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**Hilda Arnold, Harry McKenna and Stephen Wilson**

### FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD: NEW YEARS DAY

You are welcome to join us for Mass on **New Years EVE, this Sunday 31st December at 11.15pm** for the **Vigil Mass** of this beautiful feast, which is also the World Day of Prayer for Peace.  
**Join us in the Parish Centre, after the 11.15pm Mass, to welcome in the New Year!**

### MONEY MATTERS

Weekly collection £1311.15 Many thanks for your generosity.  
The Monthly Offertory Collection for the support of the priests in the Diocese will be taken up at all Masses *next* weekend.

### NOW ACCEPTING CONTACTLESS DONATIONS

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### STANDING ORDER / OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Please contact Philomena at [p.dawson@downandconnor.org](mailto:p.dawson@downandconnor.org) if you wish to contribute by Standing Order or Offertory Envelopes.

### CLUBS & GROUPS

The 55+ Exercise and Lunch Club resumes *this* Wednesday 3rd January at a new start time of 12.15pm  
The Bowls Club resumes on *this* Thursday 4th January at 7.15pm.  
Friday Coffee Mornings resume on *this* Friday 5th January at 10.00am  
Parents / Carers & Toddlers Group meet on *next* Wednesday 10th January at 10.00am  
Pilates : *Next* Monday 8th January

### SACRAMENTAL CLASSES

The parish classes for children preparing for First Holy Communion (P4) and for Confirmation (P7 & above), will begin in January.  
If your child is not being prepared for the sacraments in their school, please contact the parish office to enrol your child for the parish sacramental preparation classes: [stcolmcilles@downandconnor.org](mailto:stcolmcilles@downandconnor.org)  
There will be a **Confirmation Parents Meeting on Tuesday 16th January at 7.30pm** in the Parish Centre.



## PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE

BALLYHACKAMORE

31st December 2023

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Very Rev Conor McGrath PP, Director of Vocations  
Very Rev Anthony Curran PE  
Phone - 02890 654157 Website: [www.st-colmcilles.net](http://www.st-colmcilles.net)  
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**READINGS:** Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2; Psalter Week 1  
Missal Page : 66



*May the Peace of Christ reign in your hearts. May the message of Christ find a home in you.  
Col 3:15,16*

**ADORATION & BENEDICTION**  
Tuesday 2nd Jan 6pm

**MASS**  
Saturday 30th: Dec 5.30pm,

**NEW YEARS' EVE**  
Sunday 31st Dec : 9.30am & 11.30am.  
and 11.15pm  
(Vigil of Mary, Mother of God)

Tuesday 2nd Jan: 7.00pm

Wednesday 3rd —Friday 5th: 9:30am

Friday 5th Jan **EPIPHANY Vigil : 7.00pm**

Saturday 6th Jan **EPIPHANY: 11:30am**

**CONFESSION**  
Tuesdays : 6.15pm—6.45pm  
Saturdays : 5.00pm—5.20pm

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

### 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.

Enquiries, and to register - contact the parish office by email, or sign up on the sheet at the back of the church, or send a message to 07879 498131

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

### BULLETIN

THERE WILL BE NO BULLETIN NEXT WEEKEND (30th December)  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

**CHILDRENS NATIVITY AT CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASS @ 5:30PM**  
**ALL CHILDREN** are invited to attend as Shepherds or Angels and take part!

### FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS: THURSDAY 28TH DECEMBER

The feast of the Holy Innocents gives us an opportunity to pray for and support parents who have lost children, before and after birth. Mass at 11:30am that day will be offered for the parents. If parents wish, they are welcome to place a flower in the manger in memory of their child.

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### LEGACY DONATION

In these times of giving thanks, the parish would like to sincerely thank Norma and Peter Loder who have left a legacy of £35,000 to the parish. In appreciation of their great service to the parish in life, please pray for the happy repose of their souls.

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