

**MONEY MATTERS:** Many thanks for all donations received. The Monthly Stipend Collection for the support of the priests in the Diocese will be taken up at all Masses *next* weekend

**BULLETIN:** Please submit posts for the parish bulletin **NO LATER than Wednesday 29th November**, by dropping a note into the Bulletin Box in church or sending an email: [stcolmcilles@downandconnor.org](mailto:stcolmcilles@downandconnor.org)  
**Posts are limited to a maximum of 100 words from 3rd December 2023.**  
**All posts may be subject to editing in the parish office in the future,** especially when there is a demand for space in the bulletin.

#### ST. COLMCILLE'S LAUDATO SI' GROUP

In his recent letter, *Laudate Deum*, Pope Frances expresses concern at the latest technological innovations, the basis of which he sees as being “the notion of a human being with no limits, whose abilities and possibilities can be infinitely expanded thanks to technology”. He condemns this notion, or ideology, for its detrimental effects on the rest of the created world, describing its root as “an obsession: to increase human power beyond anything imaginable, before which nonhuman reality is a mere resource at its disposal. Everything that exists ceases to be a gift for which we should be thankful, esteem and cherish, and instead becomes a slave, prey to any whim of the human mind”.

#### PHOTOGRAPHIC HISTORY OF ST COLMCILLE'S PARISH

A project is beginning for the publication of a photographic history of St Colmcille's. In addition to describing and illustrating the past twenty-six years of parish life (since 1997, when the original Parish History was published), it is hoped to include some photographs of the earlier years. We are looking for photographs of the church, the grounds, the parish hall, parish organisations and events. We would also like to reflect the contribution made to parish life by people who settled here from other countries. Your help is requested in digging out any photographs which you may have tucked away and which you think might be worth sharing. Any photographs which you provide will be scanned quickly and returned to you. For further information, or to offer help or expertise, please speak to Charles Friel, Patricia Kernaghan, or Leo O'Reilly.

#### ALTAR SERVERS

Children in Primary 6 and above, are invited to become Altar Servers. Parents should contact Noleen : 07879 498131

#### HELP NEEDED

The parish Bowls Club need assistance in setting up the hall. If you are available *anytime* between 4.30pm and 6.30pm on a Thursday, could you give 30 minutes of your time to put out the Bowls mats and a few chairs for the club? Please contact Peter Gahan to discuss : 07582 851946



## PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE

**BALLYHACKAMORE**

**26th November 2023**

**Thirty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

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

**Very Rev Anthony Curran PE**

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

**Matthew 25:31-46**

**The Parable of the Sheep and Goats strongly encourages Christians to take action to help those in need.**

**In this parable, Jesus makes it clear that a life worthy of the reward of Heaven must involve actively helping people in need.**

#### **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 to 5.20pm**

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

#### **WELCOME FR TONY !**

**Fr Tony is a retired Priest of the Down and Connor Diocese. Fr Tony has generously agreed to assist in the parish of St Colmcille's in a part time role. We warmly welcome him and look forward to getting to know him.**

#### **GREAT WOMEN OF PRAYER & FAITH: AN ADVENT JOURNEY**

There will be three talks during Advent in our Parish Centre at St Colmcille's on **Wednesday** evenings: **6th, 13th and 20th December at 7.30pm.** The talks will be given by Mary Cairns, Rev Paul Hutton and Paula McKeown respectively. The evenings will conclude with supper. All are welcome.

### DECEASED

We pray for the repose of the soul of all those who have died recently, especially **Tony Murray**.

We remember in prayer all those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year, especially : **Sarah Armstrong, Peggy Doyle, Peter Kelly, Chrissie Martin (nee Tansey), Aileen McGeown, Christy McMullan, Tommy Murphy and Anna Zhang.**

The November Masses will continue to be offered for all our deceased loved ones and friends, whose names have been submitted on the November Dead Lists.

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

**PARENTS MEETING**—for parents of the children preparing for **FIRST CONFESSION** will be held on **this Wednesday 29th November at 7.00pm** in the Parish Centre.

The **ENROLMENT MASS FOR FIRST CONFESSION** is **next Sunday 3rd December** at the **9.30am** Mass. Children who are *not* prepared in their own school for the sacraments may be registered for classes held in the parish. Contact the parish office : [stcolmcilles@downandconnor.org](mailto:stcolmcilles@downandconnor.org)

### APOSTOLIC WORK SALE

On **next Saturday and Sunday 2nd and 3rd December** after Masses we are having our annual December sale in support of the Missions. There will be our usual cake stall, plant stall, books and toys, Tombola and, of course a ballot. A wonderful book on the history of Apostolic Work over 100 years, written by Patricia Kernaghan, will be available at £10 per copy. We welcome items suitable for these stalls books and toys but **no** bric a brac please. Toys should be **saleable**, in good condition and functioning. Help on the day will be very welcome.

### TANZANIA AFRICA PROJECT

“Tis the season to ...” support our twinned parish of St. Bakhita’s, Moita Bwawani through your purchase of Christmas Gift Cards for the parish Tanzania Africa Project. Give a really worthwhile Christmas present this year. Choose from three life changing themes: **Buy a uniform and daily meal for a Maasai child at St. Colmcille’s Pre-School, Moita Bwawani, for £10; Sponsor a Catechist to spread the Word of God, for £10; Fund antenatal and postnatal care for Maasai mothers and their new-borns with our Mobile Medical Clinic Appeal for £20.**

Cards will be sold in the church porch after each of the weekend Masses **from next Saturday 2nd December**. An order form is also available on the Parish website, to complete and return by email or print.

### DOWN AND CONNOR DIOCESAN TRUST ST COLMCILLE’S PARISH BELFAST : VACANCY YOUTH & PASTORAL MINISTRY CO-ORDINATOR

An exciting opportunity has arisen where we seek to recruit a Youth & Pastoral Ministry Co-ordinator. Hours of work – 20 hours per week. Full details relating to the vacancy, including an application form can be found on the Diocesan website at: <http://www.downandconnor.org> clicking on the tab: job vacancies. An application pack is also available from the parish office.

**Closing date for applications will be 12.00 noon on this Tuesday 28th November.**

Week 7. 26<sup>th</sup> November to 2<sup>nd</sup> December

### PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE (final post)

In excess of 1,000 people have registered or have already attended one of the *Pathways to the Future* conversations that are being held across the Diocese during November. The conversations have been animated, rich, and fruitful, with those present sharing their hopes and dreams for their parishes and Families of parishes, their cares and concerns, as well as ideas and suggestions on how we build the Kingdom of God in Down and Connor. The Holy Spirit is moving through our parishes and our people, and there is a very real sense of excitement and optimism, and a willingness among our faithful to answer Christ’s call to renew and rebuild His Church for now and for the future.

On this Feast of Christ the King, as this church year draws to a close and we move into a time of waiting, expectation and preparation for the birth of Christ, our Saviour and King, let us pray for the renewal of our Church in Down and Connor and the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we plan for our future. Let us pray to be guided by the Spirit in the discernment of our own personal gifts and the role that God wants us to play in sharing the Good News of the Gospel and the love of God with all we meet and journey with in our lives.

*“I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view.”*

Ezekiel 34:11

### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

The **Parish Christmas Dinner** will be held at Shandon Park Golf Club at **3.00pm on Sunday 10th December**. More details later.

### OPEN MORNINGS

**St Joseph’s** Primary School : Thursday 30th November Address by the Principal at 10.30am followed by a guided tour of the school.  
**St Colmcille’s Pre School:** Friday 8th December, 12.30pm-2.00pm