

## SACRAMENTAL CLASSES



Sacramental Preparation Classes for young people, not at St Joseph's Primary School, will begin shortly:

- **Confirmation**, beginning on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February, 6.00pm to 7.00pm;
- **First Communion**, beginning on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 6.00pm to 7.00pm.

There are a small number of places available. Please contact Noleen for enquiries: [colmcilleyouth@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:colmcilleyouth@yahoo.co.uk) / 07879 498131.

## DOWN and CONNOR DIOCESAN TRUST—VACANCY 'PARISH SAFEGUARDING SUPPORT OFFICER' - SAFEGUARDING OFFICE

**Closing Date: 12.00 noon—this Thursday 26th January 2023**

For further information visit: <http://www.downandconnor.org> click on the tab: *job vacancies and on the Community NI website.*

## 4 Corners Festival Bringing Belfast Together

The annual 4 Corners Festival has announced its dates for 2023 and this year's theme which will be **Dreams...Visions for Belfast.**

The festival will feature a range of art, music, discussion, sport and faith-based events from January 27 to February 5 in venues across the city. Now in its 11th year, the festival was conceived as a way to inspire people from across the city to transform it for the peace and wellbeing of all. It features innovative events designed to entice people out of their own 'corners' of the city and into new places where they will encounter new perspectives, new ideas and hopefully meet new friends.

The full programme is now live, for more information go to [www.4cornersfestival.com/the-festival](http://www.4cornersfestival.com/the-festival)



## CAPPELLA CAECILIANA—ST MALACHY'S CHURCH BELFAST

"TWO CITIES" - Cappella Caeciliana and New Dublin Voices present a concert of choral music in **St. Malachy's Church, Alfred Street, at 7.30pm on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January.** Tickets (£15) and more information from [www.caeciliana.org](http://www.caeciliana.org) and Matchetts, Wellington Place. **Free entry for students and under 25s.**

## PARISH OFFICE

Items for the **next bulletin** should be submitted no later than **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 12noon.** Bulletin items will be included space permitting. In order to reduce waste the Bulletin is also available to view on line at <https://st-colmcilles.net/weekly-bulletins/past-weeks-bulletins/>. Thank you, Geraldine.



## PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE

**BALLYHACKAMORE**

**22nd January 2023**

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Very Rev Conor McGrath PP, Director of Vocations**

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## READINGS: Sunday: Cycle A, Psalter Week 3



### Weekday Mass Times

**Tuesday: 6pm—7pm**

*Period of Adoration with Confession throughout this time. 7pm Mass.*

**Wednesday—Friday 9.30am**

### Weekend Mass Times:

**Saturday 5.30pm,**

**Sunday 9.30am & 11.30am.**

### Confession:

**Saturday 5.00pm**



## BELMONT DISTRICT CHURCHES: SERVICE FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK (JANUARY 18TH—25TH)

Belmont District Churches are holding a **Pray Service for Christian Unity week**, hosted by St Colmcille's Church, **this Sunday 22nd January at 7pm.** Light refreshments will be available in the Parish Hall from 8.00pm. **All are very welcome.**

## CLIMATE CHANGE

Healthy oceans and seas are essential to human existence and life. They cover 70 per cent of the planet and provide food, energy and water. They absorb around one quarter of the world's annual carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions and help renew our oxygen needs. But in 2022 they were the hottest since records began in 1958. Heat generated by excessive use of fossil fuels is causing ocean temperatures to rise at an increasing rate since 1990. The effects of this are now sadly evident... the increase of moisture in the air, brings more intense rains and flooding, followed by prolonged periods of droughts. And regular weather cycles are disrupted. *A dream of parents is to help their children establish their own homes and families. This dream is endangered by climate chaos. No sacrifice is too much to preserve this hope.*





### DECEASED

We pray for the repose of the souls of all those who have died recently.; especially Frances Carvill whose Month's Mind occurs at this time.

