

ALPHA

A new Alpha programme continues on
This Wednesday 31st January at 8.00pm in the Parish Centre!
It's not too late to join us!! New guests arriving each week.
Enquiries: contact the parish office by email-
stcolmcilles@downandconnor.org
or send a message to 07879 498131

Be Curious—COME AND SEE !!

Dear Parishioners of St Colmcille's Ballyhackamore, thank you for your incredible generosity to the Tanzania Africa Project. This year's tremendous total of **£10,052.00** raised from the Christmas Gift Card Appeal goes directly to the parish of St. Bakhita in Moita Bwawani, Tanzania. SMA priest, Fr. Tomasz hopes to visit St Colmcille's when he returns to his native Poland for a holiday this year, and I'm sure you look forward to welcoming him and learning from him how your donations continue to make such a huge impact on the lives of the people of our twinned parish. Asante Sana!



ST BRIGID'S DAY LECTURE

Date: This Thursday 1st February at 7.30pm, St Brigid's parish

Venue: The Parish Centre 38 Derryvolgie Avenue BT9 6FP

Guest Speaker: Fr Gerry O'Hanlon S.J.

Theme: *"Why Synodality? Progress and Challenges on The Synodal Pathway of the Catholic Church"*

Fr Gerry O'Hanlon is a Jesuit priest, theologian and former Provincial of the Irish Jesuits. He has written extensively on Church reform and the role of the Church in the public square. In 2018 he published, what is regarded as a work of seminal importance: *The Quiet Revolution of Pope Francis – A Synodal Catholic Church in Ireland Everyone is Welcome!*

NEXT WEEK

CONFIRMATION— The Confirmation sacrament will be conferred on Primary 7 pupils from St Joseph's school on **next Thursday 7th February at 4.00pm** in Church. Please pray that their hearts are open to the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives, as they accept responsibility for continuing their faith journey in trust, hope and love.



PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE BALLYHACKAMORE 28th January 2024 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Very Rev Conor McGrath PP, Director of Vocations

Very Rev Anthony Curran PE

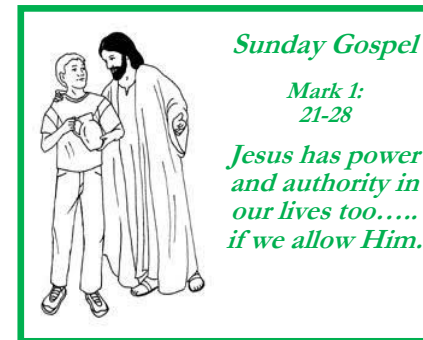
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Parish Office: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 10.00am—2.00pm

READINGS: Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2; Psalter Week 4; Missal: p705



ADORATION & BENEDICTION
Tuesday 6pm

MASS

Saturday : 5.30pm

Sunday : 9.30am & 11.30am

Tuesday : 7.00pm

Wednesday — Friday : 9:30am

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

HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY 31st January— feast of **St John Bosco**, priest, patron saint of youth. ALPHA programme in the parish centre at 8.00pm.

THURSDAY 1st February—the feast day of **St Brigid**, one of Ireland's patron saints. You are invited to come to the Iona Room to **make St Brigid's crosses** after the Masses **THIS SUNDAY**. Or please come and help others to make a St Brigid cross. Free coffee, tea and tray bakes for all after Sunday Mass.

FRIDAY 2nd February— Candlemass Day. You may **bring candles** to the **9.30am Mass on this Friday** to be blessed. After Mass on Friday two nine inch (23cms) blessed candles may be bought for £2.

SATURDAY 3rd February—feast of **St Blaise**, venerated as the patron saint of sufferers from throat ailments. After the **5.30pm Mass next Saturday** you are invited to come forward for a blessing of your throat.

DECEASED

We pray for the repose of the soul of all those who have died recently, especially **Claire McBriarty, Paul Reilly...** and also **Keith Harper** whose Month's Mind occurs at this time.

.We also remember in prayer all those whose anniversaries occur at this time : **John Doyle, Laura McDowell, Paul McGonnell, Teresa McMahan, Noel O'Hare, Doris Prendiville, Brendan Small**

SACRAMENTAL CLASSES

FIRST COMMUNION class for children (not attending St Joseph's PS) will begin **this Wednesday 31st January at 6.00pm to 7.00pm** in the parish hall. Enquiries to stcolmcilles@downandconnor.org

FOSTERING

The Bishops of the northern Dioceses ask for your assistance in supporting HSC NI Foster Care. There is an **urgent need** in N Ireland for foster carers. Maybe you have been thinking about becoming a foster carer, or would like to learn more about fostering - this may be the time to put that thought into action.

At the end of *all* Masses this weekend a **member of HSC staff will be in the church foyer** to speak with those who would like to ask questions, and to invite you to an opportunity to hear more about fostering.

If you think you could give a child a brighter future call 0800 0720 137 or visit adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net

ACCORD NI

Let us help you support your Marriage & Relationship

If you feel your marriage or relationship is in crisis or need a little guidance and feel that you both could benefit from Marriage & Relationship Counselling, either face to face or online, contact your local Centre. Every year we help thousands of couples rebuild and sustain healthy relationships.

Call us on **02890 233002** for all N. Ireland centres:

N. Ireland Regional Office, Armagh, Ballymena, Belfast, Derry, Enniskillen, Maghera, Newry & Omagh

Email: info@accordni.com Web: www.accordni.com

MONEY MATTERS

Weekly collection - £1090.67 Living Youth - £655.00

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

FRANKIE'S 1970S MUSIC NIGHT

Saturday 10th February from 7.30pm to 11.00pm

in St Colmcille's Parish Centre.

All proceeds go towards **Children in Crossfire**.

Entrance £10.00 per person. A glass of wine / shloer included.

Light refreshments will also be provided.

Please enter into the spirit of things by wearing 1970s outfits (although not obligatory).

The idea is to have a fun evening. Just turn up on the night! Further details/information can be obtained from any of the following. An idea of numbers who are interested would be appreciated. Kathy 07801 032101, Carla 07720 841587,

Mary 07815 493463 or Claire 07801 820674

Tickets on sale after all the weekend Masses—£10

PARISH YOUTH TEAM

Are you aged 19 to 90 and yearning to leave an indelible mark on others' lives? Look no further!

Join us as a volunteer with the Youth Team and become a part of something extraordinary. Your age is just a number; your desire to make a difference is what truly counts. Empower the next generation, share your wisdom, and contribute to shaping unforgettable moments. Whether you're an expert or a newcomer, your unique perspective is invaluable. Take the opportunity to be a living print in the lives of others. Come and make a difference with us! Contact Francis at: f.lacuitto@downandconnor.org

DIOCESAN LENT PROGRAMME

Really free in Christ?



Reading St Paul's *Letter to the Romans* together

With insights from Augustinian priest Kieran O'Mahony, Scripture scholar and Ecumenical Canon of Christ Church 2012-2017.

6.00pm (optional Dinner) 7.00pm-9.00pm Lecture and discussion

Starts 13th Feb (Shrove Tuesday) & continues on **Tuesdays in Lent: February 13th, 20th, 27th, and March 5th, 12th, 19th.**

Book your place on Eventbrite - Find the link on our Belfast Jesuit Centre Facebook page or website www.belfastjesuitcentre.org

FYI Lent begins on Wednesday 14th February