

MONEY MATTERS

Weekly collection - £1174.10

Standing Orders for November - £3826.06

WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB

This Wednesday 13th December is the last session of the Exercise and Lunch Club before our Christmas break. We will resume again on

Wednesday 10th January, at a new start time of **12.15pm**.

We look forward to meeting additional members in the New Year—if you are age 55+ and would like to improve your level of fitness and mobility. Cost per session is £5, including lunch. Lunch is at 1.00pm, and for those coming for lunch only, the cost is £2.

VOLUNTEERING

If you would like to contribute to sustaining the vibrancy of our parish community, please consider volunteering in a role, even on a rota basis. Current needs include—hospitality at the new Wednesday Lunch Club; hospitality at the Friday Coffee Mornings and other events; support for the Bowls Club; assisting with youth events; Ministry of Welcome.

Please contact the Parish Office for further enquiries-
stcolmcilles@downandconnor.org / 02890 654157 / 07879 498131

FAMILY RESOURCE FOR ADVENT

If you would like a copy of the Family Resource for Advent from the Northern Pastoral Network resource Centre, please email St Colmcille's parish office and request a copy to be sent to you by email, or a hard copy left for you in the church foyer to pick up.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Parents should leave their children over to the Iona Room at the Parish Centre, **before the start of 9.30am Mass**, as leaders no longer depart from the church to walk the children to the Parish Centre. **Parents should sign their children in**, as they arrive to the Parish Centre.

A Children's Liturgy **registration form** should be completed by parents **before** their child's first session. Registration forms are found on a table in the church foyer.

BULLETIN

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

Posts are limited to a maximum of 100 words. All posts may be subject to editing in the parish office, especially when there is a demand for space.



PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE BALLYHACKAMORE 10th December 2023 Second Sunday of Advent

Very Rev Conor McGrath PP, Director of Vocations

Very Rev Anthony Curran PE

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READINGS: Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2; Psalter Week 4

ADORATION & BENEDICTION
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

Mark 1:1-8

The baptism with the Holy Spirit is the cleansing gift of God's very self upon God's people, the agent who works all things together for our salvation and imputes upon us the grace of every person of the Trinity to us.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Saturday 23rd December : 5.30pm

Sunday 24th December: 9.30am & 11.30am;

Sunday 24th December **CHRISTMAS VIGIL** Masses: 5.30pm & 9.00pm

Monday 25th December **CHRISTMAS DAY** : 9.30am & 11.30am

(extra) **CHRISTMAS CONFESSION TIME** : Tuesday 19th December
7.30pm—8.30pm, with additional priests.

GREAT WOMEN OF PRAYER & FAITH: AN ADVENT JOURNEY

This Wednesday 13th December : THE LOVE OF MARY

with Rev Paul Lutton, Assistant Minister at

Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church, Ballyhackamore

at 7.30pm - 9.00pm in the Parish Centre.

The evening will conclude with supper. All are welcome.

DECEASED

We pray for the repose of the soul of all those who have died recently. We also remember in prayer all those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially: **David Armstrong, John Barrett, James Forrester, Billy Kennedy, Kay O'Neill, Tommy O'Neill, Maureen McLaughlin, and Tony Murray**

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 newborns with our Mobile Medical Clinic Appeal for £20.

Cards will be sold in the church porch after each of the weekend Masses **from THIS SATURDAY 2nd December.**

An order form is also available on the parish website, to complete and return by email, or print.

APOSTOLIC WORK - Christmas Sale

The members of Apostolic Work wish to thank all those who helped raise **£1880** last weekend. Thanks to all who came to the Parish Centre gave donations, bought plants and cakes, ballot tickets etc., to those who supplied items to sell and special thanks to the young people - scouts who set up the hall, and special boys and girls who set coffee tables, looked after a stall and sold tickets for us. We could not have managed without the help of our cheerful and efficient hostesses and those willing hands who restored the hall to normal afterwards.

GROSVENOR CHORALE

The Grosvenor Choir warmly invite you to celebrate with them at their **Annual Festival Of Nine Lessons With Carols** on **NEXT MONDAY 18TH DECEMBER at 8.00pm** in the church.

A suggested donation of £10 will be collected at the close of the service, with proceeds going to the work of the Samaritans. There will be light refreshments afterwards in the parish centre. All are welcome.

PARISH CHRISTMAS LIGHT SHOW !!

Join us for Christmas lights, live crib, caroling and hot chocolate !!

Come and warm up with a cup of hot chocolate while enjoying the live crib and caroling.

Don't forget to bring your family and friends to celebrate this wonderful season with us.

The evening runs from **6.00pm-9.00pm.**
@ St Colmcilles Ballyhackamore on **Thursday 21st December.**

ALPHA

A new Alpha programme will begin on **Wednesday 17th January 2024, at 8.00pm** in the Parish Centre!

Curious about Faith?

Join conversations that explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment.

In small groups we watch an episode on questions of faith each week - then share our thoughts and hear what others think.

You can say anything, or nothing at all.
You're invited, no matter your background or beliefs.

It's free and there's no pressure to come back!

Enquiries, and to register - contact the parish office by email, or message to 07879 498131

MISA DE GALLO

The Filipino Community have gathered in St Vincent De Paul Church Ligoniel, to celebrate a **6.00AM** Mass in December, in preparation for Christmas, for 10+ years. Although the 'Misa De Gallo' (Mass of the Rooster) is a Filipino tradition, it is a great way for *everyone* to spiritually prepare for Christmas. **Fr Vincent Cushnahan PP** sends a special invitation to the **parishioners of St Colmcille's** to join with this tradition, from **Saturday 16th to the Sunday 24th December inclusive.** Mass is followed by traditional Filipino food in the Church Porch and on Christmas Eve in the Parish Hall.