25th January 2026

PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE

BALLYHACKAMORE

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A
Missal Pg 564



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

This Parish Needs You

Something important is happening in our parish — and we genuinely don't want you to miss it.
On Saturday 31 January, we are hosting a Divine Renovation Conference, a day focused on the future of our parish: who we are, why we exist, and how we can become a parish that truly helps people come to know Jesus and grow in faith. Let's be honest: the Church is changing, society is changing, and simply doing what we've always done is no longer enough — even when what we've done has been good and faithful.

This conference is not just for committee members, "the usual faces" or me!.
It is for anyone who loves this parish, cares about its future, and wants it to be alive, welcoming, prayerful, and missionary for generations to come. If you have ever thought: "I want my parish to be more than just a place people attend", "I worry about the future of the Church", "I want to help, but I'm not sure how" — then this day is for you.

The conference will be practical, hopeful, honest, and rooted firmly in the Gospel. It's about rediscovering our identity as a family on mission — and about taking real steps forward together. This is the important part. To help us plan properly, we need you to sign up. Please leave your details before Thursday by signing up. Please don't assume "someone else will go." Parish renewal only happens when ordinary parishioners say yes.

Saturday 31 January could be a turning point for our parish — but only if we show up.
Let's take this step together.

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, 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 8:23-9:3

Psalm 26

The Lord is my light and my help.

Second Reading: Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom, and cured all kinds of sickness among the people.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

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:

George Hugh Thompson, Francesco Pedinelli, Fr Henry Tansey, Doris Prendiville, Brendan Small, Patrick Morris, Paul Mc Gonnell

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 29nd January at 7pm in the parish hall, where we will be looking at commandments 5 & 8. 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.

TALK ON ST MATTHEW's GOSPEL

Sean Goan, the acclaimed Scripture scholar, gave an engaging and informative presentation on St Matthew's Gospel, to an audience of almost 50, in the Parish Hall last Saturday. The talk was very well received, and several people went away with the firm intention of reading Matthew straight through from beginning to end. As Sean pointed out, one of this Gospel's guiding principles, and one which is very relevant in today's world, is that God (Emmanuel) is always with us - a source of inspiration and consolation. Many thanks to all who contributed to the success of the event.

60th Anniversary Dinner Celebration in the Stormont Hotel Saturday 7th February.

The 11th Belfast Scout Group, St. Colmcilles, will celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the re-establishment of the Scout Group in the parish with an Anniversary Dinner in the Stormont hotel on the 7th February. ALL ex members, supporters, ex-fundraisers, parents of current members, and friends of the Group are warmly invited to attend. Tickets are priced at £40 per person inclusive of a wine reception and may be secured by contacting the organisers by email as follows:

11thbelfastscoutgroup @gmail.com

We hope to see you there!

Money Matters

Weekly collection - £1234.54
Faith & Pastoral Development Fund - £716.10
The Monthly Stipend will be taken up next weekend
Many thanks to all those who so generously donated.



Belfast Jesuit Centre,
193-195 Donegall Street Belfast
🎬 Faith & Film: No Other Land
Screening of the 2025 Oscar-winning documentary No Other Land - a moving collaboration between Palestinian and Israeli filmmakers. Thursday 29th January, 7.00-9.30 PM at the Belfast Jesuit Centre. Reflective conversation follows. No registration needed; small donation suggested.



REGISTRATION CLOSES TUESDAY 29TH JANUARY

Useful Contacts

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