

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 10th January @ 7.15pm

RSVP:

Email: stcolmcilles@downandconnor.org. **Tel:** 028 9065 4157

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



VACANCY – 1 YEAR FIXED TERM CONTRACT:
PARISH SECRETARY [Part-time]
St Malachy's Parish, 24 Alfred Street, Belfast, BT2 8EN

The **post holder** will be an experienced individual who is exceptionally well organised in order to meet the varied demands within this Parish Secretary role. The terms are based on a Fixed Term Contract for 1 year requiring 25 hours attendance each week. Monday to Friday from 9.30am to 2.30pm 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. Application packs are also available from the Parish Office. **Closing date for applications - 12.00 noon on Thursday 19th December 2019.**

THE LIVE CRIB—ST MARY'S



Visit the **Live Christmas Crib at St Mary's Grotto**, opening **Friday 13th to Tuesday 24th December** and from **Saturday 28th December to Monday 6th January 2020** from 10.30am to 6.00pm and on 19th and 23rd December to 8.00pm. Come along and meet Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus, the shepherds and the animals. The three wise men will arrive on 6th January. Carols at 2.00pm and 5.00pm. Schools groups, choirs and carol singers welcome. Proceeds to Tuesday's Child Following Yonder Star

Christmas Appeal for children in Gaza, Syria, Kenya and Sudan. Prayers at the crib each day for peace for every child, born and unborn. **Tel: 075 4545 2362.**

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
8th December 2019

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

Website: www.st-colmcilles.net

Email: stcolmcilles@downandconnor.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/stcolmcilleschurch

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

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| Readings | Sunday: Cycle A, Pages 5, 452, 490 Weekdays: First Sunday of Advent. Psalter Week 2 |
| Entrance Antiphon | O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart. |
| Psalm | In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon falls. |
| Gospel Acclamation | Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia! |
| Communion Antiphon | Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God. |

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

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

Mass Intentions:
Saturday 7th December 2019
6.30pm: James Forrester
Sunday 8th December 2019
9.30am: Lilly Rice

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

Since 8th December is Second Sunday of Advent and therefore has precedence, the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to **Monday, 9th December but it is not a holyday of obligation. Mass will be held at 9.30am on Monday morning.**

DECEASED



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

We remember all those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year, especially; James Forrester, Shiela Gallagher, Bernadette Kane, Billy Kennedy, Lilly Rice and Melissa Tully.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT– Tel: 074 5698 9458

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.**



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.



ST COLMCILLE'S PRE-SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

St Colmcille's Pre-school are holding two Open Days on **Wednesday 11th December 2019** and on **Wednesday 8th 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 and must be completed online. **The deadline for submission of forms and supporting documents is 12:00 noon on 30th January 2020.**

MONEY MATTERS

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

PARISH DRAW WINNERS

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| December 2019 | 1st | £100 | Phil Gregg |
| | 2nd | £ 75 | Niamh Collins |
| | 3rd | £ 25 | Barbara Gallagher |



ALPHA COFFEE MORNING

Drop into the Parochial Hall on **Sunday 15th December** after the Masses and enjoy coffee/tea and tasty treats, catch up on friends, make new ones, and if interested find out what Alpha is about - no pressure! - no charge!



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!***



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.**

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.**