

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 **this Tuesday 7th November at 6.00pm**. Class ends at 7.00pm.

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

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



PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE

BALLYHACKAMORE

5th November 2017

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| Entrance Antiphon | Forsake me not O Lord my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord my strong salvation. |
| 1st Reading | You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. Malachi 1:14 - 2.2 8-10 |
| Psalm | Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord. |
| 2nd Reading | We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our lives as well. 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9.13 |
| Acclamation | Alleluia, alleluia! Speak Lord your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia! |
| Gospel | They do not practice what they preach. Matthew 23: 1-12 |
| Children | Jesus says we must not boast about what we do, but do everything out of love for God and other people. |
| Communion Antiphon | You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord. |

MONEY MATTERS

WEEKLY OFFERING

Many thanks to all who contributed so generously to the collections last weekend. The Monthly Stipend collection will be taken up this 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, **this Friday 10th November at 8.00pm**.

OTHER NOTICES

ST VINCENT DE PAUL QUIZ

Please note that a quiz conducted by the incomparable Brian Gilfedder will take place on **Friday 24th November** in the Church Hall as a fund-raiser for the St Vincent De Paul, starting at **8.00pm sharp**. Please BYOB.

SHOE BOX THANK YOU

Many thanks to all who contributed to the Christmas Shoe Box appeal. A total of 114 filled boxes were handed over to the Road Of Hope Charity for distribution in Eastern Europe.

HOLYWOOD PARISH

Bethany Bereavement Group in Holywood Parish invite you to the Annual Mass for the Deceased Members of the Parish which will be celebrated **this Friday 10th November at 7.00pm**.

Reading: Sunday : Cycle A ; p 680, 452, 499.
Weekdays: Cycle 1; 31st week in Ordinary Time; Psalter Week 3

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

Weekday Mass: Friday: 9.30am

Eucharistic Prayer Service: Tuesday—Thursday 9.30am

Mass Intentions: Saturday 6.30pm: Vi Vallyley

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 Vi Valley whose month's mind occurs at this time.

We also remember all those whose anniversaries are at this time, especially : Chris Graham, Colm Kerr and Teresa Wilkinson.

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 back 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 deceased parishioners will be held **next 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, on **Sunday 13th November**, please put your name down, stating the Church you will attend and the time of the service most suitable for you.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT- Tel: 07456 989458

PARISH FAMILY

PARALITURGY

The Priests of the Diocese will be attending their annual retreat this week in Drumalis Larne. We will have Eucharistic Prayer Services on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 9.30am.

THE LARDER FOOD BANK

Starting **this weekend** 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 and the MYANMAR Emergency Appeal, will be held by the Venture Scouts, in the Scout Den, **this Sunday 5th November** after both Masses. All welcome.

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 Hall to give a presentation on "Understanding Grief", **this Tuesday 7th November 2017 at 7.15 pm**. There is no charge for this event and no prior booking required

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), Gail (07576057131) or Paula (07590331477).