

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 (Glnahirk Presbyterian)
- Fr. Martin O'Hagan from The Priests

Please scan the QR code to register your interest in attending.

### 11TH BELFAST SCOUT GROUP ST. COLMCILLES

**What a summer!** 16 Cubs and 6 leaders camping at Castlewellan, 31 Scouts and 10 leaders camping in Austria and 21 Venture Scouts with 4 leaders camping in Holland. A summer of activity culminating in our scouts achieving silver standard at the "All Ireland of Scouting Campcraft", the Phoenix trophy, held at Larch Hill in Dublin. Congratulations to all concerned in delivering quality scouting to the young people of St. Colmcilles.

**Venture Scout Leader Vacancy:** We have a vacancy for a female assistant venture scout leader to join our Venture Scout leader team. Could you help? Training and support will be made available. Craic guaranteed!

### 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

### CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY QUB

The Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's University Belfast will reopen, on a temporary basis for the new academic year, on **Monday 18th September** at **No. 42 University Road**. There you will find a Chapel, social space and our much-loved Mosaic Café, open 8.30am to 8.30pm weekdays during term. Sunday Masses take place at 8pm in the Canada Room of the University's Lanyon Building (from Sunday 24th September) and weekday Masses in the Chaplaincy at No.42 (from Monday 25th September). We look forward to welcoming new and returning students!

**BULLETIN:** Please submit notes for the parish bulletin **NO LATER than Wednesday** 20th September, by dropping a note into the Bulletin Box in church or sending an email: [stcolmcilles@downandconnor.org](mailto:stcolmcilles@downandconnor.org)



## PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE BALLYHACKAMORE 17th September 2023 Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**READINGS:** Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 1; Psalter Week 4

*"How often must I  
forgive my brother if  
he wrongs me?"  
As often as seven  
times?"*

*Jesus answered, "Not  
seven, I tell you, but  
seventy seven times."*

### 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**

**Missal Page No:** 651

**Entrance Antiphon:** Give peace to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

**Response to the Psalm:** The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

**Communion Antiphon:** How precious is your mercy, O God. The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

There will be a **FAMILY MASS** next Sunday 24th September at 9.30am. The children are encouraged to participate in singing and reading. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the hall. All are welcome.

**DECEASED:** We pray for the repose of the soul of all those who have died recently. Let us remember also baby Louis McGrath, praying in a special way for his parents, Catrina and Connor. We also remember all those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year, especially: Charles Caldwell, Visitation Dumalagan, Gabriel Kerr, and Francesco Pedinelli. .

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

### SEASON OF CREATION

Biodiversity is being lost at a rate not seen since the last mass extinction. The futures of young people are threatened by the cascading impacts of the loss of biodiversity and a changing climate. The urgency grows and we must make visible peace with the earth and on earth.

At the same time justice calls us to repentance and a change of attitude and actions. Let us join the river of justice and peace with others, and then hope will be created instead of despair.

### PARISH AWAY DAY - SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

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

Lying in the shadow of the Mournes, 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

**ST COLMCILLE'S PARENT & TODDLER GROUP** provides an opportunity for anyone caring for a child from 0 to 4 years to come along with the child and enjoy company, snacks and play. We meet on **Wednesdays at 10am** and we **resume on this Wednesday 13th September** after the summer break. If you haven't been before, it's a great way to make new friends. All mums, dads, grandparents, childminders and carers welcome, with their children.

### 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 !

### MONEY MATTERS

Many thanks to all 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 *this 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 for 20 hours per week. 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.

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

### LAUDATO SI GROUP - PARISH GARDEN WORKDAY

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.

Parishioners and their families are invited to join us for an **AUTUMN TIDY UP** of the parish garden and grounds on **Saturday 30th September between 10am and 1pm**. All welcome.

Please wear appropriate clothes and footwear for gardening. If you have them bring gardening gloves, and tools: eg hand trowel, fork, spade, rake; also paint brushes welcome as we hope to paint the fence.

Contact Brian McLoughlin 07738292160 for further information.

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!

### OUR LADY'S ANNUAL ROSARY FESTIVAL

The Festival runs from Saturday 30th September to Sunday 8th October, with seven events in different venues. Details can be found at [legionofmarydc.co.uk](http://legionofmarydc.co.uk) or call / text to: 07955 386288

The Festival ends with the 20th Rosary Procession from St John's to St Peter's Cathedral, commencing at 2.30 pm.

A shuttle bus is available to transport people from St Peter's to St John's from 12.30pm to 2.15pm. before the procession.