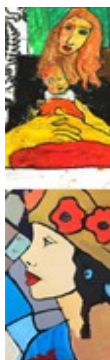


**ART BY SYRIAN AND PALESTINIAN REFUGEE WOMEN**



Trocaire invites you to the launch of an exhibition of powerful art work by Syrian and Palestinian refugee women on **Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> December at 1.00pm in the Falls Road Library.** A light lunch will be served. The exhibition can be viewed until the end of December.



**YOUTH 2000 CHRISTMAS RETREAT**

7th to 9th December 2018

Newbridge College, Newbridge, Co. Kildare



**For ages: 16 – 35 year olds. Cost: Donation only. (It costs Youth 2000 €35 per person. Please donate what you can afford)**

**Contact information:**

For more information email: [office@youth2000.ie](mailto:office@youth2000.ie)  
or call: 00353 (0) 1675 3690

**PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE  
BALLYHACKAMORE  
2ND DECEMBER 2018**



**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Very Rev Tony Fitzsimons PP and Rev Vincent Cushnahan CC  
Phone - 02890 654157  
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Facebook: [www.facebook.com/stcolmcilleschurch](http://www.facebook.com/stcolmcilleschurch)  
Office open this week: Monday –Friday 9.30am to 1.30pm

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| <b>Readings</b>           | <b>Sunday: Cycle C Pages 33, 452, 490</b><br><b>1st Week of Advent. Psalter Week 1</b>  |
| <b>Entrance Antiphon</b>  | <b>To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.</b><br><b>In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.</b><br><b>Nor let my enemies exult over me;</b><br><b>and let none who hope in you be put to shame.</b> |
| <b>Psalm</b>              | <b>To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.</b>   |
| <b>Gospel Acclamation</b> | <b>Alleluia, alleluia!</b><br><b>Let us see, O Lord, your mercy</b><br><b>and give us your saving help.</b><br><b>Alleluia!</b>   |
| <b>Communion Antiphon</b> | <b>The Lord will bestow his bounty,</b><br><b>and our earth shall yield its increase.</b>   |

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

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

**Mass Intentions: Wednesday 5th:**  
**9.30am: Joan Campfield**

**Confession: Saturday: 6.00pm**

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



**CREATING CHRISTMAS JOY TOGETHER WITH THE SISTERS OF ST ELISABETH CONVENT**  
Belfast Christmas Market in Belfast City Hall  
Until 22nd December 2018

The sisters of *St Elisabeth Convent (Minsk, Belarus)* would like to invite you to visit the Convent's charitable stalls at the Christmas market in Belfast.

The unique handcrafted items are made with love and prayer in the Convent's numerous workshops. *You can also enjoy warm and meaningful conversations with the sisters.* You will have the opportunity to purchase a variety of colourful gifts at the markets: handmade ceramic products and other items made of wood, glass, and metal etc.

*By buying the products made in the workshops of St Elisabeth Convent, you support the Convent's ministry with children and adults with special needs.* The lay 'Sisters of Mercy' and the nuns of St Elisabeth Convent look after several orphanages, hospitals, residential care facilities, and a TB clinic, as well as two rehabilitation centres for the homeless. There is also a Visiting Nurse Service operated by the Convent. It aims to provide support for poor and elderly people.

**Opening hours: Monday–Wednesday: 10.00am–8.00pm**  
**Thursday–Saturday: 10.00am–10.00pm**  
**Sunday: 12 noon–6.00pm**



**PARISH OFFICE:** Items for the Parish Bulletin should be submitted no later than **Wednesday at 12 noon.** *Thank you, Geraldine.*

## DECEASED



We pray for the repose of the soul of those who have died recently especially: Joan Campfield.

We remember all those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year, especially: Sarah Armstrong, Helen MacBroom, Dan O'Kane and Geraldine Woollams

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT**– Tel: 074 5698 9458

## PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER



This year's **over 60's Christmas Dinner** will be held in **Shandon Park Golf Club on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December from 3.00pm – 6.30pm**. A four course dinner will be served from 3.30pm. **Alan the 'Bandman' will be there providing his**

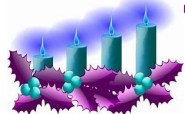
**usual entertainment along with a visit from Santa. As this event is outside the Parish we need to confirm final numbers by this Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**. If you wish to attend please provide your name, contact details and choice of meal on the **spreadsheet at the back of the church**.

*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 140 019** or **Mary Walsh** on **07815 493 463**. *We look forward to seeing you there.*



## ADVENT PROGRAMME



**Mary the mother of Jesus, the most important woman who has ever lived, was Mary of Nazareth. What part did she play in our salvation? How is she a model for us and most importantly why do we need Mary today?**

The DVD series **'Let It Be'**, filmed in various locations, explores Mary and asks vital questions. It will be presented in the **Iona room on Friday mornings** in Advent, starting at **10.00am** with refreshments. **All are welcome.**

## FEAST DAY



**Next Saturday 8th December 2018** is the feast of the **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** and is a Holy Day of Obligation, **Mass will be held at 9.30am**.

**Please note:** *there will be no Vigil Mass on Friday evening.*

## MONEY MATTERS

Many thanks to all who contributed so generously to the collections. The **Monthly Stipend Collection** will be taken up **at all Masses this weekend**. The **Immaculate Conception Collection** will be taken up **at all Masses next weekend**.

## APOSTOLIC WORK CHRISTMAS SALE



**Thank you** to all who, in any way, supported our event by attending or by donating or buying, by helping on stalls and in the kitchen, to Paul Browne and the squad of scouts who set out the furniture, to our ever-faithful helpers who put it away afterwards and helped us clear up. **Thanks to your generosity we raised £4,000 for use on the Missions**. Be assured it will make a huge difference to very many people in many parts of the world as Apostolic Work has been doing since it was established 95 years ago in Belfast.



**TANZANIAN AFRICA PROJECT**  
St Colmcille's & Moita Bwawani

## 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 with our **Mobile Medical Clinic Appeal** for £20. **Cards on sale in the church porch this weekend and each weekend up to Christmas.**



## APOSTOLIC WORK MONTHLY MEETING

There will be a meeting in the **Iona Room at 8.00pm on Tuesday 5th December 2018**. New members, male or female, will be very welcome.



## ADVENT/ CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE



Get into the **Christmas spirit** on **Sunday 16th December 2018** from **5.00pm to 6.00pm** in the Church. Please come and support **St Joseph's PS choir & the Parish Choir with Marion Jordan** an award winning classically trained mezzo-soprano.

*Light refreshments will be served afterwards in the **Iona Room**.*



## Jesus Heals

### Koinonia John the Baptist Ireland

*Are you tired or burdened? Do you need rest and healing? Jesus calls us to come to Him and He will give us restoration for our body and souls.*

**Koinonia John the Baptist Ireland** invites you to join us for a special moment of prayer in **Saint Bernard's Pastoral Centre, Glengormley**, this **Friday 7th December from 7.00pm-9.30pm** as we draw close to Christ, and make room for Him in our hearts and homes this Advent season.

Sr. Christine Sawey will guide us in reflecting on God's Word as we give thanks for the blessings we have received and ask Him for His gift of restoration. The evening will conclude with refreshments and a chance to chat.

*If you have any questions please contact Anne on **077 9654 0465** or Ellen on **07708 022478**.*