



To the Parishioners in St Colmcille's, Ballyhackamore

We would like to start by saying an enormous thank you for your generosity in response to the Christmas appeal but also for your generosity throughout the year.

In an unprecedented year of poverty, with fuel and food costing more, families are struggling to make ends meet. Also on top of trying to succeed in meeting basic needs, Christmas places huge pressures on Families to provide gifts for their children.

Through your giving we were able to support 240 children with a £40 voucher to spend on gifts at Connswater shopping centre.

We were able to give Spar vouchers to the value of £1,700 for gas and electric.

We were also able to provide 10 fills of oil for folk relying on this form of heating.



We were able to support families to do Christmas food shopping because of the £1,500 vouchers donated to shop at M&S, Lidl, Tesco, Sainsbury's, Corries butchers and the Bangla Bazaar (for our Asylum-Seeking families).



Your contribution to the Larder enabled 25 families from this Conference area to receive Christmas dinner in a box. For those who were too late for the Larder delivery, your generosity in Supermarket vouchers allowed families the wherewithal to do their own shopping.

We were also supported by Manna Foodbank in Dundonald; they provided food for 25 of our families in the Upper Newtownards Road end of the patch. Can we also thank members of Knock Presbyterian Church who, delivered from both Manna and the Larder Foodbanks, on behalf of both the St Bernadette's and our SVP Conferences areas to the respective geographical areas.

We received support from Our Lady and St Patricks in the form of cash and vouchers. They also delivered food to the Larder which, was much appreciated.

The Pre-school at St Colmcille's also donated hampers and such enormous hampers they were!

Where folks donated toys and games and vouchers for toys, we ensured they went to homes, which appreciated them.

**You know the saying that it takes a village to raise a child, but similarly,
it takes to a parish to feed and heat a Community.**

Thank you St Colmcille's you have done it!