

## ST COLMCILLE'S LIVING FAITH GROUP: WHAT IS ALPHA?

An opportunity to explore: *life, faith and meaning*, in a friendly and informal setting.

You are invited to Alpha for a time of tea/coffee/dessert, great chat, talks that will make you think – a place where you can be yourself.

- ◆ no pressure
- ◆ no charge

### Where?

**St Colmcille's Parochial Hall**  
191 Upper Newtownards Road  
Belfast BT4 3JB

### When?

**Begins on:**  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January @ 7.15pm

### RSVP:

**Email:** [stcolmcilles@downandconnor.org](mailto:stcolmcilles@downandconnor.org). **Tel:** 028 9065 4157

**Why not give it a try? What have you got to lose?**



## ST COLMCILLE'S PRE-SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

St Colmcille's Pre-school are holding two Open Days on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019** and on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020** between **1:15pm – 2:30pm**. Everyone welcome!

We offer funded places to 48 children and have a long-standing tradition of providing pre-school education in the area. The places are allocated according to criteria drawn up by the Management Committee of the pre-school which is available in the preschool and on the EA admissions website. Application forms are available at [www.eani.org.uk/admissions](http://www.eani.org.uk/admissions) and must be completed online. **The deadline for submission of forms and supporting documents is 12:00 noon on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020.**



## THE LARDER FOODBANK

**Thanks to all who have faithfully supported the Parish collection of goods for the Larder.** The Larder is an emergency food bank in East Belfast. It provides supplies of food and other necessities to people in need in East Belfast. If you would like to donate we are always looking for Tinned Fish, Tinned Meat, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Soup, Tea, Pasta, Rice, Pasta Sauces, Jam, Biscuits, Tinned Custard, Tinned Rice Pudding, Tinned Veg, Coffee, Toilet Roll, Washing Powder, Toiletries, Washing Up Liquid. **Thank you.**

**PARISH OFFICE:** Items for the Parish Bulletin should be submitted no later than **Wednesday at 12.00noon**. Thank you, Geraldine.



## PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE BALLYHACKAMORE 1st December 2019

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Very Rev Tony Fitzsimons PP and Rev Vincent Cushnahan CC**  
Phone - 02890 654157

**Website:** [www.st-colmcilles.net](http://www.st-colmcilles.net)

**Email:** [stcolmcilles@downandconnor.org](mailto:stcolmcilles@downandconnor.org)

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/stcolmcilleschurch](http://www.facebook.com/stcolmcilleschurch)

**Office open this week: Tuesday to Friday: 9.30am—1.30pm**

<b>Readings</b>	<b>Sunday: Cycle A, Pages 1, 452, 490</b> <b>Weekdays: First Sunday of Advent. Psalter Week 1</b>
<b>Entrance Antiphon</b>	<b>To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.</b> <b>In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.</b> <b>Nor let my enemies exult over me;</b> <b>and let none who hope in you be put to shame.</b>
<b>Psalm</b>	<b>I rejoiced when I heard them say:</b> <b>"Let us go to God's house."</b>
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	<b>Alleluia, alleluia!</b> <b>Let us see, O Lord, your mercy</b> <b>and give us your saving help.</b> <b>Alleluia!</b>
<b>Communion Antiphon</b>	<b>The Lord, will bestow his bounty,</b> <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:** **Sunday 1st December 2019**  
11.30am: Joan Campfield, James Irvine  
**Tuesday 3rd December 2019**  
9.30am: Aileen McGeown

**Confession:** **Saturday: 6.00pm**

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



## THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**Monday 9th December 2019** 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 on that morning.**

## DECEASED



We pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently, especially; Aileen McGeown.

We remember all those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year, especially; Sarah Armstrong, Joan Campfield, John Coulter, Annie Coulter, James Irvine, Helen MacBroom, Mary McBrinn and Geraldine Woollams.

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

## PARISH DRAW WINNERS

<b>June 2019</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	£100	Ita Hughes
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	£ 75	Peter Mc Sorley
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	£ 25	Karen Diamond
<b>July 2019</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	£100	Catriona Mallaghan
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	£ 75	Cara Collins
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	£ 25	Peter Mc Sorley
<b>August 2019</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	£100	Pascal Browne
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	£ 75	Marie Edwards
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	£ 25	Mary Harrison
<b>September 2019</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	£100	Eithne Geoghegan
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	£ 75	Artie O'Neill
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	£ 25	Aideen and Kevin O'Neill
<b>October 2019</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	£100	Phil Gregg
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	£ 75	Desi Gibson
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	£ 25	Aideen and Kevin O'Neill
<b>November 2019</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	£100	Artie O'Neill
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	£ 75	Patrick McCarney
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	£ 25	Mary Walsh



## ST COLMCILLES PARISH—FREE COFFEE MORNING



A free coffee morning will be held in the Parochial Hall **this Sunday 1st December** after all Masses. **Everyone welcome.**

## APOSTOLIC WORK CHRISTMAS SALE



**Thanks to all** who helped us raise **over £2,500 for the Missions last weekend.** Special thanks to the scouts who set out the furniture, to the wonderful band of volunteers who responded to our appeal for help and without whom we could not have managed, to the team of people on whom we always depend to remove all the furniture and generally clear the hall and, of course, to all who attended and/or supplied items essential for a successful sale.



## APOSTOLIC WORK MONTHLY MEETING

The December meeting of Apostolic Work will be held in the **Iona Room** at **7.15pm this Tuesday 3rd December.** New members, male or female, will be very welcome.



## PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD

Ministers of the Word are invited to **volunteer for duty at weekend Masses during the month of December**, by selecting the dates and Mass Times on which they are available to proclaim and to put their names on the appropriate Rota, which is located **in the Church porch.**

## OPEN MORNING IN ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

St Joseph's Open Morning will take place on **Tuesday 10th December 2019.** This will begin at **10.30am** with refreshments and a short presentation by the Principal, followed by a guided tour of the school.



## 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 three life changing themes: Buy a year's school uniform for a Maasai child for £10. Sponsor a Catechist to spread the Word of God, also for £10. Give pre-natal and ante-natal care to Maasai mothers-to-be with our Mobile Medical Clinic Appeal for £20. **Cards on sale in the porch after each mass from Saturday 30th November and each weekend of Advent.**



## 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.**

## IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS!



Concert by **St Colmcille's & St Joseph's primary school choir & renowned Soprano Marion Jordan** on **Sunday 15th December 2019 @ 5.00pm** in St Colmcille's Church. Light refreshments will be served afterwards in the Parochial hall. *Escape the hustle and enjoy the uplifting celebration of Advent & Christmas.*

*If you can't experience this magical evening in person why not watch it on our webcam live or the recording. **Hope to see you there!***