

SAFEGUARDING—TO ALL VOLUNTEERS

Staff will be available to **process vetting forms** in the *Parish Committee Room* in the New Year.



The available slots are Thursday and Saturday mornings:

- **Thursday 2nd January: 8.30am—11.00am**
- **Saturday - by arrangement**

Contact Fr Tony on **07922 422 334** or **after Masses** to help us facilitate this process and manage to clear any backlog. *Thank you.*

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

RSVP:

Where?

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

When?

Begins on:
Friday 10th January @ 7.15pm

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

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

OUR LADY AND ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE, KNOCK



Year 7 Pupils and Parents
Open Morning in Our Lady and
St Patrick's College, Knock
Saturday, 18th January 2020

9.15am – 12.30pm
Principal's Address:
9.15am & 11.00 am

Anyone considering entry to our
Sixth Form is also most welcome.

ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE



Open Night on Thursday, 16th January 2020 from
7.00pm—9.00pm. Parents
and prospective Year 8 pupils
are very welcome to attend. This will be
an excellent opportunity to see the
school and to talk to pupils and staff.

The Principal, Mrs Michele McCormick
will address parents and pupils in
the Assembly Hall at 7pm. Students
who are interested in joining Sixth Form
are also welcome.

PARISH OFFICE: The Parish Office is closed from Monday 23rd December and will reopen on Monday 6th January. There will be no bulletin during this period. *Thank you, Geraldine.*

IMPORTANT NOTICE!



PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE BALLYHACKAMORE 22nd December 2019

FOURTH 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: Office reopens on Monday 6th January 2020

Readings	Sunday: Cycle A, Pages 13, 452, 490 Weekdays: Fourth Sunday of Advent. Psalter Week 4
Entrance Antiphon	Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.
Psalm	Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory.
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, A name which means "God-is-with-us" Alleluia!
Communion Antiphon	Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

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

Weekday Mass **Tuesday to Friday: 9.30am. (See inside also).**

Mass Intentions:

Saturday 21st December 2019
6.30pm: Kay O'Neill, Tommy O'Neill,
Kathleen McHale, Michael
Green

Sunday 29th December 2019
9.30am: Ella Black

Wednesday 25th December 2019
11.00am: Bernadette Clarke,
William O'Neill

Wednesday 1st January 2020
9.30am: Vera Donnelly

Friday 27th December 2019
9.30am: Patrick Kearney

Saturday 4th January 2020
6.30pm: Molly O'Flaherty

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).



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; Ella Black, Bernadette Clarke, Francisco Consejo, Vera Donnelly, Michael Green, Patrick Kearney, Winnifred McCallan, Hugh McCaffrey, Monsignor Colm McCaughan, Kathleen McHale, Molly O'Flaherty, Kay O'Neill, Tommy O'Neill, William O'Neill, Thomas O'Reilly and Nathaniel Tio.

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: Polish Mass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7.00pm • 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



Remaining Advent Penitential Services 2019 South and East Belfast Pastoral Area

Parish	Date	Time
St Brigid's:	Sunday	22.12.19
		4.00pm



DIOCESE OF DOWN AND CONNOR DIRECTORY 2020

The Directory 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.*



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.*



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 this 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**.

TAP CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS



TANZANIAN AFRICA PROJECT
St Colmcille's & Moita Bwawani

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



MONEY MATTERS

Many thanks to all who contributed so generously to the collection. The **Christmas Voluntary Collection** will be taken up at **all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day**.