PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE

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2nd Sunday of Advent
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To know the joy of God's ***love*** and make the ***love*** of God known to all

2nd Sunday of Advent – Preparing the Way of the Lord

As we continue our Advent journey and light the second candle of Peace, we remember that Christ comes to bring calm to our hearts and hope to our world.

This week, we warmly invite you and your family to join us for our Nativity Festivity next Sunday. Our children will lead us in retelling the beautiful story of Christ's birth — always a joyful highlight of our parish year.

Afterwards, we'll gather outside for hot chocolate, mulled wine, and a visit from our very own Christmas donkeys! It's a simple, joy-filled way for our whole parish family to come together as we prepare for the coming of the Lord.

All are welcome — come share the warmth, the laughter, and the wonder of the Nativity.

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 Mass: 7.00pm
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 11:1-10

Psalm 71

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

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:

James Forrester, David Armstrong, Jim Murray, Maurice Melville

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.

Tarsus Scripture School Advent Course

After the 9:30am mass on Wednesday, there will be the first of a three-part Scripture course looking at the Advent readings in the Iona room. All are welcome.

St Colmcille's Faith Formation/RCIA Course

The class is on Wednesday at 7pm as normal in the Iona Room in the Parish Hall. The topic will be "The Church and Papacy''.
Please do come along if you are interested.

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

Calling all Children's Liturgy members;

you are invited to take part in our annual Nativity play at 6.30 Mass on Christmas Eve! This open to all members from pre-school up. If you haven't already spoken to one of our leaders and given them your email address, then contact Fiona (fionamdonnelly@hotmail.com) to let us know that your child would like to take part.

Advent Spiritual Reading

For a bit of Advent spiritual reading, Ollie recommends
"The Shattering of Loneliness" by Bishop Erik Varden (available at Waterstones).
There will be a meeting to discuss the book later in December, perhaps over a spot of lunch and a glass of wine. All will be welcome.

The Apostolic Group would like to thank those people who set up and cleared up the hall, those who served tea and coffee and washed dishes and those who baked scones and traybakes. Also everyone who contributed to the church door collection or came over to the hall. By your help and generosity, we raised over £1,500 for the missions at our Fundraising Coffee Morning last weekend,



If you would like to attend this event please book through Bronagh on 07938394790 by Monday 15th December.

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

Join us for a beautiful musical celebration of the Christmas story. Night of the Father's Love gently leads the listener through the Nativity as if hearing it again for the very first time. A narrator shares familiar Scripture passages and thoughtful reflections, while a rich variety of musical styles captures the true meaning of Christmas: the gift of the Father's love.

A retiring collection will be taken in support of the homeless. All are warmly welcome.

Oh King of night and day?"





Grosvenor Chorale presents our Annual Festival of Nine Lessons with Carols.

On Monday 15 Dec at 8:00pm in St. Colmcille's Church.

A suggested donation of £10 will be collected at the close of the service with proceeds going to support the work of Transplant Sport NI.

All are warmly welcome.

Tanzanian Africa Project

Tis the season to ..." support our twinned parish of St. Bakhita's, Moita Bwawani through your purchase of Christmas Gift Cards for the parish Tanzanian Africa Project.
Choose from three life changing themes:
Ø Buy a uniform and daily meal for a Maasai child at St. Colmcille's Pre-School, Moita Bwawani, for £10
Ø Sponsor a Catechist to spread the Word of God, for £10
Ø Fund antenatal and postnatal care for Maasai mothers and their new-borns with our Mobile Medical Clinic Appeal for £20
Cards will be sold in the church porch after each of the weekend masses during Advent, from Saturday 29th November.

Useful Contacts

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