PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE
BALLYHACKAMORE

Exaltation of the Holy Cross
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To know the joy of God's ***love*** and make the ***love*** of God known to all

This week we are delighted to welcome our new NET Team, who will begin their ministry with us on Monday 15th September. We're really looking forward to having them among us, bringing their energy and faith to the life of our parish. If you feel able to support this initiative financially, your generosity would be greatly appreciated—it's a wonderful investment in the faith of our young people.

It has already been a great start to the new season for youth ministry: our Parish Youth Club returned last week, and I want to thank all those who week in and week out volunteer their time to make this happen. Our John Paul II group has also restarted, encouraging our young people to step more deeply into the life of the parish.

Over the summer months, something very special also began here in St Colmcille's. We now have a Funeral Ministry Team—Pauline, Ethna, Margaret, and Sean—who have been trained by the diocese and are already accompanying families at the time of bereavement. I have personally found this ministry deeply enriching to my own work around funerals, and I am grateful for their generosity in serving the parish in this way.There is much to give thanks for, and much to look forward to Please continue to keep our young people, our new ministries, and one another in your prayers.

Our New Lay Funeral Minister commissmed by Bishop Alan



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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: Exodus 32:7-11.13-14

Psalm 50

I will leave this place and go to my father.

Second Reading: Timothy 1:12-17

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ

enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.

Alleluia!

Gospel: **Luke 15::1-32**

DECEASED

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Jack Martin, Cristina Souza** and all those who have died recently; We also remember in prayer all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: **Mary Tully, Visitacion Dumalagan**

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.

PARISH AWAY DAY
SATURDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER
AWAY DAY WITH THE BENEDICTINE MONKS
AT HOLY CROSS ABBEY, ROSTREVOR
In the Gospel according to Mark, Jesus said:
"You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while".
You are invited to come away for a day of reflection at the Benedictine Abbey in Rostrevor, on Saturday 27th September
Please contact Claire Dowds on: 07766934246 or email cdowds181@gmail.com.

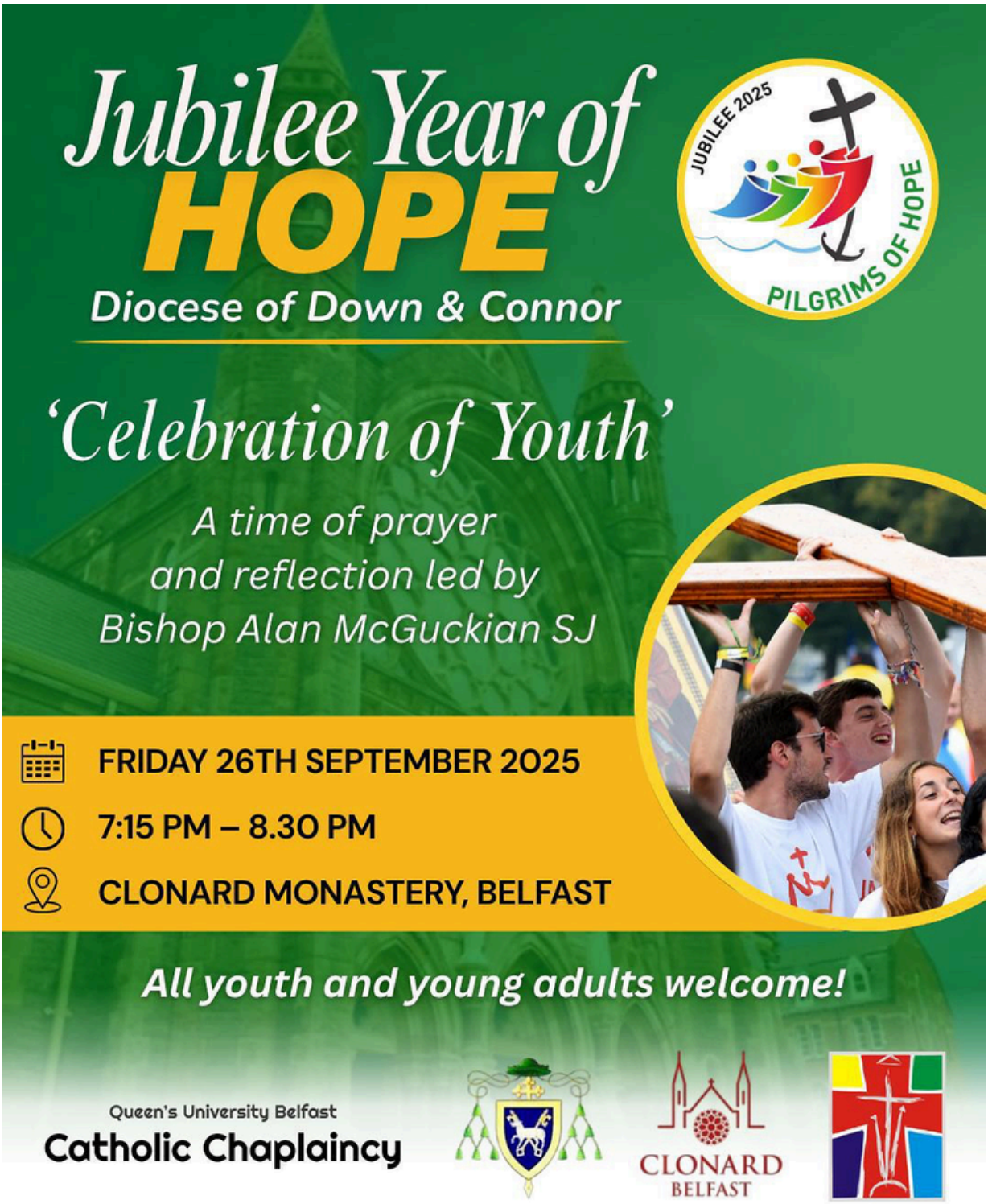
MONEY MATTERS
Weekly collection - £746.79

The Autumn Collection will be taken up next 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.

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.



Useful Contacts

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