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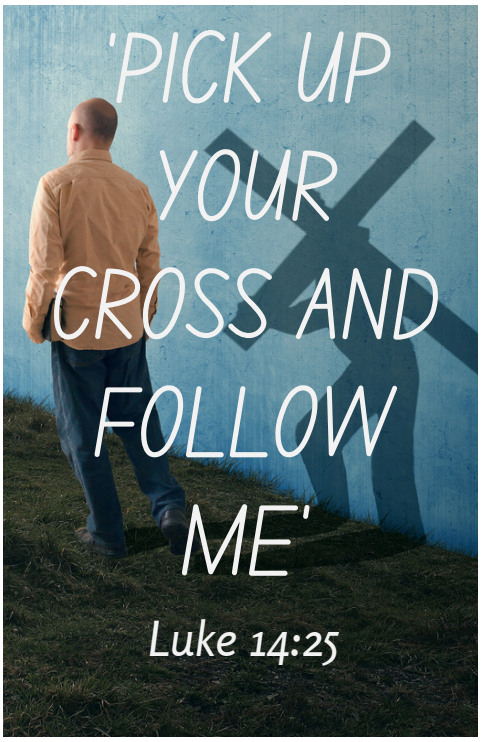
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
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To know the joy of God's ***love*** and make the ***love*** of God known to all

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

This past week I joined Bishop Alan and the priests of our diocese for our annual retreat in Dromantine. It was a time of prayer, reflection, and fraternity that brought real renewal. Thank you for remembering us in your prayers — please continue to keep your priests close in prayer as we return refreshed to parish life.



Next Saturday we are delighted to welcome Repair Café Belfast to our Parish Hall (Saturday 13 September, 10.00 am–12.00 noon). The Café brings together friendly volunteers who can help fix everyday items, share advice, and offer a warm cup of tea and conversation. It's a simple way of caring for creation, saving money, and enjoying community together. All are welcome!

We are also preparing to welcome our new NET Ministries Team. These young missionaries will be with us for the coming year, serving our parish and especially our young people with great energy and faith. Their presence is a real blessing, and we want to make sure they feel at home among us.

Hosting the team involves practical costs — food, accommodation and transport. We are inviting parishioners to consider supporting this mission with a contribution: a suggested donation of £25 per month (or whatever you can manage) will go a long way in sustaining their ministry. More than anything, please keep them in your prayers as they begin this important work in our parish.

Have a blessed week, Fr Conor

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PARISH OFFICE:
TUES & THURS 2PM-4PM,
WEDNESDAY 8AM-10.30AM

THIS WEEK AT ST COLMCILLE'S

Sunday	Mass: 9.30am & 11.30am
Monday	Morning Prayer: 9.00am
Tuesday	**Holy Hour and Confessions: 6pm** **Mass: 7pm**
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: Wisdom 9:13-18

Psalm 89

'O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.'

Second Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

Gospel: **Luke 14: 25-33**

DECEASED

We pray for the repose of the soul of and all those who have died recently;
We also remember in prayer all those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Molly & David O'Flaherty, Jack Younger, Rita Rooney

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.

Recharge

is a young adult group for 18 to 35 year olds.

We meet twice a month to "recharge" our spiritual batteries through prayer, intellectual formation and friendship.

All are welcome!

Dates for your diary for September:

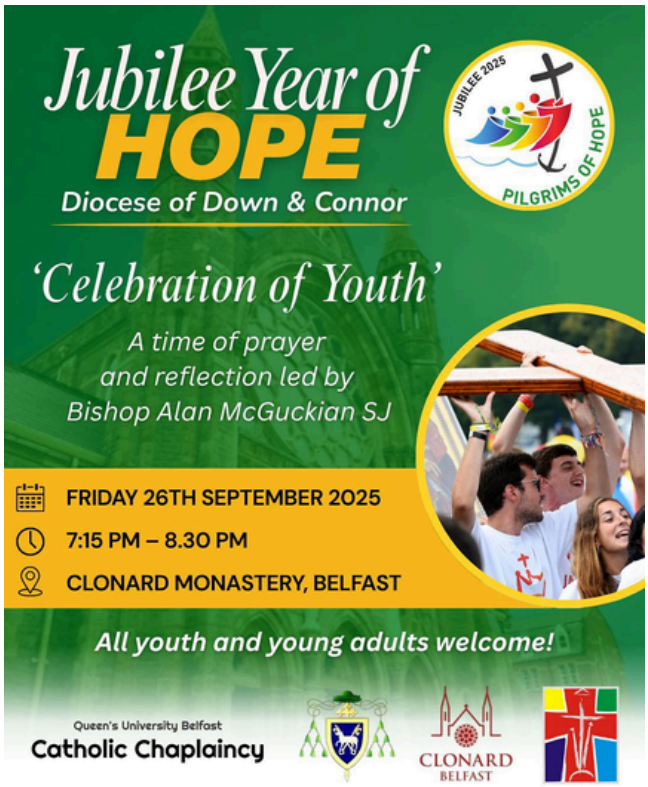
Tuesday 16th September @7.30pm: Group Study - Growing in Prayer.

