10th May 2026

PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE

BALLYHACKAMORE

Sixth Sunday of Easter
Year A
Missal Pg 314



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

Thank you sincerely to everyone who supported and contributed towards our Belfast Marathon relay team in aid of Mary's Meals, we raised the remarkable total of £6,429, which is a truly staggering amount and greatly appreciated. Thankfully, my legs have just about recovered!

You will notice that work on the new lighting in the church is now well underway and we look forward to seeing everything fully illuminated in the weeks ahead. As with any major project, it will take a little bit of time for everything to settle fully into place, but already the difference is very encouraging.

We also look forward to our First Holy Communion celebrations next Saturday. Please keep all of the children and their families in your prayers at this special time. Please also remember our young people preparing for Confirmation on the 23rd of May.







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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 8: 5-8, 14-17

Psalm 65

Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3: 15-18

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him." Alleluia!

Gospel: John 14: 15-21

DECEASED

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

Stella Browne

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

William Kells, Michael Kelly, Noelle Magennis, Teresa O'Neill and Peggy McCrarren

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 - £753.20
Trocaire to date – £7491.66 Please return your Trocaire boxes to the parish as soon as possible. Thank you.
The Collection for Education of the Diocesan Students for the priesthood will be taken up at all Masses next weekend
Many thanks to all who kindly donated.

Ongoing Formation Course

Join us at 7 pm on Wednesday in the Iona room to explore the life of **St John Henry Newman**. The film is part of Bishop Barron's 'Pivotal Players' series, which looks at some of the key figures in the history of the Church. All are welcome, and please contact Ollie for more information

Wednesday Scripture Course:

The Wednesday Scripture course will continue on Wednesday immediately after the 9:30 am mass in the Iona Room. All are welcome.

☘Saint Patrick's Way Pilgrim Walk

Walk in the footsteps of our Patron Saint in Downpatrick with guides:

- Martina Purdy and Elaine Kelly on **Sat 6 June and 8 August**
- Mairead Sweeney on **Sat 4 July**

begin at Saint Patrick's Centre with the fabulous 180° IMAX film of St Patrick, price includes entrance fees, internal bus transfers, pilgrimage lunch at the famous Saul Barn, plus a stamped Camino passport and a 6-mile pilgrimage walk finishing at Saint Patrick's grave. Duration **9 am-3 pm**, all for just **£55**. To book, ring 02844 619000 or go to the website: www.saintpatrickcentre.com ☘

ANNUAL PARISH CENSUS 2026

An attendance count will take place at all Masses across the Diocese on **9th - 10th May 2026.**

The annual parish census captures valuable information about the numbers, ages, and gender of people attending Mass. This information helps the Diocese and parishes to identify pastoral priorities, make plans to address them, and provide support to our faith communities.

When you arrive at Mass, you will be given counters for yourself and each member of your household. Please place them in the baskets according to age group- red for females and blue for males. The number of counters for each age band will be recorded after each Mass.

We look forward to seeing you at Mass this weekend, and thank you for your patience and cooperation.



PEG Listening Ear

Members of the **Parish Engagement Group** will be at the back of the church after every Mass this weekend **(9th - 10th May 2026)** in red lanyards.

Please feel free to stop by, share your feedback, and chat about parish activities.





The Parish Engagement Group warmly invites you to:

SAINT COLMCILLE'S PARISH FUN DAY

SUNDAY 7TH JUNE AT 12.30PM

PARISH HALL & CAR PARK

ALL ARE WELCOME

- barbecue
- petting zoo
- bouncy castles
- soft play
- entertainment

The Parish Fun Day coincides with our WALK TO MASS WEEKEND

Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home urges us, as individuals & communities of faith, to take action to address the multiple ecological crises in our world. We are called to choose a simpler lifestyle, reducing our consumption of the earth's resources.

We invite parishioners to **walk to Mass on the weekend of 6 & 7 June**. Let those of us who can, make this small act of care for our common home.

'There is a nobility in the duty to care for creation through small actions...' (L.S. 211)

The **Parish Engagement Group (PEG)** are also calling for **volunteers to help** marshal the Fun Day and to help out on the day. If you would like to volunteer some of your time, **please contact the Parish Office.**

Contact details:
Email: stcolmcilles@downandconnor.org
Text/ WhatsApp: 07879 498131
Call: 02890654157

Diocese of Down and Connor
Three Day Pilgrimage

LED BY BISHOP ALAN MCGUCKIAN SJ AND JIM DEEDS

Friday 19th – Sunday 21st June 2026

Cost: £100pp
(Includes Island admission and bus transfers)

For further information and bookings contact:
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Aid to the Church in Need
ACN IRELAND

PONTIFICAL FOUNDATION

National Pilgrimage to Knock

Saturday May 16, 2026

To give thanks to God for all the blessings he showers on us, Aid to the Church in Need is delighted to announce details of our national pilgrimage to our Eucharistic and Marian Shrine at Knock, Co. Mayo.



Chief Celebrant
Bishop William Shomali
from Jerusalem will speak about the plight of the suffering Christians in the Holy Land.

If you would like to find out more information, or to organise a bus, please contact us by

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