

## JUBILEE ADVENT PROGRAMME

The Jubilee Advent Programme will help us to enter into the spirit of Advent by exploring some of the rich texts from the Gospel of Luke (which will be read in the next Liturgical year) and prepare us for the forthcoming Jubilee Year with its theme of 'Pilgrims of Hope'.

The programme consists of six pre-recorded presentations:

- **Seán Goan** will engage with the **Magnificat and Benedictus** as hopeful Advent prayers.
- **Kieran O'Mahony** will follow the theme of Jubilee through the **Gospel of Luke**.
- **Jessie Rogers** will unpack the concepts of **Jubilee and Sabbath** in texts from the Torah and the Prophets.

This programme continues in the Iona Room on **Thursday mornings at 10.00am, on December 5th, 12th and 19th**. All are warmly invited.

## RECHARGE

Recharge is a prayer group for young adults. Join us on the first and third Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm in the Iona Room in the Parochial Hall. Come and recharge your spiritual batteries through prayer, study and friendship.

## St Colmcille's Pre School Open Day

On Monday 2nd December  
12.30-2.00pm.  
We look forward to seeing you all there.

## St Joseph's Primary School, School Crossing Patrol Job

The post of School Crossing Patrol has now been advertised and is due to close on 5 December 2024.

For more info <https://eani.taleo.net/careersection/jobdetail.ftl?job=24006326&lang=en> Or contact the principal of St Joseph's at [stjosephsps@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephsps@gmail.com).

## PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE BALLYHACKAMORE



1st December 2024

35th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Very Rev Conor McGrath PP, Director of Vocations  
Very Rev Anthony Curran PE

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Parish Office: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 2.00pm-4.00pm

Sunday	Mass: 9.30am & 11.30am
Monday	Divine Office: 9.00am
Tuesday	Adoration & Benediction: starting at 6.00pm Confession: 6.15pm – 6.45pm Mass at 7.00pm
Wednesday	Mass : 9.30am Divine Office: 7pm
Thursday	Mass : 9.30am
Friday	Morning Prayer: 9.00am Mass : 9.30am
Saturday	Confession : 5.00pm – 5.20pm Mass: 5.30pm

## SO, THIS IS CHRISTMAS?

Wondering if there's more to life than Christmas? Unwrap the Christian faith together at **ALPHA**. It's for anyone who is curious. No judgement, no pressure. Each session unpacks a big question of faith, life and purpose and is designed to spark conversation. Come along on **Wednesday 15th January 2025**, and see what you think.

## DECEASED

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Fr Brendan Mc Mullan** all those who have died recently and whose months mind occurs. We also remember in prayer Sarah Armstrong, James Irvine and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Parish Bereavement Support Group Contact: 07375 535 649.**

## ANNIVERSARIES

If you would like an Anniversary Mass booked please contact the Parish Office on 90654157 or email [stcolmcilles@downandconnor.org](mailto:stcolmcilles@downandconnor.org).

## ALPHA ADVENT CELEBRATION

Alpha guests, both recent and past participants, are invited to an evening of Advent celebration, beginning with a pot-luck supper in the parish hall

**this Wednesday evening 4th December at 7.00pm.**

Please email Noeleen to confirm your attendance: [n.dunn@downandconnor.org](mailto:n.dunn@downandconnor.org)

## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

If your young person is interested in reading the Prayer of the Faithful at weekend Masses, and was not able to attend the recent training, a final training session will take place in the church on

**Saturday 7th December** (after 5.30pm Mass) at **6.20pm – 7.00pm.**

Parents should contact Noeleen if you require further details: 07879 498131

## LECTIO AND VISIO DIVINA

Would you like to prepare for Christmas by learning more about a way of praying, using scripture and sacred images? Our guided Advent programme this year will focus on two aspects of prayer:

- (1) Lectio Divina “Divine Reading”...we will be praying with the gospels through Advent by using the 4 movements of Lectio Divina.
- (2) Visio Divina - “Divine Seeing” ... we will visualize the gospel events and share our insights into visual images related to the scripture.

We look forward to welcoming you on the **Monday evenings of Advent**, in the Iona Room at **7.00pm to 8.00pm on December 2nd, 9th and 16th.**

## MONEY MATTERS

Weekly collection - £1098.93

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

Many thanks to all those who contributed.

## DEADLINE

Please submit notes for the parish bulletin no later than **12 noon every Wednesday** by- emailing the parish office.

Posts may be subject to editing.

## APOSTOLIC WORK CHRISTMAS SALE & COFFEE MORNING

In aid of the **Missions** will be held in the Parish Centre on **Sunday, 1st December** after both Masses. There will be our usual cake and jam stall, plant stall, Tombola and, of course, a ballot. We welcome items suitable for these stalls. We would be very grateful if anyone can help clearing furniture on the day.

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

If you would like to assist in helping with the distribution of Holy Communion at Masses in parish, please attend a training and renewal meeting on **next Thursday 5th December in Church at 7.00pm.** All current Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are also asked to attend.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We welcome the children at **9.30am Mass this weekend** who are being presented by their parents to Fr Conor, for First Holy Communion. All parishioners are invited to pray for the children as they begin their time of preparation.

## CONFIRMATION

If you were unable to attend the enrolment night for Confirmation please email the Parish Office at [stcolmcilles@downandconnor.org](mailto:stcolmcilles@downandconnor.org) with your child's details.