

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASSES

Young people, who are not receiving preparation classes in their school for the Sacraments, are invited to evening classes held in the Parochial Hall.

First Confession and First Holy Communion classes begin on **Tuesday 7th November at 6.00pm**. Class ends at 7.00pm.

Confirmation students, Primary 7 and above, weekly class resumes, after mid term break, on **Wednesday 8th**

November, 6.00pm - 7.00pm. Enquiries to Noeleen 07879 498131 / colmcillyouth@yahoo.co.uk



PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE

BALLYHACKAMORE

29th October 2017

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Entrance Antiphon	Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.
1st Reading	If you are harsh with the widow, the orphan, my heart will flare against you. Exodus 22:20-26
Psalm	I love you, Lord, my strength.
2nd Reading	You broke with idolatry and became servants of God; you are now waiting for his Son. 1 Thessalonians 1: 5-10
Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!
Gospel	You must love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself. Matthew 22:34-40
Children	The greatest and most important commandments are to love God with all your heart and to show love to other people.
Communion Antiphon	We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

MONEY MATTERS

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday 22nd October: £ 1752.45

World Missions Collection: £ 1137.92

Many thanks to all who contributed so generously to the collections last weekend. The Monthly Stipend collection will be taken up next weekend.

PRESENTATION TO FR CIARAN

If anyone would still like to contribute to the collection for Fr Ciaran, envelopes are available at the back of the Church. A special collection basket is also available there to return your envelope to. Please also add your name to the list at the back of the Church if you are coming to the presentation night, on **Friday 10th November at 8.00pm**.

EVENTS

LIGHT FROM THE LIFE AND WORK OF LUTHER

The Focolare, Corrymeela and the Fitzroy-Clonard Fellowship, invite you to an evening of prayer, friendship and reflection with Catholic Lutheran scholar Rev Dr. Hubert Blaumeiser, **this Thursday 2nd November at 7.00pm** in the Fitzroy Presbyterian Church, 77 University St., Belfast BT7 1HL. The talk will be followed by dialogue and refreshments. All are welcome. Suggested donation £5 to help cover expenses.

DAYS OF PRAYER FOR GOD'S PEACE & HEALING

You are invited to two special Days of Prayer for God's Peace and Healing, for the future of the country, at the Stormont Hotel, **this Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th November between 1.30pm and 5.00pm**. You may come and go as you please. There will also be an opportunity for taking part in a prayer walk up to Parliament Buildings at Stormont.

Reading: Sunday : Cycle A ; p 676, 452, 499.
Weekdays: Cycle 1; 30th week in Ordinary Time; Psalter Week 2

Weekend Mass Times: Saturday: 6.30pm; Sunday: 9.30am, 11.30am.

All Saints Feast Day: Wednesday 1st November 9.30am, Vigil: Tues, 7.00pm

Weekday Mass: Tuesday to Friday: 9.30am

Mass Intentions: Saturday 6.30pm: Leo Mc Carney, Winifred Kells
Sunday 11.30am: Ann Teresa Kinsella
Tuesday 9.30am: Ethna Heaney

Chapel of Adoration: Monday & Tuesday 2.00pm-9.00pm

DECEASED

We pray for the repose of the soul of all those who have died recently especially Ethna Heaney, a former parishioner.

We also remember all those whose anniversaries are at this time, especially : Ann Teresa Kinsella, Winifred Kells and Leo Mc Carney.

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF DEVOTION TO THE HOLY SOULS

During the month of November Mass will be celebrated each day for the repose of the souls of those deceased whose names have been included in the November Dead Lists.

Lists are available at the rear of the Church. If you wish to donate an offering for the Masses, please include it with the list in the envelope provided. Completed lists can be placed in the collection baskets or in the box at the **front** of the Church, at the November Prayer Space.

ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED

The annual parish Mass for the deceased parishioners will be held on **Wednesday 15th November at 7.00pm**. Refreshments after Mass in the hall. All welcome.

PLEDGE PRAYER

Many people choose to abstain from alcohol for the month of November and offer this sacrifice up for their deceased loved ones. You can do likewise! Take the Short Term Pledge for November. Pledge Prayer:

"I promise in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary to abstain from all alcoholic drink during November."



