

MONEY MATTERS

WEEKLY OFFERING

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

OTHER NEWS

DIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2018

The Diocesan Directory is available at the back of the Church to buy, price £4. The Directory provides up to date lists of Priests, Parishes, Times of Masses and other Services in all parishes, Diocesan Bodies, Religious Orders, Organisations, Schools and Colleges, and also an index of deceased Bishops and Priests from 1960 – 2017. Please put money in one of the boxes in the wall next to the candelabra.

LIVE CRIB

The Live Christmas Crib opens this week-end in The Grotto, St. Mary's Church, Chapel Lane featuring Mary, Joseph, shepherds, and the star of the show, the baby Jesus. Also featuring beautiful animals. The crib runs daily until Christmas Eve from Friday 29th December through to Saturday 6th January 2018. Christmas carols live at the crib from 2.00pm-2.30pm. and 5.00pm to 5.30pm. All are welcome and children welcome to come dressed as nativity characters.



Prayers daily for peace in the world and for every child, born and unborn, at the Live Crib at the following times – Angelus 12 noon, Rosary 2.30pm, Divine Mercy 3.00pm. Blessing of sick babies and children at the Altar daily, on request, immediately after 1.00pm Mass. Proceeds of the Live Crib to Tuesday's Child Following Yonder Star Christmas Appeal for children in Gaza (Holy Family Catholic Church), Kenya (Franciscan missionaries) and Sudan (Mill Hill Missionaries).

OPEN DAYS

Primary 6 & 7 children and their parents are invited to the following Open Days...

Aquinas: Tuesday 19th December, 7.00pm

St Malachy's : Wednesday 10th & Thursday 11th January, 7.00pm

St Louise's: Thursday 11th January, 4.30pm & 6.30pm

Our Lady & St Patrick's: Saturday 13th January, 9.30am & 11.00am

St Dominic's: Saturday 13th January, 9.30am & 11.00am



PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE

BALLYHACKAMORE

17th December 2017

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Fr. Tony Fitzsimons 191 Upper Newtownards Rd, Belfast, BT4 3JB.
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Office closed until Tuesday 2nd January 2018**

Entrance Antiphon	Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice. Indeed the Lord is near.
1st Reading	I exult for joy in the Lord. Isaiah 61: 1-2. 10-11
Psalm	My soul rejoices in my God.
2nd Reading	May you all be kept safe, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of the Lord. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia!
Gospel	There stands among you, unknown to you, the one who is coming after me. John 1:6-8. 19-28
Children	God sent John the Baptist to tell everyone that someone is coming after him who will light up the world and help us all believe.
Communion Antiphon	Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

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

Weekdays: 3rd week of Advent, Psalter Week 3

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

Weekday Mass: Tuesday — Friday: 9.30am

Mass Intentions: Saturday 6.30pm: Daniel Magean, Tommy Murphy

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

Closed Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th December.

DECEASED

We pray for the repose of the soul of all those who have died recently.

We also remember those whose anniversaries are at this time, especially : Dan O'Kane and Adrian Francis O'Keeffe

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT- Tel: 07456 989458

CHRISTMAS PENITENTIAL SERVICES

He is nothing but love, everything in Him speaks of mercy

Fr Tony will be available for the Sacrament of Confession **next Saturday 23rd December at 5.30pm—6.10pm** in the Adoration Chapel.

Entrance from the Church.

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

This Sunday 17th December in St Matthew's at 4.00pm

This Sunday 17th December in St Brigid's at 4.00pm

This Monday 18th December in Holy Rosary at 7.30pm

This Wednesday 20th December in St Bernadette's at 7.30pm

This Thursday 21st December in Carryduff parish Church 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.

PARISH OFFICE

The parish office will be closed this week 18th—22nd December and next week 25th—29th December.

Please leave a voicemail if you ring through to line 1, the office. Bulletin insertions should be emailed or dropped into the bulletin box, **no later than Tuesday 19th December** for the bulletins of —23rd/24th December and 30th/31st December weekends. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Get into the Christmas spirit and join our Carol Service! It will be held **this 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.



CHRISTMAS SEASON

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Saturday 23rd December 6.30pm

Sunday 24th December 9.30am & 11.30am

Sunday 24th December Vigil Mass 7.00pm ; Solemn Vigil Mass 10.00pm

Monday 25th December 9.30am & 11.00am

Children may come dressed as Shepherds or Angels and join in the Nativity story on Sunday 24th December at the 7.00pm Mass.

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

A great big Thank You to all those who called with parishioners and delivered the Christmas Outreach envelopes over the past couple of weeks. Your commitment and heart for parish is very much appreciated and so important to the building up of our parish community.

If anyone has not yet 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.

MASS CARDS

Christmas Mass Bouquet cards are available in the Sacristy before or after all Masses.