

You're Invited to a Musical Extravaganza!

Join us for a night of enchanting melodies and harmonious celebration as we mark the **40th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ST. COLMCILLES PARISH CHOIR!**

- Date: October 13th, 2023
- Time: 7:30 PM
- Venue: St Colmcille's Church Belfast

Prepare to be captivated by a symphony of voices as the choir harmonizes with:

- St Joseph's Primary School
- Contact Singers (Gilnahirk Presbyterian)
- Fr. Martin O'Hagan from The Priests



SACRAMENTS

You may register your young person now, for the parish evening classes, in preparation for First Holy Communion or Confirmation— if they are not being prepared in their own school. We also have a satellite class in Strandtown PS for First Communion, for children who attend there. Please contact Noeleen : 07879 498131 / colmcillyouth@yahoo.co.uk

ST. COLMCILLE'S LAUDATO SI' GROUP

As part of our celebrations for this year's Season of Creation, the Parish Laudato Si' Group is organising two events for parishioners, on the last weekend of September.

The first is an **Open Gardening Day, on Saturday, 30th September**, when families will be invited to do some tidying and planting in the church garden. The second event is the **Annual Blessing of Animals** on the afternoon of **Sunday, 1st October**.

All pets and companion animals are welcome, with their owners and carers. Refreshments will be provided for humans and non-humans alike. More details soon!

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGES

If you are interested in taking a pilgrimage to the Holy Land at any time in the next few months, please see the list of dates, prices and other information on the **notice board** in the church foyer, provided by Marian Pilgrimages.

BULLETIN: Please submit notes for the parish bulletin **NO LATER than Wednesday** 13th September, by dropping a note into the Bulletin Box in church or sending an email: stcolmcilles@downandconnor.org



PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE BALLYHACKAMORE 10th September 2023 Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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READINGS: Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 1; Psalter Week 2

*"Whatever you
bind on earth
shall be
considered bound
in Heaven"*

Matthew 18

ADORATION

Tuesday: 6.00pm—7.00pm

MASS

**Saturday : 5.30pm,
Sunday : 9.30am & 11.30am.**

**Tuesday : 7.00pm,
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 9.30am**

CONFESSION

**Tuesday : 6.00pm to 6.45pm
Saturday : 5.00pm**

**Morning and Evening
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH
Monday & Friday 9.15am
Wednesday 7.00pm**

PARISH EMMAUS DAY

Saturday 16th September 2023

The Lord is walking with us and guiding us!

The purpose of the Emmaus Day is to come together as a parish and recognise that Jesus is gently walking with us, guiding us and accompanying us. The day is an opportunity for us to listen deeply to what matters most and create a future together. It is hoped that the beginnings of a new pastoral council will emerge from the day. We will finish with good food, friendship and great fun!

We would love to hear from people from the many different backgrounds and ages that make up our parish. What a richly diverse and beautiful parish we have. We want to hear as many voices and possible—even if you can only come to for a short time! Please see the bulletin insert to sign up for the day.

DECEASED

We pray for the repose of the soul of all those who have died recently. We also remember all those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year, especially: Peggy Diamond, Maureen Forrester and David O'Flaherty.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT– Tel: 074 5698 9458

SEASON OF CREATION

In his message for this year's Season of Creation, Pope Francis writes that the evocative image used by the Prophet Amos: "Let justice flow on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream", speaks to us of what God desires. God wants justice to reign; it is as essential to our lives as water is essential for our physical survival.

This justice must flow wherever it is needed, neither remaining hidden deep beneath the ground, nor vanishing like water that evaporates before it can bring sustenance. God wants everyone to strive to be just in every situation, to live according to God's laws and thus to enable life to flourish. When we "seek first the kingdom of God" (Mt. 6: 33), maintaining a right relationship with God, humanity and nature, then justice and peace will flow like a never-ending stream of pure water, nourishing humanity and all creatures.

WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY

St John's parish, Falls Road, will host a short ecumenical service on this **Sunday 10th September at 7pm** to mark World Suicide Prevention Day.

An open invitation is extended to everyone to come and spend some time in prayer and quiet reflection as we remember together all those who have died by suicide. There will be an opportunity to light a candle in memory of those who have died and to pray with and for those grieving the loss of a loved one. If you have been affected by suicide in any way, know that you are most welcome. Please feel free to bring along a framed photo of a loved one lost to suicide to place on the table in front of the altar.

A member of the suicide awareness charity Papyrus will be on hand to provide support and resources.

FRANCESCO'S BENCH

Kathy Pedinelli would like all parishioners to enjoy the benefit of the new bench that she has installed in the church garden, in memory of her late husband Francesco. Kathy and her husband were married here in St Colmcille's in 1974 and have been parishioners since. RIP Francesco.

MONEY MATTERS

Many thanks to all those who contribute so generously to the collections.

The Autumn Voluntary Collection for the support of the priests in the Diocese will be taken up at all Masses *next* weekend

Join in praying for **VOCATIONS in our Parish and Diocese at the ADORATION HOLY HOUR on THIS TUESDAY at 6.00pm**

PARISH PASTORAL/ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT

An opportunity has arisen where we seek to recruit into the role of Pastoral/Administration Assistant within St Colmcille's Parish.

The post holder will be required to:

- Represent the Parish and assist the Parish Priest in the mission and pastoral care by working with those in the parish who require spiritual and practical support.

- Provide confidential, efficient, and effective administrative support to the Parish Priest, and assistant to visitors and parishioners who visit or make contact with the Parish Office.

Hours of work – 20 hours per week, flexibility will be required from time to time. Rate of Pay: £11.50 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 and nijobs.com websites, where terms and conditions relating to the role can also be accessed by way of a Role Profile and Employment Application form. An Application Pack is also available from the parish office.

We welcome applications from anyone who feels they meet the criteria as presented and are interested in playing an active role within the Diocese of Down and Connor. Application forms should be completed and directed to the Diocesan offices—address in application pack. Closing date for applications will be 12.00 noon on Monday 25th September 2023

PARISH AWAY DAY - SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER

You are invited to come for a day away with the Benedictine Monks at Holy Cross Abbey.

Lying in the shadow of the Mourne, Kilbroney seems to be the perfect place to seek peace and tranquillity and reconnect with God.

The cost for the day is £20.00 which covers a donation to the monks and a light lunch.

Please indicate your interest on the sheet at the back of the church or contact Claire Dowds on: 07766 934246 / email: cdowds181@gmail.com

COFFEE & CHAT

You are invited for Coffee, Tea and Scones in the Iona Room, **every Friday** after the 9.30am Mass. Come and Catch up with parishioners and get to know everyone. All are welcome !