

## MONEY MATTERS

### WEEKLY OFFERING

Many thanks to all who contributed so generously to the collection. The Christmas Voluntary collection will be taken up at all Christmas Day Masses.

### PARISH DRAW

The final winners of the Parish Draw 2017 are:  
£100 – Aideen & Kevin O'Neill (485), £75 – Desi Gibson (147) and £25 – Celine Molloy (470) ;  
and £100 – Peter McSorley (312), £75 – Mark Walker (381) and £25 – Desi Gibson (149).

## 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 Saturday 6th January 2018. Christmas carols live at the crib from 2.00pm to 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).



PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE

BALLYHACKAMORE

24th December 2017

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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**Office closed until Tuesday 2nd January 2018**

<b>Entrance Antiphon</b>	<b>Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour</b>
<b>1st Reading</b>	The kingdom of David will always stand secure before the Lord. 2 Samuel 7:1-5. 8-12. 14. 16
<b>Psalm</b>	<b>I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.</b>
<b>2nd Reading</b>	The mystery, which was kept secret for endless ages, is now made clear. Romans 16: 25-27
<b>Acclamation</b>	<b>Alleluia, alleluia! I am the handmaid of the Lord: let what you have said be done to me. Alleluia!</b>
<b>Gospel</b>	Listen! You are to conceive and bear a Son. Luke 1:26-38
<b>Children</b>	God sends the angel Gabriel to tell Mary that she has been chosen by God to have his Son.
<b>Communion Antiphon</b>	<b>Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.</b>

**Reading: Sunday : Cycle B ; p29, 452, 490.**

**Weekdays: Octave of Christmas, Psalter Week 4**

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

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

**Mass Intentions: Saturday 23rd 6.30pm: John Moore, Bernadette Clark, Peter Clifford**

**Sunday 24th 11.30am: Paul Close**

**Sunday 24th 10.00pm: Helen MacBroom**

**Monday 25th 11.00am : William O'Neill**

**Confession: This Saturday 23rd: 5.00pm—6.10pm**

## DECEASED

We pray for the repose of the soul of all those who have died recently especially Peter Clifford, and also Helen MacBroom and John Moore whose month's mind occurs at this time.

We also remember all those whose anniversaries are at this time, especially : Bernadette Clark, Paul Close, Hugh Mc Caffrey, William O'Neill.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT-** Tel: 07456 989458

## WELCOMING LOVE AMONG US



What is love? This is a great question philosophers and lovers have wrestled with from the very beginning. We learn from the scriptures that God is love (1 John 4:19). We also learn that love came among us in the person of Jesus of Nazareth (1 John 4:9).

Love then, is a person, and this person is God made man, the tiny baby in the manger, the vulnerable child in the stable.

The banner over us is love and so we worship, adore and give thanks and praise, for Jesus, Emmanuel, God, God with us.

We welcome him!

Walk With Me Advent booklets , with prayers and meditations up to 8th January are still available to buy, in the CTS stand in the porch.

## 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

### **CHRISTMAS MESSAGE**

Bishop Noel Traynor's Christmas message is available for you to pick up at the back of the Church.

### **CHRISTMAS OUTREACH**

If you did not receive the Christmas Outreach envelope from the parish, please complete a parish registration card that you will find in the Church porch next to the bulletin box. Please return your card to the post box at the parish office or pop into the bulletin box.

### **TAP CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS**

The Tanzanian Africa Project Gift Cards are still available in the Church porch. A year's School Uniform for a Masaai Child is £10. Sponsor a Catechist to spread the Word of God, £10. Give pre-natal and ante-natal care to Masaai mothers-to-be with our Mobile Medical Clinic, for £20.

### **MASS CARDS**

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

## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS

### **ADORATION CHAPEL**

The Adoration Chapel is **closed this Monday 25th & Tuesday 26th December.**

### **PARISH OFFICE**

The parish office is **closed this week 25th—29th December.** Please phone to leave a voicemail on line 1, or email to send a message. Thank you.

### **WEEKDAY MASS**

Mass times as normal during this week, **Tuesday—Friday at 9.30am.**