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 13th NOVEMBER

It has been a tradition for some twenty years for parishioners of St Comcille's to attend a service on Remembrance Sunday in one of our neighbouring Protestant churches. A list has been placed at the back of the Church on which you will find the names of the various churches and the times of their services. If you can possibly attend one of their services please put your name down, stating the Church you will attend and the time of the service most suitable for you.

PARISH FAMILY

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed this week.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

All Saints Day is **this Wednesday 1st November**. Mass times are - Tuesday Vigil Mass at 7.00pm, Wednesday 9.30am. The ultimate object of veneration of the Saints is the glory of God and the sanctification of man, by conforming one's life fully to the divine will and by imitating the virtue of those who were pre-eminent disciples of the Lord.



THE LARDER FOOD BANK

Starting **next Saturday 4th November** we will be collecting food and cleaning products for the Larder Food Bank. In particular the food bank would welcome meat products and toiletries. There will be boxes in the Church porch to receive donated items.



11TH VENTURE SCOUT GROUP COFFEE MORNING

A fund raising Coffee Morning for the charity CONCERN will be held by the Venture Scouts, in the Scout Den, **next Sunday 5th November** after both Masses. All welcome.

FAMILY ADVENT WEEKEND

Need a break from routine? Do you find the run-up to Christmas stressful? Why not bring all the family to the beautiful surroundings of the Corrymeela Centre in Ballycastle and relax in the company of friends and friends-to-be from neighbouring churches? There will be separate programmes for adults and children (by age group) and crèche for pre-schoolers. The weekend will begin around **8.00pm on Friday 1st December and end after dinner on Sunday 3rd at 2.00pm**.

The costs of the weekend are as follows:

Two parents and children: £160

One parent and children: £140

Single Adult: £80

Young Adult/teenager without own family (but with another family or Youth Leader (in loco parentis):£60

For further information or a chat about the weekend, please contact Mary (07815493463), Aideen (07739837331), John (07840728477),



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

CRUSE INFORMATION EVENING

Cruse is a well-established and highly respected support service for people who are bereaved, to help them understand their grief and to learn how to cope with their loss. We are delighted a Cruse representative is coming to St. Colmcille's to give a presentation on "Understanding Grief".

The death of someone we love is likely to be one of the most distressing events we will ever face. The journey ahead can be difficult and often a lonely one. Everyone experiences grief differently; there is no "normal" or "right" way to grieve. You may not be suffering from loss yourself but coming to this session may help you know how to support a friend or work colleague who is going through bereavement.

We welcome everyone including our neighbouring churches to come along so we can understand a little more and learn about the various stages of grief that many people experience. Recognising these can often be a comfort in itself.

Date: **Tuesday 7th November 2017**

Time: **7.15 pm**

Venue: **St Colmcille's Parochial Hall**

There is no charge for this event and no prior booking required.



Keep updated, informed and widen your knowledge and outlook by investing in buying some publications, found in the Church porch

There are a number of weekly and monthly publications for sale in the Church porch. These include – newspapers and periodicals which have reports, features and opinion pieces that reflect the richness, colour and variety of Catholic culture at home and abroad.

Mary Kenny is an experienced journalist, author and broadcaster working in England and Ireland. She has written for over 30 newspapers and magazines over the course of her career. After a visit to **St Colmcille's Church** for Mass recently she wrote a note in the Irish Catholic newspaper about her impression of our Church (see overleaf).

The Irish Catholic, October 19, 2017



Warm atmosphere of St Colmcille's

The Newtownards Road in Belfast is known as a stronghold of Ulster Unionism and the Orange tradition, but I was directed, all the same, to a Catholic church on the Upper Newtownards Road called St Colmcille [pictured]. A Catholic church in the North is always called 'a chapel', but St Colmcille's is a beautiful church of quite generous dimensions.

It's decorated with an intricate Celtic filigree design (also seen at the Cathedral in Armagh), with a gold-leaf effect on the dome. The Stations of the Cross are modern, but not abstract, and there's a nice mixture of modern and traditional in the stained glass windows.

Mass attendance was impressively multi-ethnic and the guitar added a touch of gospel sound. Fr Tony Fitzsimons presides over a warm family atmosphere.

Mary Kenny