We remember all those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year, especially; Claire & Bill Knox, V. C. Luka, Laura McDowell, Philip Mathew, Patrick Morris, Doris Prendiville and Fr Henry Tansey

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

#### Mass Intentions:

- ◆ **Sat 21st January 5.30pm:** Philip Mathew
- ◆ **Sun 22nd January 11.30am:** Frances Carvill (Month's Mind), Patrick Morris
- ◆ **Thurs 26th January 9.30am:** Claire & Bill Knox



### WHAT is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and WHY is it being renewed in this parish soon?

Find out at Masses on the weekend of:  
**4th/5th February. 2023**

### NEW ALTAR SERVERS

**New Altar Servers (P6 and above)** will be training on **Wednesdays at 3.05pm in Church, OR Sunday at 10.20am**, depending on their availability. Enquiries to Noeleen: colmcille youth@yahoo.co.uk / 07879 498131.



### UPDATE—CHRISTMAS GIFT CARD APPEAL

Dear Parishioners of St Colmcille's Ballyhackamore, thank you for your continued and incredible generosity to the Tanzania Africa Project's Christmas Gift Card Appeal, particularly during these challenging times. This year's total of **£8982.50** goes directly to the parish of St. Bakhita in Moita Bwawani, Tanzania, and will make such a huge impact on the lives of the people of our twinned parish. This year's total also included a £2,000 donation from the Benedictine Community of Holy Cross Abbey in Rostrevor. From funding uniforms and a meal for the pupils of St. Colmcille's Pre-School, maintaining the mobile Mother and Baby Clinic and facilitating the training of Catechists, your support is invaluable and greatly appreciated. Asante Sana!



**MONEY MATTERS:** Many thanks to all of you who continue to contribute so generously to the collections.

#### Collection Figures:

- ◆ Weekly collection -£1124.72
- ◆ Living Youth Collection - £620.23



### PARISH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

More volunteer helpers are needed to support in particular the following parish groups : **Children's Liturgy, Junior & Senior Youth Groups, Altar Servers and the parish Sacramental Preparation Classes.** A rota system operates for volunteering to ensure that volunteers' time commitment is minimised. **Please contact Noeleen if you are interested in finding out more about volunteering in one or more of the following activities, by texting to: 07879 498131** or emailing: **n.dunn@downandconnor.org.**



### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy has resumed at the **9.30am Mass each Sunday.** **All children attending should be registered in advance.** Please pick up a **registration form** for your child/children, in the Church porch and return to one of the Children's Liturgy leaders, or place in the Bulletin Box in the porch, or Post Box on the Parochial House gate. All children from age 3 to 11 years are welcome.



### PARISH YOUTH GROUPS

**Both the Junior and Senior groups are invited to participate in a residential programme during the mid-term break.** This residential will take place in the Oasis of The Braid, Koinonia John the Baptist from **Thursday 16th February to Sunday 19th February 2023.**

This year's theme is called **"Surf Your Waves"** and addresses the subject of emotions. We will learn how to recognise our emotions and how to use them for our good so as to be able to "surf" the waves of our lives. The weekend will be guided by a professional psychologist who specialises in this area and by our Youth team. They will help you to deepen your spiritual experience and growth. Clarification: Water Activities are not part of the programme! Cost: £40 at the registration (with a £20 refund on the 16th as soon as you arrive). For enquiries please contact Noeleen: colmcille youth@yahoo.co.uk / 07879 498131

The **JUNIOR Parish Youth Group** for young people in Post Primary Years 8, 9 & 10, will meet in January on **Saturdays 21st & 28th from 6.15pm to 8.30pm.** All welcome.

### ALPHA

**The Alpha experience provides a space to meet new people and to freely explore life's big questions together.** This free programme is a mixture of video presentations and live talks, to help prompt discussion on life, faith and meaning. **Every session begins with a meal!** **ALPHA continues in St Colmcille's Parish Hall THIS Wednesday from 8.00pm to 9.30pm. All are welcome!** To register your interest, or make enquiries, please email **n.dunn@downandconnor.org** or text to **07879 498131. Please share.**



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