PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE
BALLYHACKAMORE

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Missal Pg 964



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

A New Welcoming Space in Our Hall

We're delighted to share a photo this week of our newly renovated Gartan Room. Over the past while, our NET Team – together with Jaime, Barton, and Cecilia – have poured their time, creativity, and energy into transforming it into a truly warm and welcoming space at the heart of our parish hall. It's already becoming a place where people can gather, chat, pray, and feel at home. A huge thank-you to them for their wonderful work.

This Friday also happens to be the Feast of St Cecilia, a day when the Church invites us to remember and pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith. Christian persecution is, sadly, a greater reality today than at any point in the history of the Church. As we celebrate the gift of faith, let us also hold in our hearts those who suffer for bearing the name of Jesus.

Invite you—whether at Mass, at home, or in a quiet moment—to pray for them, or to do one small act of sacrifice honour. St Cecilia, pray for them. St Cecilia, pray for us.

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: Malachi 3:19-20

Psalm 97

The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness

Second Reading: Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Men

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

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:
Carmino Alfredo Fusco, Sean Mc Dermott, Tommy Murphy, Kathleen Stewart, Anna Zhang

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.

SACRAMENTS

Confirmation Registration & Information evening will be on Tuesday, 2nd Dec at 7.30pm in the Parochial Hall.
Holy Communion Registration & Information evening will be on Wednesday 3rd Dec at 7pm in the Parochiall Hall.
Grow in Love Programme will commence on Sunday 7th Dec at 9.30am Mass.

St Colmcille's Faith Formation/RCIA Course

Next Wednesday (19th) the class will not be on in the Parish Hall. Instead, we will be visiting the Diocesan RCIA course, which meets at St Mary's, Chapel Lane, at 6:30pm on Wednesday evenings. As parking can be expensive, we will be offering lifts from the parish, meeting at 6pm. Please email Ollie for more details and to secure a place in a car.

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.

Recharge

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

Ignite

Faith & Fun for teens aged 14-17 years old
Every Thursday 6.30-8.00pm in the Parochial Hall

Men of Christ

Faith & Fellowship for men seeking God
Every Thursday 8.30-10.00pm in the Parochial Hall
For 18-40 year olds

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 - £1101.10

The Bishop Commission Collection for the support of the priests will be taken up at all Masses this weekend

The Annual Parish Christmas Party

The Annual Parish Christmas Party will be held on Sunday 7th December at 3pm in Shandon Park Golf Club. Doors open at 2.30pm, finishing at 6.30pm. Strictly over 18's.

We need to confirm final numbers and meal choice by Sunday 30thNovember. If you want to attend, please leave your name, contact details and your meal choice at the back of the church on the specific form. Please make sure you check the menu and let us know of any allergies you may have.

You can contact either Mary Walsh on 07815 493463 or Roisin McMullan on 07854 140019 if you are unable to fill in the form and wish to attend. If your name is not on the list unfortunately you will not be able to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

Apostolic Work Fundraiser

On Sunday 30th November, the Apostolic Fundraising Coffee Morning will take place in the Parochial Hall after the 9.30 and 11.30am Masses. Unlike the Parish monthly Coffee Morning, this occasion is to raise much needed funds for the Missions.

Unfortunately, we are no longer able to include cakes for sale but will have a range of plants and planters for sale plus a ballot.

The Contact Singers present
"Night of the Father's Love"
Monday, 22 December 2025 at 7:00pm
St. Colmcille's Church

Join us for a beautiful musical celebration of the Christmas story.
A retiring collection will be taken in support of the homeless.
All are warmly welcome.

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.





Useful Contacts

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