18th January 2026

PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE

BALLYHACKAMORE

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A
Missal Pg 560



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

Hearts on Fire – A Parish on Mission

On Saturday 31st January 2026, our parish will host the Hearts on Fire Conference, marking the beginning of an exciting new chapter in the life of our parish. This conference will launch a Divine Renovation Week (31 January – 8 February 2026) and is an open invitation to every parishioner to come, listen, pray, and take part.

We have been working with Divine Renovation, an international Catholic ministry that supports parishes seeking to move from maintenance to mission. Their experience and guidance will continue to help us discern how best to renew our parish life, rooted firmly in the Gospel and led by the Holy Spirit.

At the heart of this journey is Jesus' call to "go and make disciples" (Matthew 28:19). Our desire is to be a parish where people encounter Jesus personally, grow as His disciples, and feel a deep sense of belonging in a community marked by grace, mercy, and compassion.
moment in our parish's journey.



This is not about change for its own sake, but about allowing the Holy Spirit to renew us, so that our parish may shine as a light for our community and beyond.

I warmly invite you to join us for the Hearts on Fire Conference and to be part of this important!

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THIS WEEK AT ST COLMCILLE'S

Sunday	Mass: 9.30am & 11.30am
Monday	Morning Prayer: 9.00am
Tuesday	Holy Hour, Confessions, : 6pm, Mass: 7pm.
Wednesday	Mass : 9.30am.
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 49:3, 5-6

Psalm 39

Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

Second Reading: Corinthians 1:1-3

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 1:29-34

DECEASED

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

Daniel Zanker Ovalle

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

Nicholas Nelson, Francesco Pedinello, Eileen Irvine, Nicola Feenan, Dan McNaughton

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.

RCIA/Faith Formation Course

The course continues on Thursday 22nd of January at 7pm in the Garten Room (in the parish hall), where we will be looking at commandments 2,3 and 4. All are welcome. Please email Ollie for more details.

Wednesday morning Scripture Course

After the 9:30am mass on Wednesday, there will be a short (20/30 min) video course on the book of Acts from the St Paul Center in the parish hall. Contact Ollie for more details.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

We would like to take this opportunity to update the Parish on our Christmas Appeal 2025.
This year we had a massive response from you all, on the run up to Christmas and New Year.
You contributed £3530 to the Red Box Collection and Donations (in the blue envelopes) amounted to £9575.
That's not all, there are a further number of Standing Orders totalling £2586.
A Grand Total of £15,691.
The generosity of the Parish is incredible and it allowed us to help 193 Households, 344 children, 238 adults - the total value of support offered was £26700. This is an increase of 40 households on last year.
On behalf of St Colmcille's Conference of St Vincent de Paul and all of those who benefited from your generosity, we would like to say THANK YOU.

Sensory-Friendly Mass Invitation 🌟

If you or a loved one experience sensory sensitivities, or you simply wish to attend a peaceful and reflective service, we would love to see you at our parish's Sensory Mass next Saturday, 24th January at 12:00 noon.
This monthly special Mass is designed to be inclusive and welcoming for individuals and families who may benefit from a quieter, more relaxed worship environment.
The Mass will feature: Gentle lighting and sound; A calm and supportive atmosphere; Space to move around if needed; Sensory items to aid regulation; A warm welcome for all ages and abilities. Refreshments after Mass in the parish centre. Please share.

Money Matters

Weekly collection - £1188.75
Feast of the Epiphany £209.60

The Faith & Pastoral Development Fund Collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend.
Many thanks to all those who so generously donated.

TAP

Dear Parishioners of St Colmcille's Ballyhackamore, thank you for your incredible generosity to the Tanzanian Africa Project. This year's amazing amount of £12,099 was raised from the Christmas Gift Card Appeal and the Pennies for Petrol Appeal, as well as the jewellery, art and craft sale in October. Every penny goes directly to the parish of St. Bakhita in Moita Bwawani, Tanzania.





Saint Colmcille's Parish Engagement Group
warmly invites you to our

Hearts On Fire

Conference

Saturday 31 January 2026

*Please join us for this important milestone for our Parish: A day of prayer, inspiration & conversation as we explore the **Divine Renovation** framework & reflect on how we can continue to shift from maintenance to mission.*

Beginning with refreshments at 9am
& concluding with lunch at 1.15pm
Location: Parish Hall



All are welcome!

Register using the QR code:

or follow the link:
https://forms.office.com/e/wPQMDkwyVF

Useful Contacts

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Parish Office: Tues & Thurs 2pm-4pm, Wednesday 8am-10.30am