12th April 2026

PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE

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Second Sunday of Easter Year A

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

Divine Mercy Sunday meets us where we are.

At the end of Easter week, the Risen Lord comes to His disciples not with reproach, but with peace. He shows them His wounds and says, "Peace be with you." This is the heart of mercy God meets us in our weakness and offers us healing, forgiveness and a new beginning.

This feast is a beautiful invitation to trust again. No matter how long it has been, we can always turn back to the Lord and receive His mercy.



As we do, we also look outward. The Church needs men and women who will respond to God's call, and vocations begin in prayer. I invite you to join our Vocations Novena beginning on Saturday 18th April, asking the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into His vineyard.

Let us receive His mercy, and ask for the grace to follow Him.

Jesus, I trust in You.

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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: 9.30am, 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: 42-47

Psalm 117

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, for His love has no end.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1: 3-9

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: "You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe." Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20: 19-31

DECEASED

We pray for the repose of the souls of all those who have died recently:
Eleanor Vint, Adrian Byrne

We also remember in prayer all those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Ann Adair, Brendan Bustard, Anne Stewart, Gerald Vallely, Danny Acton, Agnes Acton, John Collins, Zenaida Fabia, Dermot Allister

ANNIVERSARIES

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

MMM

The Medical Missionaries of Mary have been invited to visit us in Down and Connor this year and will be with us here in St. Colmcille's on the weekend of 18th & 19th April 2026. They will speak of their work, mainly in Africa and South America, and their mission to bring Christ's healing love to those most in need. Our parish and our diocese has supported MMM generously in the past, both in finance and in prayer, and MMM wishes to express gratitude for that support and to emphasise that we here at home are the body of mission, and those who are sent to far away places are the hands and the feet. When they speak to us and share their story they serve as a connection between us and those whom they serve.

CARETAKER / MAINTENANCE ROLE (Part-Time)

A part-time caretaker/maintenance person is required for a Dominican convent community in West Belfast.

Hours: 16–18 hours per week
Rate: £14.85 per hour (or commensurate with experience)

Duties include general maintenance, upkeep of building and grounds, and supporting the day-to-day needs of the convent community. Applicants should have practical maintenance experience, be reliable, able to work independently, and hold a full clean driving licence.

For further information or to request an application, please contact Caitríona Smyth
Email: caitrionaionahouse@gmail.com

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.

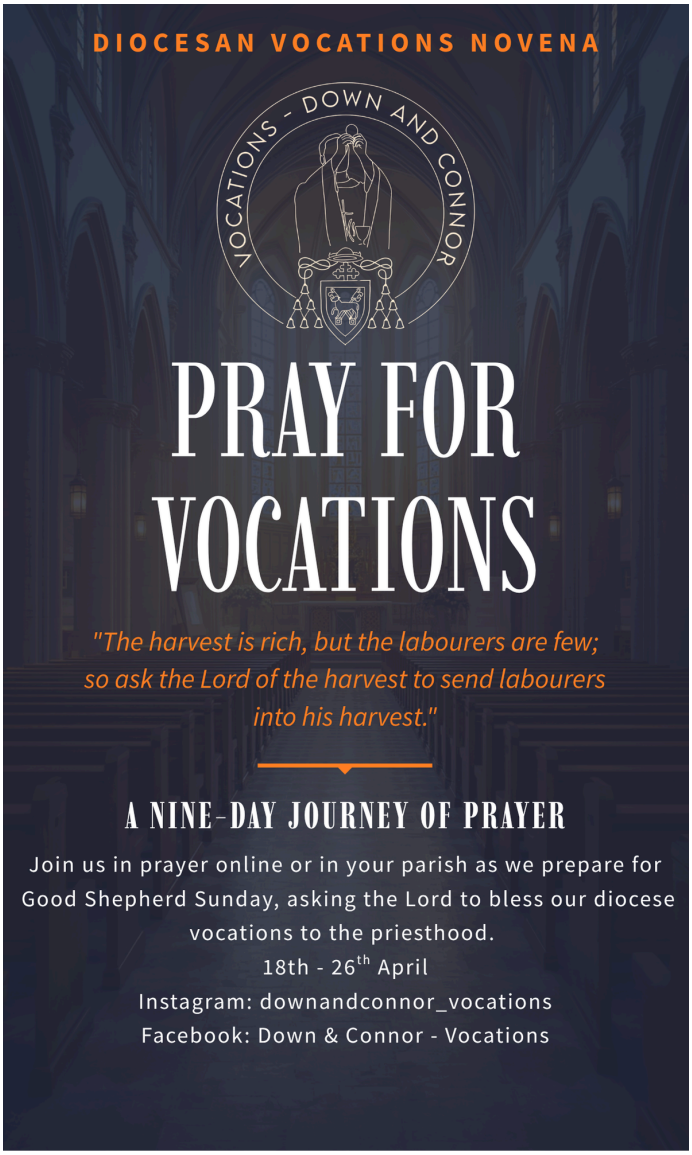
In a revelation to Sister Faustina (recorded in her Diary 1109), Jesus told her, 'I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to confessions and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy' (Divine Mercy Sunday).

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**
- **Sacred Heart, Oldpark Rd: 2pm**



Both parishes would greatly welcome the assistance of confessors from 2pm.



Responding to the Cry of the Earth:

Parishioners are warmly invited to join our Parish Laudato Si group and members of Stormont Presbyterian Church congregation on **Saturday 18 April 2026 at 11.00am in Tullycarnet Park.**

With the kind cooperation of Belfast City Council we plan to clear and tidy up around the 150 trees we already planted there in the previous two years and to plant 50 new trees.

No experience is necessary. Please come along and help. We do this as a symbol of our commitment to care more deeply for our common home. "All of us can co-operate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents." (Laudato Si, 14).

For more information or to confirm your attendance, contact B**rian McLoughlin 07738292160.**



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.

Useful Contacts

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