PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE
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To know the joy of God's ***love*** and make the ***love*** of God known to all



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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As we come to the last parish bulletin before the summer ☀ I want to take a moment to thank you all for your presence, your prayers, and your participation in the life of our parish over these past months. From the quiet faithfulness of daily Mass-goers to the joy of First Communions and Confirmations, school visits, youth ministry, Alpha groups, and moments of simple hospitality — it's been a season rich in grace.

Summer is a chance to slow down, to rest, to reconnect with family and friends, and perhaps to hear the voice of God in the stillness — in the beauty of creation, a well-timed word of encouragement, or a moment of unexpected peace. Whether you're staying close to home or heading away for a while, I pray it will be a time of refreshment and renewal for you.

The Church doesn't take a holiday, of course — and neither does God! So know that you are always welcome, always held in prayer, and always invited to draw close to Him, especially through the sacraments.

We'll be back with regular bulletins in September, but for now, may the Lord bless and keep you, and may your summer be filled with sunshine, laughter and peace.

Have a great Summer!

Fr Conor

THIS WEEK AT ST COLMCILLE'S

Sunday	Mass: 9.30am & 11.30am
Monday	Morning Prayer: 9.00am
Tuesday	Mass: **NB 9:30am**
Wednesday	Mass : 9.30am. Evening Prayer: 7pm
Thursday	Mass : 9.30am
Friday	Morning Prayer: 9.00am Mass: 9.30am
Saturday	Confession : 5.00pm – 5.20pm Vigil Mass: 5.30pm

MASS THIS SUNDAY

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 33

From all my terrors the Lord set me free

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 25:1-6, 17-18

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it

Alleluia!

A Reading from the Holy Gospel, Matthew 16:13-19

DECEASED

We pray for the repose of the soul of and all those who have died recently **Tommie Kearns** and whose month's mind occurs. We also remember in prayer all those whose anniversaries occur at this time **Paula Doran, Mary Mc Kenna, Brendan Tansey, Joaquin Ruales**

Parish Bereavement Support Group Contact: 077 2981 6256.

ANNIVERSARIES

If you would like an Anniversary Mass booked please contact the Parish Office on 90654157 or email stcolmcilles@downandconnor.org.

Parish Office Summer Opening Hours

Monday 2-4pm
Wednesday 8am-10.30am
Thursday 2-4pm

PAROCHIAL HALL BOOKINGS

If you would like to book a Party in the Parochial Hall we now require 1 MONTHS notice by emailing the Parish Office at stcolmcilles@downandconnor.org.

PARISH LIBRARY

The Parish Library is now located on the side shelves of the unit at the far side of the church. Please switch the light on, at the left side of the unit, to browse the selection of books. Please record your name and book title in the Library Notebook found there.

PARISH BROADCAST SERVICE

Would you like to receive up to the minute parish announcements, reminders, information about parish events or special liturgies, and any urgent parish messages ..... to your phone?

Please sign up to the Parish WhatsApp Broadcast List by sending a WhatsApp message to 07879 498131.

DOWN and CONNOR DIOCESAN TRUST HOLYWOOD PARISH VACANCY SACRISTAN/CARETAKER

For more info please check out the Diocesan Website.
Closing date for applications will be 12.00 noon on Tuesday 8 July 2025

Date for your diary!

Calling all 16/17 year olds to an information meeting for John Paul II award on Tuesday 16th September 2025 at 7pm in the Parochial hall.

You will hear about the award from young people who recently received their awards, what types of volunteering they completed, what they learned from the experience, challenges they overcame and the benefits of the awards.

All young people who have just completed their GCSEs are welcome to come to hear about the award and join the group.

SVP

For all parents who have to buy school uniforms at a time when everything else is so expensive, this may be helpful information.
Crawfords in Newtownards has reduced price offers on school uniforms from 21st June – 11the July. After that normal pricing resumes.
East Belfast Mission at Skanos Newtownards Rd has offered the opportunity to donate uniform items from 2nd - 4th July and pick up uniform items from 7th and 8th July, 10am – 2pm(no money changes hands!)
Christ Church Presbyterian Dundonald have their uniform distribution on 3rd July from 3pm – 7pm and Dundonald Methodist have their collect a uniform on 14th August 3pm – 7pm. Again, no money changes hands. These 3 opportunities are the initiative of ROC (Redeeming Our Communities). ROC supports Community action, particularly in financially challenging times.
So, if you have to buy uniforms for your kids, you might find the above information helpful in saving money.

Our Lady and St Patrick's College, Knock - 40th Anniversary Ball
Saturday, 25th October 2025 in Titanic Belfast at 7pm
Tickets available by contacting the PTA at knockpta@gmail.com

ST COLMCILLE'S PARISH : CENSUS FIGURES FOR THE WEEKEND OF 10TH & 11TH MAY 2025

AGE	Saturday 5.30pm		Sunday 9.30am		Sunday 11.30am		Sunday 3.00pm		Overall Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	
0-11	7	11	43	45	17	24	3	2	152
12-18	6	7	25	11	18	19	2	1	89
19-29	4	3	5	5	10	16	1	2	46
30-39	2	9	27	21	18	19	5	2	103
40-49	6	12	24	39	12	23	0	2	118
50-59	12	10	16	10	18	24	3	1	94
60-69	9	17	10	13	8	24	2	0	83
70-79	4	11	5	10	9	10	0	0	49
80-89+	3	8	3	5	4	6	0	0	29
Total	53	88	158	159	114	165	16	10	763
2025	141		317		279		26		763
2024	156		314		222		59		751

Useful Contacts

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"More safe am I within Thy hand, Than if a host did round me stand."