

PARISH PRAYER TEAM

Fr Conor announced his **new vision for the parish** at all of the Masses last weekend. If you were away last weekend and missed it, do look back to the recording of any of the weekend Masses 24th/25th August.

Fr Conor's vision encompasses the model of a Catholic parish founded by Fr James Mallon known as **Divine Renovation**.

In **Luke 24:49** Jesus issued his **last instruction** to the apostles, insisting that they do not set off without (the power / support / guidance / reliance of) the Holy Spirit before they left the city (of Jerusalem).

"So remain in the city until you are clothed with power from on high"

So as the apostles waited and prayed altogether, *we* should pray for our parish as we prepare to set off on this new journey with Fr Conor. Let us gather others (including children), to engage in focused prayer, so that **the Holy Spirit takes the lead at St Colmcille's!**

Will you commit to becoming a Parish Prayer Intercessor for this vital role in praying and inviting the Holy Spirit to a new Pentecost at St Colmcille's? We need to build a really big team!

Please get on board. Email the parish office or send a text to Noeleen: 07879 498131 with your name and contact details to find out more.

MARY'S MEALS FILM SCREENING

On Monday 9th September at 7.00pm in the Agape Centre, 236-266 Lisburn Road, BT9 6GF, Belfast, Mary's Meals is holding a screening of their new documentary, **Zero Hunger**, about the devastating and escalating hunger crisis in Ethiopia. Please note this film is not suitable for children and has a rating of 12A. **To reserve a free ticket visit bit.ly/zhbelfast or contact Caoimhe McCann on 07394 564 065.** There will be refreshments and an opportunity to chat to local volunteers about the work of Mary's Meals after the screening.

PARISH LIBRARY

A parish resource of many books—for those who want to delve a bit deeper into their faith or are curious—is found in the bookcase in the church foyer. Browse there, and select a book of your choice. Please write your name, and title of the book you are borrowing, in the notebook on the bookshelf. Please sign your name in the notebook later, to indicate the book has been returned.

DEADLINE

Please submit notes for the parish bulletin no later than **12 noon on Wednesdays** by- emailing the parish office or dropping a note into the Bulletin Box in the church foyer. Max 100 words please.



PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE

BALLYHACKAMORE

1st September 2024

22nd 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 2; Missal: p779

Sunday 1st	Mass: 9.30am; 11.30am
Monday 2nd	Morning Prayer : 9.00am (note new morning time)
Tuesday 3rd	Adoration & Benediction: starting at 6.00pm Confession: 6.15 – 6.45pm Mass at 7.00pm
Wednesday 4th	Mass : 9.30am Evening Prayer: 7.15pm
Thursday 5th	Mass : 9.30am
Friday 6th	Morning Prayer: 9.00am Mass: 9.30am Coffee: 10.00am
Saturday 7th	Confession : 5.00pm – 5.20pm Mass: 5.30pm

PARISH OFFICE

The parish office has relocated to the **Colmcille Room, upstairs in the Parish Centre**. Opening hours are **Tuesday to Thursday from 10.00am to 2.00pm**. Please press the doorbell at the front door to announce your arrival. Enter and take a seat in the foyer, or come upstairs to the office. Enquiries and bookings can also be made by email, or phone call. Contact details above.

ALPHA

A new parish short ALPHA programme begins this term on **TUESDAY 1st OCTOBER** at 8.00pm to 9.30pm for 8 sessions. The venue is in the upstairs lounge of **THE HEARTH**, next door to the church. To register or make an enquiry please email the parish office:

stcolmcilles@downandconnor.org or send a text to Noeleen: 07879 498131

Please also declare any dietary needs, as every session begins with a meal. Please share this with family, friends, and work colleagues.



DECEASED

We pray for the repose of the soul of all those who have died recently, especially: **Esther Jeanette Sharvin.**

We also remember in prayer all those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially: **Maureen Forrester, David O'Flaherty and Francisco Ramirez.**

Parish Bereavement Support Group
Contact : 07375 535 649

PARISH OPEN DAY

*Announcement for **group leaders** within the Parish.*

You may already be aware of our Parish Open Day taking place on 28th and 29th of September. The Parish Engagement Group has attempted to contact all leaders to ask if your group will be participating.

If you have not received an email (perhaps it has gone into junk), then please contact: **stcolmcillespeg@gmail.com** for more information.

In order for us to organise numbers, please contact us within the next few days if your group would like to participate.

PARISH ANNUAL AWAY DAY - SATURDAY 28th SEPTEMBER

You are invited to come for a day away with the Benedictine Monks at Holy Cross Abbey where the brothers offer an open, welcoming and healing space.

Lying in the shadow of the Mournes, Kilbroney Valley is 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. To indicate your interest in attending or if you require more information please contact Claire Dowds on: 07766 934 246 or email: cdowds181@gmail.com

TANZANIAN AFRICA PROJECT

Dear Parishioners—In August Fr. Tomasz Zielinski (SMA) from our twinned Parish of St. Bakhita, Moita Bwawani, Tanzania visited St Colmcille's to thank you for your amazing generosity to the Tanzania Africa Project. Despite a few technical difficulties Fr. Tomasz shared photos and an update on how we continue to support our twinned parish primarily through our Christmas Gift Cards – contributing to Mother and Baby Care, the St Colmcille's Pre-School, and the training of Catechists. Many of you took the opportunity to chat to Fr. Tomasz after Mass and a collection that weekend raised £2800. Thank you for your generous support of our twinned parish, from Roisin Browne on behalf of the TAP committee.

PILATES

Align Physio led Pilates classes will resume on **this Monday 2nd September** in the Parish hall. Some spaces have become available in the **10.30am** and **8.15pm** classes. Open to men and women, of all ages and fitness levels.

Please contact: oliviadavidson42@hotmail.co.uk for more details.

LUNCH CLUB

The Wednesday Exercise and Lunch Club continues on **Wednesday 4th September**. The club is available to men and women age 55+ years, starting at **12.15pm** each Wednesday with light exercise, (seated or standing) followed by lunch at **1.00pm**. Total cost is £5. Or lunch only, at £2. New guests most welcome.

BOWLS - NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

The Bowls Club is open to men and women of all ages. No previous experience is necessary. The club resumes this **Thursday 5th September** at 7.00pm to 9.00pm.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy ministry resumes **next Sunday 8th September**. It takes place in the parish centre during 9.30am Mass. Please leave your child to the parish centre before Mass. Parents should complete a registration form for their child. The Sunday gospel message is shared with the children through discussion, role play, games with learning intentions, art and crafts, and song. More leaders and helpers would be welcome. Leaders and Helpers meeting next Sunday 8th after Mass.

PARENT & TODDLERS GROUP

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 **10.00am** and we resume on **Wednesday 11th 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 are welcome, with their children.

YOUTH CLUB

Young people age 11 to 14 years are invited to meet **each Saturday** in the Parish Centre, from **6.30pm to 8.30pm** for indoor and outdoor activities, and nights out. The club will resume on **Saturday 14th September**. New members very welcome!