JPII

Calling all 16/17 olds to an information session for this years John Paul II group on Tuesday 16 September at 7 pm in the Parish Hall, Iona Room.

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

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



MONEY MATTERS

Weekly collection - £1014.56

The Monthly Offering Collection for the support of the priests in the parish will be taken up at all Masses this weekend.

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.

Re Adult Safeguarding Training for Coordinators/ Organisers of Adult Activities

Training has been arranged for clergy and volunteers who have regular and or direct contact with adults, particularly those - coordinating/organising/delivering adult activities (e.g. SPRED Leaders, Visitation Team Leaders, Leaders of Eucharistic Ministers).

Please ensure that your SPRED Leaders in your parish, have completed this level of training as it is a requirement for their role.

Dates: 24th and 25th September 2025 *

Time: 6:30pm

Venue: 120 Cliftonville Road, Belfast, BT14 6LA

PARISH AWAY DAY

SATURDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER

You are invited to come for a day away with the Benedictine Monks at Holy Cross Abbey

Lying in the shadow of the Mournes, Kilbroney seems to be the perfect place to seek peace and tranquillity and reconnect with God.

The cost for the day is £25.00 which covers a donation to the monks and lunch.

More details to follow.

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 10am and we resume on Wednesday 10th September 2025 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 welcome, with their children.

ST COLMCILLES GUIDE UNIT

St Colmcille's Guides is an enjoyable club where we do a wide range ofactivities, including crafts, camping and sports. Come to the Scout and Guide Den (behind the Parish Hall) at a date that fits your age group.

Make friends, learn new skills and have fun!

· Cygnets (P1 & P2) will start back on Wednesday 24th September from 6.15pm - 7.15pm.

· Brigins (P3—P6) and

· Rangers (Year 11+) will start back on Monday 15th September

(Brigins from 6.30pm-8.00pm and Rangers from 8.15pm—9.30pm)

· Guides (P7—Year 11) will start back on Wednesday 17th September from 7.30pm—9.00pm.

For further information contact Roisin on 07854140019.

Save The Date: Ceili!

Friday 3rd October, 7.30pm—11.30pm at Colmcilles Parish Hall.

Admission £10.00, pay at the door Bring Your Own drink and snacks.

We will be having a Ballot/Raffle on the night - envelopes of 5 tickets is £5.

Come along to this parish social community event, enjoy the dancing, craic and fun.

Repair Café Belfast is coming to St Colmcille's Hall!

We're delighted to welcome Repair Café Belfast to our Parish Hall on Saturday 13 September 10.00 am - 12noon. The Repair café is a pop-up community event where you can get help to fix that broken item from knowledgeable, friendly volunteers. They usually can help with small electrical items, electronic, bikes, sewing, toys, jewellery and general repairs. There is no fee but you can donate what you feel. Details of what repairs will be available and how to book a time for help to fix your broken item will follow.

VACANCY

DIOCESAN ASSISTANT FINANCE OFFICER

An opportunity has arisen within our Finance Team to recruit into the role of Diocesan Assistant Finance Officer. Working closely with our Financial Controller (Parishes), you will be required to provide excellent book-keeping support to the Finance Function within the Diocesan Trust. We see this as an exciting and challenging opportunity to play an integral part within the Diocesan Finance Team, where the role holder will undertake relevant transactional financial duties, through the implementation of robust and accurate accounting treatments and processes.

The terms are based on a permanent appointment for 35 hours per week. Monday to Friday from 9.00am – 5.00pm.

Salary: Will be considered within the range of £28,000 to £32,000 gross per annum – commensurate upon experience.

Full details relating to the vacancy can be found on the Diocesan website at: http://www.downandconnor.org clicking on the tab: **job vacancies** and on the Community NI and nijobs.com websites, where terms and conditions relating to the role can also be accessed by way of a Role Profile and Employment Application form.

We welcome applications from anyone who feels they meet the criteria as presented and are interested in playing an active role within the finance function of the Diocese of Down and Connor.

Closing date for applications will be 12.00 noon on Tuesday 23 September 2025

Useful Contacts

Parish Secretary: Angelina Thomson - stcolmcilles@downandconnor.org.

Finance Officer: Philomena Dawson - p.dawson@downandconnor.org

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Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/stcolmcilleschurch/

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