PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE
BALLYHACKAMORE

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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

This weekend we celebrate the **Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome** — the Pope's cathedral and the mother church of all Christian churches. Though far away, it reminds us that every parish church, including our own, is part of that one great household of faith built upon the apostles.

This feast is not only about stone and architecture, but about the living temple that is the Church — the people of God, built together in Christ. As St Paul reminds us: "You are God's building... the temple of the Holy Spirit" (1 Corinthians 3:9,16).

Within that living temple, some are called to a special ministry — to proclaim the Word of God at Mass so that His voice may be heard clearly and with faith. We invite all our readers, and anyone who might feel drawn to this ministry, to join us for an **Evening for Readers on Thursday 13th November at 7.00pm in the Iona Room.**

It will be a reflective and practical evening, offering an opportunity to come together, share experiences, and refresh both skills and understanding of this important service.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who already serves as a reader in our parish — through your voice, the Word of God continues to build up His Church

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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: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9.12

Psalm 45

The waters of a river give joy to God's city, the holy place where the Most High dwells.

Second Reading: Corinthians 3:-9-11. 16-17

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I have chosen and consecrated this house, says the Lord, for my name to be there for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 2:13-22

DECEASED

We pray for the repose of the souls of all those who have died recently.

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

Peter Loder, Nan Kearney, Jim McConnell, Colm Kerr

Requiem Mass for Michael Slack on Friday 14th at 11am

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 Davidic 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

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.

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]

Recharge

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

Parish Parkrun

A group from the parish will be joining the Stormont parkrun next Saturday. The run starts at 9:30, so do arrive a little while before. We will go for teas and coffees afterwards. For more information, please contact Ollie.

MONEY MATTERS

Weekly Collection - £1054.79
All Saints Collection £437.15
The Bishop Commission Collection for the support of the priests will be taken up at all Masses this weekend

SAVE THE DATE -
Sunday 7th December Parish Christmas Dinner at Shandon Park Golf Club at 3pm. More details will follow nearer the time.





Oh King of night and day?"

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.

JOIN US FOR A

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

SATURDAY

22ND NOVEMBER

12NOON – 4 PM

ST COLMCILLE'S PARISH HALL
BALLYHACKAMORE

ENTRANCE
VOLUNTARY
DONATION
£1 EACH

ALL FUNDS TO PTA
ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY

THE ULSTER CONSORT

Messiah

HANDEL'S THRILLING MASTERPIECE

THE ULSTER CONSORT & PLAYERS
(on period instruments)
CHARLOTTE O'HARE soprano
LAURA LAMPH mezzo soprano
MICHAEL BELL tenor
BEN McATEER bass
MATTHEW OWENS conductor

Come and experience this most beloved of works with a soundscape very close to what Handel would have known back in 1742 – with some of Europe's finest period instrument specialists, alongside the intimate but powerful vocal forces of the Ulster Consort and soloists.

Early booking is advised!



Friday 28 November, 7pm – 9.30pm
St Patrick's Church, Ballymena, BT43 7BT
Saturday 29 November, 7pm – 9.30pm
Holywood Parish Church, Holywood, BT18 9BX

Tickets: £10 (under 18s), £20, £30, £40, available in advance via eventbrite.co.uk, and on the evening at the door

November is C. S. Lewis Month

This autumn we have four events celebrating the life of C. S. Lewis, including a tour of St Mark's and two interactive talks with Dr Scott Jones, Programme Director at John Brown University's Belfast Campus.

Tuesday 11th Nov at 7.30pm: This is my story
Scott will connect Lewis' understanding of history and God's place within it to our own stories and history (Heyn Hall).

Tuesday 18th Nov at 7.30pm: No ordinary people
Scott starts with Lewis' *The Weight of Glory* in which he encourages us to learn, serve and live as part of God's story (Heyn Hall).

Saturday 22nd Nov at 10.30am: C. S. Lewis Tour
Hear stories about the rich history of Belfast, St Mark's and our connection to the magical world of Narnia (church). Tickets at Eventbrite.com.

Sunday 26th Nov at 10am: C. S. Lewis Remembered
Our Sunday morning service celebrating the life and contribution of Lewis.

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