PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE

BALLYHACKAMORE

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year A

Missal Pg 597

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

Developing Leadership in St Colmcille's

One of the many ideas that emerged from our Hearts on Fire conference earlier this year was the importance of developing healthy leadership structures to support the mission of the parish. We were greatly encouraged by the experience of Fr Stephen and Claire, who shared how their own parish renewal journey was strengthened by raising up lay leaders to share responsibility for the mission of the Church.

As a result, we are continuing to develop two complementary leadership groups within St Colmcille's.

Many of you will already be familiar with our Parish Engagement Group, whose role is to engage, listen, pray, discern and help shape the vision and future direction of our parish. Alongside them, we are now developing our Four Ws, whose role is more operational: a conduit with parish groups and ministries, to improve communication, identify opportunities and challenges, and assist with the practical life of the parish.

These groups are distinct but complementary. If the Parish Engagement Group helps discern where God is calling us, the Four Ws help us to get there.

This is very much a work in progress, but it is an important part of building a parish where responsibility is shared, gifts are recognised, and together we can continue our mission of helping people encounter the love of God.

Please keep all those involved in your prayers.



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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, : 6.00pm, Mass: 7.00pm.
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: Jeremiah 20: 10-13

Psalm 68

In your great love, answer me, O God.

Second Reading: Romans 5: 12-15

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us: to all who did accept him, he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 10: 26-33

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:
T.M. George, Maura McManus, Martin Rosaupan, Brigid Thompson and Ann Magee.

ANNIVERSARIES

If you would like an Anniversary Mass booked, please contact the Parish Office on 90654157 or email stcolmcilles@downandconnor.org.

Money Matters

Weekly Collection - **£1240.80**

If you wish to make your contributions via contactless payment, this is now available using the QR code on the parish website or in the bulletin. We would encourage you to gift aid your donation if you are paying tax; you only need to key this information once, as long as you are using the same debit/credit card to make your donations each time.

https://donate.mydona.com/st-colmcilles-parish-belfast

Ongoing Formation Course

This course has now finished, and there will be no further meetings.

Parish Office Opening Hours

Parish Office back to being open every **Monday to Friday, 10 am to 1 pm.**

Service for Annual Day of Reflection - Sunday 21 June

The Day of Reflection provides an opportunity for reflection and to remember that so many suffered from all corners of our society during our conflict. The annual Day of Reflection Service will take place this **Sunday 21st June in St Peter's Cathedral at 3.00 pm.** Everyone is warmly invited to attend.

Job Opportunity

Down and Connor Diocesan Trust, Belfast Jesuit Centre Vacancy, **"Pastoral Ministry Co-ordinator"** (Fixed-term contract for 9 months), Salary: £29,000 gross per annum, 35 hours per week.

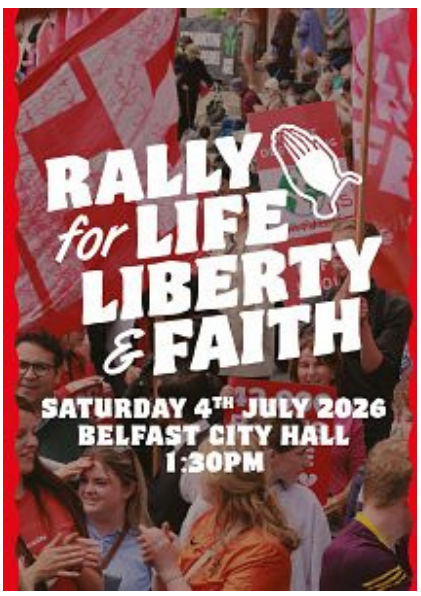
This role will support the Director of the Belfast Jesuit Centre and Chaplain to Ulster University Belfast. The successful candidate will help develop formation programmes, provide pastoral and spiritual support to students of all faiths and none, and foster a welcoming community environment.

Apply via: http://www.downandconnor.org

Closing date for applications will be 12.00 noon on Monday 6 July 2026

Precious Life Rally

The organisation Previous Life are holding a rally on **Saturday 4th July** to protest against recent decisions by Belfast City Council to restrict the noise that can be made in public, hindering street preaching, and to ban many of the images used by pro-life campaigners. Please see the poster attached for details.



Volunteers Wanted!

Volunteers are needed to help set up the Iona room for tea & scones after the Friday morning mass. If you are willing to join a rota to help out (even very occasionally), please contact the parish office. Volunteers would be needed from 8:45/9 am on Friday mornings until the beginning of mass.

St Columba's Parish Church, Knock, Belfast



SUMMER CONCERT

Saint Columba's Cantors & Soloists
Guest Instrumentalists

Rosalie Curlett *cello*
Tristan Russcher *organ*
Joe McKee *choral director*

Saturday 27th June 2026 at 7.00pm

Voluntary contributions to Parish Funds

There will be light refreshments after the concert.

MOVE

A five day summer event tailored for 14-18-year olds designed to have a life changing experience with God



For further information, contact Fr James O'Reilly at
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FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT
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