

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Members of St Vincent de Paul will be selling SVP Christmas cards after all Masses **this weekend**. Your family members and friends will appreciate receiving these beautiful cards this Christmas and you will be helping us to meet the needs of the poor in our local community. Cards are £3.50 per pack.

QUIZ

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

THE LARDER FOOD BANK

We are collecting food and cleaning products for the Larder Food Bank. In particular the food bank would welcome meat products and toiletries. There are boxes in the Church porch to receive donated items.



STREET COLLECTION

Saint Vincent De Paul will be holding its annual collection outside Tesco Express and the Spar at Ballyhackamore, and also Super Valu, Kings Square, at the Kings Road Shopping Centre, from 9.00am—5.00pm on **Saturday 2nd December**. Collectors are needed who are prepared to collect for one hour. Please put your name and telephone number on the sheet at the back of the Church, together with the time best suiting you to collect at the shop.

PADRE PIO PILGRIMAGE

In 2018 it is the 50th anniversary of Padre Pio's stigmata and the 100th anniversary of his death. Downe Travel have a Pilgrimage to San Giovanni Rotondo, Loreto & Montecassino from **Friday 18th to Friday 25th May 2018**, departing from Belfast. The Spiritual Director will be the Very Rev Canon Sean Rogan PE, Kilcoo.

The price is £1090 per person, single room supplement £245, for 7 nights in a 4*Hotel. This includes meals, fully escorted guided tours and all taxes. A deposit of £250 is required.

Contact Marie or Paul at Downe Travel. Tel : 028 4461 3288
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PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE

BALLYHACKAMORE

19th November 2017

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Entrance Antiphon	The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.
1st Reading	A perfect wife—who can find her! Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
Psalm	O blessed are those who fear the Lord.
2nd Reading	Let not the Day of the Lord overtake you like a thief. 1 Thessalonians 5 :1-6
Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! Even if you have to die says the Lord, keep faithful and I will give you the crown of life. Alleluia!
Gospel	You have been faithful in small things; come and join in your master's happiness. Matthew 25: 14-30
Children	Jesus tells a story about a master who gave his servants some money to use wisely for him. The master was not pleased with the lazy servant.
Communion Antiphon	To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord. Amen, I say to you: whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you will receive and it shall be given to you, says the Lord.

Reading: Sunday : Cycle A ; p 688, 452, 499.
Weekdays: Cycle 1; 33rd week in Ordinary Time; Psalter Week 1

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

Weekday Mass: Tuesday — Friday: 9.30am

Mass Intentions: Saturday 6.30pm John & Peggy Matchett
Sunday 9.30am: Christopher Robinson
Sunday 11.30am: Michael Fay, Sean McDermott

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 Bridget Magill a former parishioner.

We also remember all those whose anniversaries are at this time, especially : Michael Fay, Elizabeth Logue, John Logue, John Matchett, Peggy Matchett, Jim McCrarren, Sean McDermott, Christopher Robinson

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT- Tel: 07456 989458

PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER

This year's Over 60's Christmas Dinner will be held in Shandon Park Golf Club on **Sunday 3rd December** from 3.00pm – 6.30pm.



A four course dinner will be served from 3.30pm. Alan the 'Bandman' will be there providing his usual entertainment along with a visit from Santa. As this year's event will be outside the Parish we need to confirm **final numbers by Sunday 26th November**. If you wish to attend please provide your name, contact number and choice of meal on the spreadsheet at the back of the church.

Should you wish to make a contribution towards the cost of this celebration, envelopes will be available on the night for anonymous donations.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact anyone from the social & fundraising committee or Roisin McMullan on 07854 140019, Mary Walsh on 07815 493463 or Lucy Traynor on 07900 807589. We look forward to seeing you there.

CHRISTMAS MARKET

The Ballyhackamore Christmas Market will be in St Colmcille's Parochial Hall and Church grounds on **Saturday 9th December**, from 10.00am to 2.00pm. Santa will arrive at 11.30am.



THANK YOU

Fr Ciaran would like to thank parishioners for the wonderful night he enjoyed last Friday evening. He appreciated the kind words offered by parishioners and the generous gifts presented to him. He would also like to thank all those who contributed to the planning and work of the evening, and to those who provided the entertainment. Fr Ciaran wishes all parishioners the very best.

PARISH FAMILY

FREE COFFEE MORNING

A chance to catch up with friends and parishioners over coffee, **this Sunday 19th November** after both Masses in the hall. All welcome.

SCRIPTURE AND PRAYER GROUP

The next meeting is **this Tuesday 21st November at 8.00pm** in the parish Committee Room. Reflections will be on the last Sunday of Year A and the First Sunday of Year B.

APOSTOLIC WORK CHRISTMAS SALE

The Apostolic Christmas Sale will be held after all the Masses **next weekend, 25th and 26th November**. Tea, coffee and scones and all the usual stalls including a special Christmas stall. Please come to support the Missions. Cake and craft donations will be very welcome. If anyone can help in a practical way after any of the Masses we would be very grateful.



FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS MEETING

There will be a meeting for parents of the children who are preparing for First Holy Communion, **next Wednesday 29th November at 7.30pm** in the Parochial Hall.

MONEY MATTERS

WEEKLY OFFERING

Many thanks to all who contributed so generously to the collections. The Bishops Commission collection will be taken up at Masses this weekend.

Advent

The Catholic Church has designated the four weeks preceding Christmas as Advent, a time to prepare the way of the Lord for His coming as our King and Saviour. By participating in various time-honored traditions, such as making Jesse trees or putting up a Nativity crib at home, or increased prayer, fasting and good works, Catholic families can engage more fruitfully in the seasons of Advent and Christmas.

WALK WITH ME ADVENT BOOKLETS

The season of Advent begins on **Sunday 3rd December**. Take part in a journey of prayer for Advent by using the little **Walk With Me** booklets that you will find on a table at the back of the Church, price £1. Please put the money in one of the boxes in the wall next to the candelabra.

BELOVED DISCIPLES

An Advent DVD programme for the over sixties, 'Beloved Disciple' will be presented in the Iona Room on four Friday mornings, beginning **next Friday 24th November at 10.00am**, starting with refreshments.

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).

UNITY PILGRIMS

Some twenty years ago Ken Newell, the then Moderator of the Presbyterian Church, and the late Fr Gerry Reynolds came up with a concept of Unity Pilgrims whereby on Remembrance Sunday every year Roman Catholic congregation would send representatives to its Remembrance Services in their local Christian Churches.

St Colmcille's have been at the forefront of this plan. This year smashed even our own record by having 62 representatives attend no fewer than nine of our local Churches for their services, commencing with St Columba's Church of Ireland, at 8.15am under the leadership of Fr Tony Fitzsimons and concluding with a 7.30pm Peace Service in Belmont Presbyterian Church led by former deputy Lord Mayor of Belfast Maire Hendron. A warm word of thanks to all who attended.

A JOURNEY IN FAITH



St Colmcille's Catholic Faith Community welcomes and invites you:

- if you need to get a deeper understanding of your Catholic Faith...
- if you are seeking to return to celebrating your Faith...
- if you would like to explore and enquire into the Catholic Faith with a view possibly of Baptism...
- if you would like to explore and enquire into what it is Catholics believe ...

This Journey of Faith is an opportunity to partake with others in a journey of faith exploration and development during the season of Advent and beyond. Please share this invitation with others. For enquiries or to register contact Noeleen 07879 498131 / stcolmcilles@downandconnor.org