PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE

BALLYHACKAMORE

Pentecost Sunday-
Year A

Missal Pg 326



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

As we continue to celebrate the great feast of **Pentecost**, we offer our warm congratulations to the twelve young people of our parish who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday. Strengthened by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, may they grow ever closer to Christ and become joyful witnesses to His love in the world. We thank their families, sponsors, teachers and all who helped prepare them for this important step in faith.



We also look forward with great excitement to our celebration of the **feast of St Colmcille**, which we will anticipate on **Sunday, 7th June,** with our **Walk to Mass and Parish Fun Day**. These occasions are a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our parish family, welcome others, and give joyful witness to our faith together. Please do come along and support both events.



To help make the day possible, we are also looking for volunteers to assist in a variety of ways. If you are able to help, please email the parish office or text the parish phone number on 07879 498131. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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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 2:1-11

Psalm 103

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20:19-23

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:
Anton Craig, Jameson Soriano, Cecilio Geslani, Joan McCormick, Phelim Green, Seamus Green, and Martin Green.

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 - **£1,435.88**
Many thanks to all who kindly donated.

Ongoing Formation Course

There will **NOT** be an ongoing formation course meeting this week. The course will resume on June 3rd.

Wednesday Scripture Course:

There will **NOT** be a Wednesday Scripture Course meeting this week. The final session, looking at King David, will be on June 3rd instead.

Charity Fundraiser: Quiz 19th June

Save the date! On Friday 19th of June, there will be an evening quiz in the parish hall to raise money for Mary's Meals, a charity focussed on feeding children in education in the developing world. The event is being run by Recharge, the young adults group which meets in the parish. All are welcome, however.
More information to follow soon.

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.

Sensory-Friendly Mass Invitation

If you or a loved one experiences sensory sensitivities, or you simply wish to attend a peaceful and reflective service, we would love to see you at our parish's monthly Sensory Mass next **Saturday, 30th May at 12:00 noon.**

This special Mass is designed to be inclusive and welcoming for individuals and families who may benefit from a quieter, more relaxed worship environment. It is most suitable for those with e.g. Dementia, Autism, ADHD.

The Mass will feature: Gentle lighting and sound; A calm and supportive atmosphere; Space to move around if needed; Sensory items to aid regulation; A warm welcome for all ages and abilities.
Refreshments after Mass in the parish centre. Please share.

11th Belfast Scout Group, St. Colmcilles

For the **25th time** the parish scout troop have won **the Columbanus Shield**, the premier scoutcraft competition in Down and Connor. The group entered two patrols (teams) and secured first anf fourth place. This result qualifies the troop to enter a patrol into the All Ireland Scoutcraft competition, the Phoenix Challenge to be held in Castlesaunderson, Co. Cavan at the end of August.

This summer the cubs will camp at the County campsite, Moira Lakes, while the scouts will travel to Austria and the venture scouts to Poland.

The Belfast Jesuit Centre invites you to join our next **Faith & Film gathering**. After last month's screening of A Hidden Life, we continue our **Terrence Malick journey with The Tree of Life — a poetic, visually stunning meditation on family, creation, loss, and the search for meaning.** Screening on Thursday 28 May at 7 pm - followed by a short, reflective discussion. Everyone welcome. Small donation suggested.



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

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)

FRIDAY 5TH JUNE 2026
A NIGHT AT THE CAMEL RACES & DISCO

£5 ENTRY FEE – DOORS OPEN 7.30PM – FINISHES AT MIDNIGHT

FIRST RACE AT 8:00PM

Join us for a fun-filled evening of camel racing!
Watch as 6 wooden camels race across the grid,
moving forward with the roll of the dice until we crown a winner.

PLACE YOUR BETS
Pick your favourite camel and place a bet from as little as £1 – so bring some cash along!

BECOME A CAMEL OWNER
For £10, you can own a camel for a race. If your camel wins you'll receive £20!

MAKE A NIGHT OF IT
Grab a few friends and reserve your own table, bring your drinks and snacks, for a brilliant night out full of laughs and friendly competition.

DISCO TO FOLLOW!
Dance the night away after the races with great music and fun!

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BUY A CAMEL IN ADVANCE
PLEASE CONTACT A MEMBER OF THE SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING TEAM OR CONTACT
ROISIN - 07854 140019 | MARY - 07815 493463

Saying Goodbye
Remembrance Service
Belfast, Northern Ireland

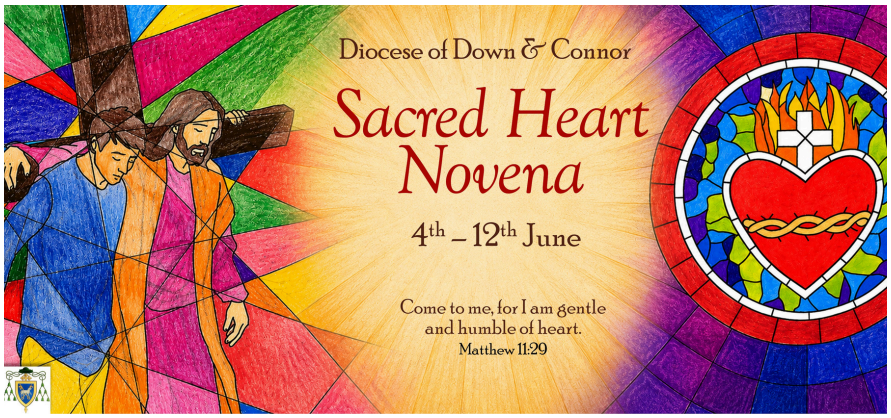
ST ANNE'S CATHEDRAL BELFAST

SUNDAY, 14 JUNE 2026, AT 3.30PM

A SERVICE FOR ANYONE WHO HAS LOST A BABY IN PREGNANCY, AT BIRTH OR IN EARLY YEARS, WHETHER THE LOSS WAS YESTERDAY OR 80 YEARS AGO. THIS EVENT IS ALSO FOR THOSE GRIEVING THAT THEY HAVE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO HAVE A CHILD.

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