

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

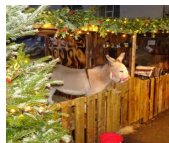
Full details relating to the vacancy can be found on the notice board and also the Diocesan website at: <http://www.downandconnor.org> clicking on the tab: [job vacancies](#) and on the Community NI website. Application packs are also available from St Malachy's Parish Office. **Closing date for applications - 12.00 noon on Thursday 19th December 2019.**



VACANCY—SUPPORT ENGAGEMENT OFFICER —MARY'S MEALS NI: CLOSING DATE 18TH DECEMBER 2019

Mary's Meals provides one good meal to some of the world's poorest children every school day. Our work is named after Mary, the mother of Jesus, who brought up her own child in poverty. Mary's Meals consists of, respects, and reaches out to people of all faiths and of none. To apply visit: <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/useful-links/work-for-us/supporter-engagement-officer-community-based-northern-ireland>

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. The three wise men will arrive on 6th January. 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: Please note there will be no Bulletin **weekending 29th December and 5th January**. Names for the anniversary list should be submitted no later than **this Wednesday at 12.00noon**. They will appear in next week's bulletin weekending 22nd December. *Thank you, Geraldine.*



PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE BALLYHACKAMORE 15th December 2019

THIRD 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

Readings	Sunday: Cycle A, Pages 9, 452, 490 Weekdays: First Sunday of Advent. Psalter Week 3
Entrance Antiphon	Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.
Psalms	Come, Lord, and save us.
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 14th December 2019**
6.30pm: Charlie Stewart

Confession: Saturday: 6.00pm

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



The Adoration Chapel will be closed on Tuesday 24th December (Christmas Eve) and also Tuesday 31st December (New Year's Eve).



CHRISTMAS NATIVITY

As usual, we plan to have the children act out the Nativity at the **7:00pm Christmas Eve Mass**. Could all children who would like to take part stay behind **after 9:30am Mass next Sunday 22nd December** for a short meeting and rehearsal. We promise not to keep you long! If you cannot attend on 22nd December but would like to take part on Christmas Eve, we will still be able to find a part for you - please contact **Maureen on 079 2962 4395.**

DECEASED



We pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently, especially; Maire Devine, Bernie McCartan and Ada (Terri) Turner.

We remember all those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year, especially; Patrick Kerr, Francis Murray O'Keeffe, Adrian Francis O'Keeffe and Tom Tully.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT– Tel: 074 5698 9458



Parish Mass Schedule Christmas 2019
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
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: <i>Polish Mass</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7.30pm 9.00pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11.30am 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



Advent Penitential Services 2019
South and East Belfast Pastoral Area

Parish	Date	Time
Holy Rosary:	Monday	16.12.19
St Bernadette's:	Wednesday	18.12.19
Drumbo/Carryduff:	Thursday	19.12.19
St Brigid's:	Sunday	22.12.19



ALPHA COFFEE MORNING

Drop into the Parochial Hall **this 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! You might even see Bear Grylls there!



IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS!

Concert by **St Colmcille's & St Joseph's primary school choir & renowned Soprano Marion Jordan this 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!***



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.**

THE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes are currently seeking volunteer registered nurses to work on the **2020 Pilgrimage (8th-13th July)**. For more information or to register your interest, please email Lourdes@downandconnor.org



WALK WITH ME—ADVENT BOOKLETS

Walk With Me booklets are available at the back of the Church to help you on your journey of prayer through Advent. Price £1. *Please put money in one of the candelabra money boxes. Thank you.*

MONEY MATTERS

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