



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.*



THE PRIESTS IN CONCERT

We are delighted to announce that "**THE PRIESTS**" will be in concert in **St Brigid's Church, Derryvolgie, Belfast**, on **Friday 4th January 2019 @ 8.00pm**

The Priests recently performed at Croke Park for his Holiness the Pope during his Papal visit to Ireland. This will be an evening of Christmas songs, seasonal Hymns and a few traditional favourites, also including tracks from their latest album Halleluia. Tickets £25.00 on sale from Wellington Park Hotel Reception. Tel: 028 9038 1111 and www.ticketmaster.ie. Tel: 084 4277 4455.



VACANCY - ST PATRICK'S PARISH, DONEGALL STREET Part-time Parish Secretary

We are currently recruiting to fill a vacancy for a part-time Secretary within the Parish of St Patrick's, 199 Donegall Street, Belfast, BT1 2FK. The post holder will be required to provide assistance to the clergy, visitors and parishioners, and confidential, efficient and effective secretarial and administrative support to the Administrator.

The terms are based on a permanent appointment requiring 22.5 hours attendance each week. Monday to Friday 9.45 am to 2.15 pm daily. Rate of Pay - £10.50 gross per hour.

Full details relating to the vacancy can be found on the Diocesan website at: <http://www.downandconnor.org> clicking on the tab: **job vacancies** and on the **Community NI website**, where terms and conditions relating to the role can also be accessed by way of a Role Profile and Employment Application form. *Application packs are also available from St Patrick's Parish Office.*

We welcome applications from anyone who feels they meet the criteria and are interested in playing an active part in the Parish. **Closing date for applications will be 12.00 noon on Friday 11th January 2019.**

ERIN THE ELF CAMPAIGN FUNDRAISER

Sunday 13th January 2019

Following on from the coffee morning campaigns for the **Children's Cancer Unit Charity** a few families are going to host 2 coffee mornings in **St Colmcille's parish hall after 9.30 & 11.30 masses** - we would love your support in this worthy cause & all donations raised will go directly to supporting families within Northern Ireland.



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



PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE BALLYHACKAMORE 16TH DECEMBER 2018 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Very Rev Tony Fitzsimons PP and Rev Vincent Cushnahan CC
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Office open this week: Monday —Friday 9.30am to 1.30pm

Readings	Sunday: Cycle C Pages 41, 452, 490 3rd Week of Advent. Psalter Week 3
Entrance Antiphon	Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.
Psalm	Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.
Gospel 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!
Communion Antiphon	Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

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

Weekday Mass Tuesday to Friday: 9.30am

Mass Intentions:
Saturday 15th December:
6.30pm: **Charlie Stewart, James Forrester**
Sunday 16th December
9.30am: **Paddy Farrell (Recently deceased)**
Wednesday 19th December
9.30am: **Paddy Farrell (Recently deceased)**
Thursday 20th December
9.30am: **Joe Flood (Recently deceased)**

Confession: Saturday: 6.00pm

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



IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Parish Office will **close from Monday 24th December 2018 and will reopen on Monday 7th January 2019**. No bulletin will be published weekending 30th December 2018 and weekending 6th January 2019. **If you would like an Anniversary named in the Prayers of the Faithful during this time please leave names in the BULLETIN BOX ONLY.**

Wishing you a peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

DECEASED



We pray for the repose of the soul of those who have died recently, especially Paddy Farrell and Joe Flood.

We remember all those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year, especially: Joseph Conway, Mary Conway, James Forrester, Patrick Kerr, Mary McBrinn, Tom Tully, Adrian Francis O'Keeffe, Francis Murray O'Keeffe and Charlie Stewart.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT - Tel: 074 5698 9458



Parish Mass Schedule Christmas 2018
South and East Belfast Pastoral Area

Parish	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day
Holy Rosary:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7.00pm 10.00pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.00am 10.30am 12.00noon 1.15pm
Drumbo & Carryduff:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7.00pm 9.00pm 11.00pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.00am 10.30am 12.00noon
St Anthony's:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7.00pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11.30am
Polish Mass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.00pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.30am/1.00pm
St Bernadette's:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7.00pm 10.00pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.30am 11.00am
St Brigid's:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10.00pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.00am 10.30am 12.00noon
St Colmcille's:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7.00pm 10.00pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.30am 11.00am
St Malachy's:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8.00pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.30am 11.30am
St Matthew's:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7.00pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11.00am

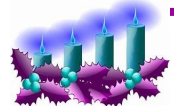
MONEY MATTERS

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



Advent Penitential Services 2018
South and East Belfast Pastoral Area

Parish	Date	Time
Holy Rosary:	Monday	17.12.18
St Bernadette's:	Wednesday	19.12.18
Drumbo/Carryduff:	Thursday	20.12.18
St Brigid's:	Sunday	23.12.18



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.**



ADVENT/ CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE



Get into the **Christmas spirit this 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.



The Diocese of Down & Connor Directory 2019 is now available to purchase at the back of the Church at a cost of £4.00. Please leave money in either of the Candelabra boxes in the wall. Many thanks.

CHILDRENS LITURGY



All children are invited to come to the **Christmas Eve 7.00pm Mass, dressed as Angels or Shepherds** and join in the unfolding Nativity story in the Sanctuary.

Children who would be willing to be some of the central characters, should **remain behind in the Church after the 9.30am Mass this Sunday 16th**, with the Children's Liturgy leaders, to sort out roles.



SCRIPTURE AND PRAYER GROUP

Our next meeting will be **this Tuesday 18 December 2018 at 8.00pm in the Committee room.** We will begin reflections on the Readings for Year C, St Luke's Gospel. This begins a new series of reflections, so if you are thinking of being part of the group, now or January is a good time to join us.