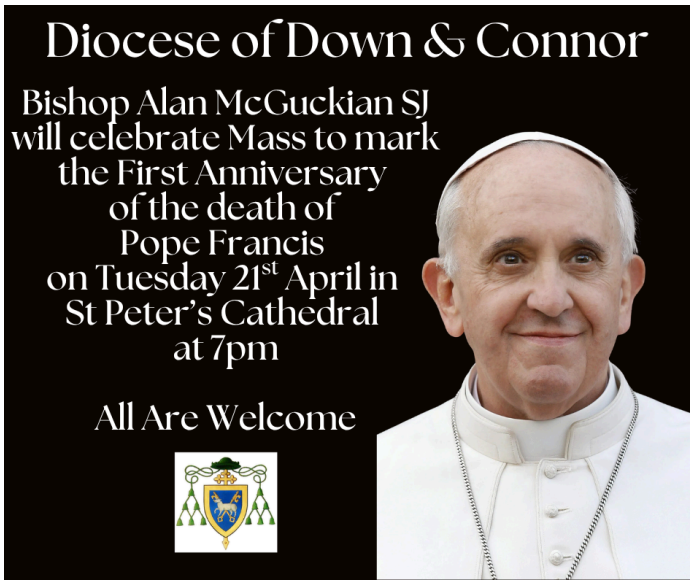


PROSTRATE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Hosted by Patrick McCrystal, Executive Director of Human Life International (Ireland), **Saturday 25th April at 7pm** at the **Drummond Hotel**, Limavady, Co Derry BT49 9HP, an evening of Encouragement, Proclamation, Repentance, Seeking God's mercy for our Nation and Prayer for Healing. **ALL WELCOME!**







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