PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE
BALLYHACKAMORE

28th 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

This week, Pope Leo XIV released his first Apostolic Exhortation, Dilexi te ("I Have Loved You"), signed on the feast of St Francis of Assisi and published on 9 October. In it, the Holy Father reminds us that to love Christ is to love the poor—because it is among the poor, the suffering, and the forgotten that we encounter the very heart of Jesus.

He writes that "the preferential choice for the poor is a source of extraordinary renewal both for the Church and for society," and that the poor are not merely recipients of charity but teachers of the Gospel, revealing to us what it means to trust in God alone. As a parish, this message speaks directly to our mission. Our response must be both spiritual and practical: deepening our prayer, renewing our sense of community, and continuing to look outward in love and service.

That is why we are continuing our formal coaching with Divine Renovation over the months ahead. This journey will help us to listen attentively to the Holy Spirit, discern how best to serve the needs of our time, and grow as a parish that is truly missionary—one that brings the love of Christ to every doorstep and heart.

And perhaps our beautiful ash tree outside the church offers its own gentle parable. For its own good, it has been carefully tended back. Though its illness cannot be cured, we hope it will continue to offer shade and shelter for many years to come. In the same way, the Church—ever in need of pruning and renewal—draws new life when she turns again toward Christ's love and the call to care for the least of our brothers and sisters.

May Dilexi te inspire each of us to rediscover that love, to see Christ in the poor, and to help our parish become a living sign of His compassion in our community.

Have a blessed week, Fr Conor



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THIS WEEK AT ST COLMCILLE'S

Sunday	Mass: 9.30am & 11.30am
Monday	Morning Prayer: 9.00am
Tuesday	Holy Hour & Confession: 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: Kings 5:14-17

Psalm 97

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Second Reading: Timothy 2:8-13

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life; you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

Gospel: **Luke 17:11-19**

DECEASED

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Kathleen Stewart, Salvador Rosaupan (Philippines)** and all those who have died recently;

We also remember in prayer all those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Jozef Vavrus, Geraldine Mc Cormick

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

The parish young adult group "Recharge" will meet on the following dates in October in St Colmcille's Church. All 18-35 year olds welcome! .
- Tuesday 22nd October @7.30pm: Group Study: Growing in Prayer. Followed by social.

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.

Children's Liturgy

We are looking for volunteers who would like to join us for one Sunday a month during 9.30 mass, either to lead a session or to support one of our other leaders.
If you are over 18 and would like to find out more email Fiona (fionamdonnelly@hotmail.com).
No experience necessary!

Welcome to Our Parish Garden
🌿 A place of peace, prayer, and community 🌿

Everyone is very welcome to enjoy this space.
However, we have received some complaints about dog fouling in the garden.
Please ensure that your dog is kept under control and that you clean up after them,
as children and parishioners regularly use this area.

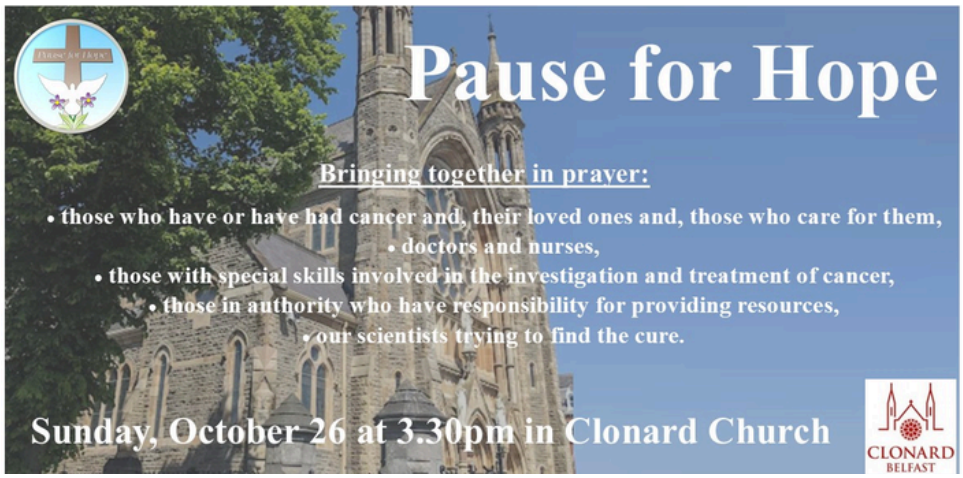
Thank you for helping keep our garden safe, clean, and welcoming for all.

11th Belfast Scout Group – St Colmcille's will be celebrating 60 years of scouting spirit, friendship, and adventure in 2026!

Please hold the date for a special Anniversary Celebration Dinner Dance:
📍 Stormont Hotel
📅 Saturday, 7th February 2026.
All ex members and supporters, young and not so young, are warmly encouraged to join us on the 7th February in the Stormont hotel.
It promises to be a memorable evening filled with stories, laughter, and a celebration of everything that makes our scout group so special.
More information and ticket details to follow.

Tanzanian Africa Project

To support our twinned Parish of St. Bakhita, Moita Bwawani, Tanzania we are hosting a Coffee Morning after the 9:30 and 11:30 masses on Sunday 12th October.
There will be crafts, jewellery and art for sale as well as handmade beaded rosaries (which Fr. Conor will bless especially for October, the month of the Rosary).
Please come to buy some treats for yourself or gifts for others, to support our fundraising and to learn about how your donations contribute to the continued provision of Mother and Baby Care, St. Colmcille's Pre-School and the training of local catechists.



TANZANIAN AFRICA PROJECT
St Colmcille's & Moita Bwawani

Oh King of night and day?"



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