

## CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Get into the Christmas spirit and join our Carol Service! It will be held on **next Sunday 17th December from 5.00pm to 6.00pm** in the Church. Choirs from Our Lady & St Patrick's College Knock, St Joseph's PS choir and the Parish Choir. Light refreshments will be served afterwards in the hall. Everyone welcome.



## MONEY MATTERS

### WEEKLY OFFERING

Many thanks to all who contributed so generously to the collection.

## OTHER NEWS

### AWARD

Congratulations to St Joseph's College Ravenhill Road, who have just received the prestigious Aisling Award for Outstanding Achievement in Education. This is a great honour for the College, especially as they are celebrating 25 years since the college opened.

### INVITATION TO DINNER

Stoker's Halt are inviting all their neighbours and the homeless, to a complimentary Christmas Dinner **this Monday 11th December** between 5.00pm and 8.00pm. No booking is required. Christmas filled shoe boxes for the homeless, may be left with the staff in Stokers Halt.

### DAY FOR LIFE

There will be a Day of Prayer & Fasting for LIFE on **this Tuesday 12th December**. Could you offer one or more of the following for this intention? Mass; Visit to the Blessed Sacrament; Rosary; Fast from 9.00am to 6.00pm; Make some act of self-denial. It is a matter of Life or Death!

### CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

The Priory Singers will sing *Carols by Candlelight* in St. Bernadette's Church, Rosetta Road, **this Friday 15th December, at 8.00 pm**. The Director of Music is Robert Thompson and the Organist is Phillip Elliott Admission is Free. There will be a Retiring Collection for St. Bernadette's Church Restoration Fund



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**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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Office open: Monday to Friday 10.00am—12.30pm.

<b>Entrance Antiphon</b>	<b>O people of Zion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.</b>
<b>1st Reading</b>	Prepare a way for the Lord. Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
<b>Psalm</b>	<b>Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.</b>
<b>2nd Reading</b>	We are waiting for the new heavens and the new earth. 2 Peter 3:8-14
<b>Acclamation</b>	<b>Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!</b>
<b>Gospel</b>	Make his paths straight. Mark 1:1-8
<b>Children</b>	John the Baptist tells the people to get ready for someone very special who is coming and who is going to baptise them with the Holy Spirit.
<b>Communion Antiphon</b>	<b>Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.</b>

**Reading: Sunday : Cycle B ; p25, 452, 490.**

**Weekdays: 2nd week of Advent, Psalter Week 2**

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

**Weekday Mass: Tuesday — Friday: 9.30am**

**Mass Intentions: Saturday 6.30pm: Jim Forrester, Kay O'Neill  
Tuesday 9.30am: Helen MacBroom**

**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 Helen MacBroom.

We also remember those whose anniversaries are at this time, especially : Joseph Conway, Mary Conway, Fr Brendan Fleming, Eileen Fleming, Jim Forrester, Mary McBrinn, Kay O'Neill, Mary Tully, Melissa Tully, Tommy Tully

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT**– Tel: 07456 989458

## **ADVENT**

### **PARISH ADVENT PROGRAMME**

An Advent DVD programme, aimed at retired people, '**Beloved Disciple**', is being presented in the Iona Room on Friday mornings in Advent. It continues **this Friday 16th December at 10.00am**, starting with refreshments. All are welcome.



### **TALK**

David Quinn, Director of the Iona Institute, will give a talk on **next Tuesday 12th December** in the Wellington Park Hotel at **8.00pm**, on Marriage and the Family in Northern Ireland.

### **PENITENTIAL SERVICES**

The Advent Penitential Services in our Pastoral Community are as follows-

**Next Sunday 17th December St Matthew's at 4.00pm**

**Next Sunday 17th December, St Brigid's at 4.00pm**

**Next Monday 18th December, Holy Rosary at 7.30pm**

**Next Wednesday 20th December, St Bernadette's at 7.30pm**

**Next Thursday 21st December at Carryduff parish at 7.30pm**

To help parishioners prepare for the Sacrament, the Penitential Service liturgy that will be used, is available for you to pick up at the back of the Church today.

## **CHRISTMAS SEASON**

### **DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME**

The First Holy Communion children who are preparing for the Sacrament, are invited to their first DTIM Mass **this Sunday 10th December at 9.30am**.

### **BAMBINELLI SUNDAY**

As part of our Advent celebrations, children and adults who bring their Christ-child figure from home, will have it blessed at the beginning of the **9.30am Mass this Sunday 10th December**.



### **CHRISTMAS OUTREACH**

Ministers of Outreach are delivering an envelope to every home in the Parish. You may have already received yours. The pack contains: a Christmas Card from Father Tony detailing the times of Christmas services; the 5th edition of St Colmcille's Newsletter; a prayer card; an invitation to join with others in a journey of faith.

If you are not registered with the parish, please complete a card that you will find in the Church porch next to the bulletin box. Please return your card to the parish office or pop into the bulletin box.

### **TAP CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS**

Give a really worthwhile Christmas present this year - a Christmas Gift Card to support our twinned parish of Moita Bwawani in our Tanzanian Africa Project. Choose from 3 life-changing themes. Buy a year's School Uniform for a Masaai Child for £10. Sponsor a Catechist to spread the Word of God, also for £10. Give pre-natal and ante-natal care to Masaai mothers-to-be and with our Mobile Medical Clinic Appeal for £20. Cards are on sale in the church porch this weekend and each weekend up to Christmas.

### **APOSTOLIC WORK CHRISTMAS SALE**

Thank you to all who, in any way, supported our event by attending or by donating or buying, by setting out the furniture, by putting it away afterwards or by helping on stalls and in the kitchen! Thanks to your generosity we raised more than £3,200 for use on the Missions. Be assured it will make a huge difference to very many people, as Apostolic Work has been doing, since it was established almost 95 years ago in Belfast.