PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE
BALLYHACKAMORE

22nd 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,

We're really looking forward to the year ahead and all the exciting plans we have been working on together. Our Parish Engagement Group is developing a three-year plan – very much an ongoing process, but already proving to be a hopeful and worthwhile step for our parish.

This past week I met Paul from Divine Renovation and am excited about the renewal and support they will bring us as we continue to grow in mission. I also had the joy of meeting our new NET Team down in Ballyhornan, where they are currently in the middle of their six weeks of team formation. They are a wonderful group of young people who I know will bring great life and joy to our parish this year.

As the school year begins, we wish every blessing upon our children, young people, teachers, and families. Please be assured of our prayers for you in the months ahead.

Finally, the priests of the diocese will be on retreat this coming week, and we would be very grateful for your prayers during this time.

Have a blessed week, Fr Conor

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PARISH OFFICE:
MONDAY & 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: Ecclesiasticus 3:19-21,30-31

Psalm 67(68):4-7,10-11

'In your goodness, O God you have prepare a home for the poor'

Second Reading: **Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24a**

Gospel: **Luke 14:1,7-14**

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:
LEO GALWAY

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.

Interested in becoming Catholic? Wanting to learn more about the faith? The parish will be running catechesis/faith formation classes over the next academic year, with a special focus on those adults who are seeking RCIA or other sacramental preparation. The topic for each week will be announced in the bulletin and all are welcome, even if just to learn about a particular topic of interest. An introductory session will be held on Wednesday 3rd September in the parish hall at 7:00pm, followed by a trip to the Hearth pub next door. Classes will begin in earnest on Wednesday 10th of September. Please contact Ollie at the parish office for more information or to register interest.
Email:
o.donaldson@downandconnor.org

MONEY MATTERS
Weekly collection - £1094.90

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

Align Physio led Pilates classes resume Monday 1st September in St Colmcilles Parish hall. Class times are 9.30am, 10.30am, 7.15pm and 8.15pm. Limited spaces are available so please contact Olivia for more information and to reserve your place. Email oliviadavidson42@hotmail.co.uk or message 07989840442.

Welcome Notice
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.

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

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.

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 2nd September @7.30pm: Holy Hour with Adoration followed by drinks in the Hearth Bar.
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.

St Colmcilles Indoor Bowling Club recommences
on Thursday 4th September 25 at 7PM.
New Members are always very welcome.
For more information CONTACT ::::

DEIRDRE AT 07479329938 .
OR
PETER AT 07582851946.
OR JUST TURN UP.

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 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.

Useful Contacts

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