PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE
BALLYHACKAMORE

All Souls Day
Commemoration of the Faithful Departed
Missal pg 1035



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



This weekend we celebrate the Feast of All Saints, followed by the Commemoration of All Souls—two days that draw us deeply into the mystery of the Communion of Saints. We remember with love and gratitude all those who have gone before us, confident that they are not far from us. In faith and in prayer, every time we gather for Mass, our loved ones are close—part of that great cloud of witnesses who surround us and pray with us.

This coming week also brings two beautiful feasts for our diocese:

Monday, 3rd November – Feast of St Malachy, patron of our diocese
Thursday, 6th November – Feast of All the Saints of Ireland

These celebrations remind us of the holiness that has flourished in our land and the call to live our own lives as saints-in-the-making.

Throughout the month of November, all our parish Masses will be offered for the faithful departed, especially those whose names are included on our November Dead Lists. May they rest in peace and may the light of Christ shine upon them

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 & 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: Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm 26

The Lord is my light and my help

Second Reading: Romans 5:5-11

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

It is my Father's will, says the Lord, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me, and that I should raise it up on the last day.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

DECEASED

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Michael Slack** and all those who have died recently.

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

Christopher Graham, Mel Tohill

Parish Bereavement Support Group Contact: 077 2981 6256.

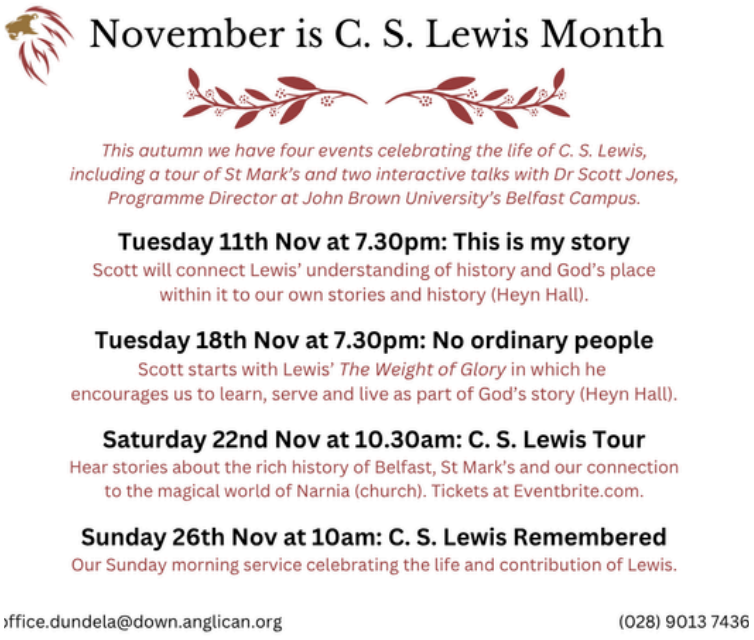
ANNIVERSARIES

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

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASSES
Children who do not attend a Non Catholic Primary School may enroll for the parish evening class in order to prepare for First Confession,
First Communion or Confirmation. For further info contact the Parish office to register

St Colmcille's Faith Formation/RCIA Course

The course will be restarting after half-term this Wednesday. 7pm in the Iona room (parish hall). The topic is "The Mosaic Covenant". All are welcome. The session is an hour and a half with a tea break in the middle. For more information, please email Ollie at o.donaldson@downandconnor.org



"Recharge"

Tuesday 18th November @7.30pm: Group Study - Growing in Prayer. Followed by social.

Ministers of The Word
A social evening is organised for Thurs 13th Nov at 7pm
The evening includes a guest speaker, wine and cheese and a chance to chat with others in our group.
New readers [both experienced and beginner] are very welcome.
Any queries please contact Alice [07766490443]

MONEY MATTERS

Weekly Collection - £1098.57
The Monthly Offering Collection for the support of the priests will be taken up at all Masses this weekend

Emmaus Breakfast
Join us on Wednesday mornings during the month of November for a period of adoration and reflection from 7:30-8:00am. After benediction, breakfast will be available from 8am in the hall. An opportunity for prayer, both for yourself and for the holy souls, and community before work.

Parish Engagement Group
Members of our Parish Engagement Group will be present in the porch after all weekend masses this weekend (1st/2nd November).

We warmly invite all parishioners to take this opportunity to share any feedback, successes, suggestions, or anything else you would like to discuss. This takes place a few days ahead of the next PEG meeting, so that any relevant feedback can be brought forward for discussion.

Your thoughts and experiences are important to us, we look forward to hearing from you.

The annual Masses for the Deceased Teachers of Down and Connor will be celebrated on:

Tues 11th Nov at 7.30pm in Good Shepherd Church, Ormeau Road, Belfast
Please forward by Friday 7th November 2025 the name and school of any teacher who died during the past twelve months to:

Rev Colin Grant, Tel: 02890491886 or Email: dctrusteeservice@downandconnor.org
Anyone unable to attend can join in online at: www.holyrosaryparishbelfast.net

St Joseph's Primary School

Open Morning

Our Open Morning will take place on Thursday 27 November, 2025.
This will begin at 10.30am with refreshments and a short address by the Principal, followed by a guided tour of the school. All prospective parents are very welcome.

Oh King of night and day?"

DOWN and CONNOR DIOCESAN TRUST

ST COLMCILLE'S PARISH

BELFAST

VACANCY

'PARISH & VOCATIONS SUPPORT OFFICER'

An exciting opportunity has arisen for the recruitment of a Parish and Vocations Support Officer to be based within St Colmcille's Parish, 191 Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast, BT4 3JB.

The role holder will be required to work with our Director of Vocations supporting him by undertaking secretarial, clerical, administrative and diary management services within the parish and in his role as Diocesan Director of Vocations.

If you are an individual with excellent communication skills and the ability to deal with sensitive and confidential matters in a professional manner, then we see this as a unique opportunity for you to join the Down and Connor Diocesan Trust Team.

The terms are based on a permanent appointment for 30 hours per week. Monday to Friday – work pattern to be agreed.

Salary: Will be considered within the range of £25,000 to £28,000 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. Application Packs are also available from the Parish Office.

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

Closing date for applications will be 12.00 noon on Monday 10 November 2025

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Useful Contacts

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