PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE

BALLYHACKAMORE

The Ascension of the Lord- Year A
Missal Pg 318



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

Congratulations to the children of Saint Joseph's Primary School who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday. It was a beautiful celebration of faith and a joyful day for the children, their families, teachers and all who helped prepare them for this special moment in their lives. Please continue to keep them in your prayers as they continue their journey of faith and grow in their friendship with Jesus in the Eucharist.



We now look forward to our next celebration of First Holy Communion on the 6th of June and ask the parish community to keep all of our young people preparing for the sacraments in your prayers.

This weekend we are also delighted to welcome members of our Parish Laudato Si' Group who will speak to us about our shared calling to care for God's creation. Inspired by the words of Pope Francis, they remind us that care for the earth is not simply an environmental issue but a deeply spiritual responsibility, recognising creation as a gift from God entrusted to us all.

Laudato si'

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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 1: 1-11

Psalm 46

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1: 17-23

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Go, make disciples of all the nations; I am with you always; yes, to the end of time. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 28: 16-20

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:
Monica McMahon, Joan McCarthy, Bill McCarthy, Nuala Dale

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 - **£1226.42**
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 this weekend.
Many thanks to all who kindly donated.

Ongoing Formation Course

Join us at 7 pm on Wednesday in the Iona room. 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.

LAUDATO SI' WEEK 2026- *May 17-24*

Each year in Laudato Si' week, Catholics worldwide commemorate the anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical on the care of creation and are invited to be part of the Church's response. The theme this year is **'From Hope to Action'**. A member of the Parish Laudato Si' group will speak about their work in the Parish after the Masses this weekend. Please take a few moments during the week to pray, reflect and decide what action you can take as an individual, as a family, or as a parish organisation to care for creation.
Trocaire has a list of suggestions for parishes and individuals:
https://www.trocaire.org/sites/default/files/pdfs/parishes/100-ways-to-implement-laudato-si.pdf

PARISH OFFICE:

Parish Office will be **closed** from Monday, 18th May to Thursday, 21st May. Office will open again on Friday 22nd May. Thank you.



For more information, contact Ralph: **+44 7429 996916**





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
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DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!
1-DAY RETREAT
TOBAR MHUIRE RETREAT CENTRE CROSSGAR
SAT 6TH JUNE 2026
10.00 AM – 4.00 PM
LET GO, LET GOD
"SURRENDER TO JESUS"
FOR DETAILS CONTACT:
HTTPS://WWW.TOBARMHUIRE.COM/CONTACT



APOSTOLIC WORK

would like to invite you to a Fundraising Coffee Morning on Sunday 31st May after the 9.30 and 11.30 Masses .

While we no longer have a cake stall, we will have a great display of **Bedding Plants and Tubs** for sale. We look forward to your support.



Useful Contacts

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