# PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE'S BALLYHACKAMORE

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

## 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR A

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### WELCOME BACK!

As September begins, we hope that everyone has had a restful and enjoyable summer. It is wonderful to welcome everyone back, and there is a real sense of excitement about all that lies ahead in the life of our parish.

This year, rather than welcoming a NET Team, we are delighted to be appointing our own Youth Minister, Brendan, who will work with our young people and families and help us continue to develop this important part of our parish mission. We very much look forward to welcoming Brendan and to seeing all that will grow from his ministry among us.

The summer has also given us an opportunity to focus particularly on parish leadership and renewal. We have welcomed new members to our Parish Engagement Group (PEG), and we are continuing to develop our Four Ws, helping to ensure that the many different groups, ministries and organisations which make up our parish remain connected to one another and, above all, to our shared mission.

As the next step, I would like to invite the leader or one representative from every group, ministry, committee or organisation connected with our parish to a Four Ws gathering on Tuesday 29th September at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.



This includes not only our explicitly pastoral or liturgical ministries, but the many groups and organisations who meet in or use our parish facilities. If you are part of the life of this parish, you are part of our mission.

If you lead or represent one of these groups, please contact the Parish Office for further details and to let us know that your group will be represented.

There is much to look forward to in the months ahead. May we begin this new parish year with renewed energy, working together to build a community where everyone is welcomed, valued and invited to share in the mission of proclaiming the Gospel.

Have a blessed week, Fr Conor

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## MASS THIS SUNDAY

**First Reading:** Ezekiel 33:7-9

**Psalm 94**

*O that today you would listen to his voice!*
*'Harden not your hearts.'*

**Second Reading:** Romans 13:8-10

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia, alleluia!Your word is truth, O Lord: consecrate us in the truth.*
*Alleluia!*

**Gospel: Matthew 16: 21-27**

## DECEASED

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

## ANNIVERSARIES

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

**Maureen Forrester, David O'Flaherty and Jack Younger.**

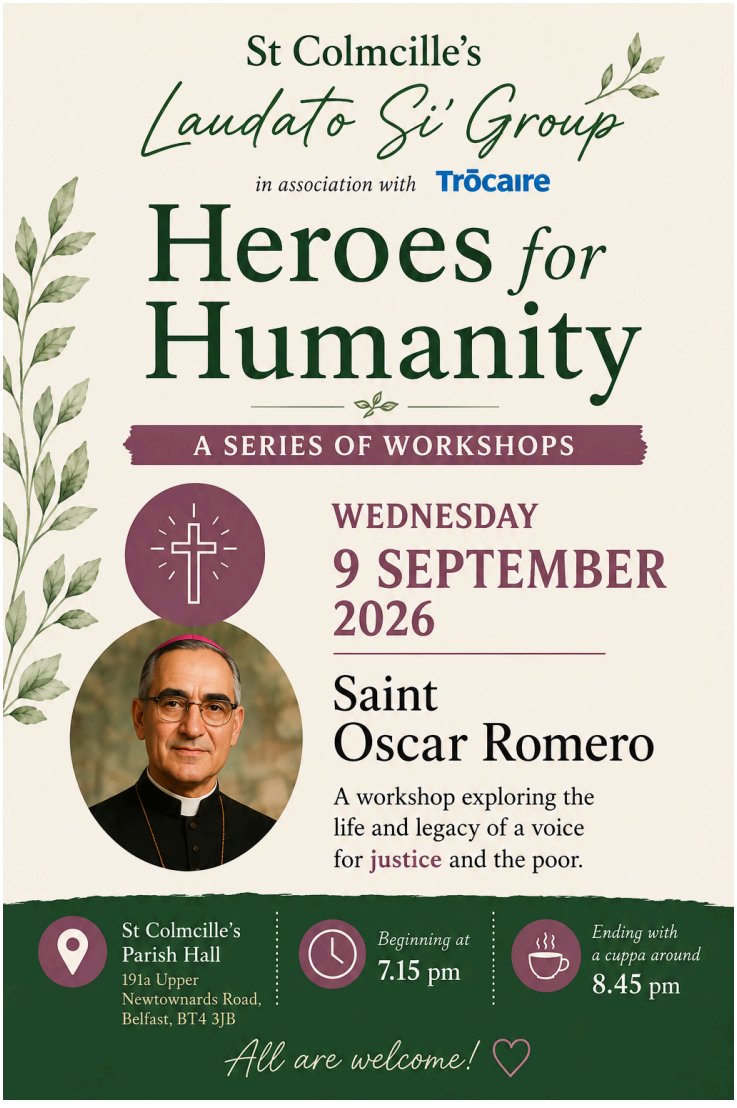
## Lost Property

A collection of clothing left in the church hall is currently on display on the long bench in the church foyer.

If you have lost an item, please check the collection and claim it by **Saturday 12th September**. Any unclaimed items after this date will be disposed of.

## THIS WEEK AT ST COLMCILLE'S

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| **SUN** | Mass: 9.30am & 11.30am |
| **MON** | Morning Prayer: 9.00am |
| **TUE** | Holy Hour, Confessions: 6.00pm<br>Mass: 7.00pm. |
| **WED** | Mass: 9.30am |
| **THU** | Mass: 9.30am |
| **FRI** | Morning Prayer: 9.00am,<br>Mass: 9.30am |
| **SAT** | Confession: 5.00pm –5.20pm, Mass: 5.30pm |



## Money Matters

**The Monthly Offering Collection for the support of the priests will be taken up this weekend.**

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

## Parish Safeguarding Training

***1. Full Child Safeguarding Training for Leaders (Level 2)***

The dates and links for registration for these training sessions are listed below.
Please note that these are face-to-face sessions taking place locally, and there may not be any further Level 2 Child Safeguarding Training opportunities scheduled in your area this year.

BALLYMENA- Sat 12th September 2026
BELFAST- 16 & 23 Sept 2026
NEWCASTLE- Sat 19 Sept 2026

***2. Training in Online Safety***

There will be a free online training opportunity provided by CiNI on 8th September 2026 regarding online safety that may be of interest to Leaders of children's and young people's activities.

The 3-hour workshop delivered via zoom is an introduction to the issues surrounding on-line child protection. It looks at harm prevention and protection in the on-line world and how we can enable children to be safe, benefit from this world and protect themselves.

You can book directly with CiNI here:



## Parish Group Notices:

***John Paul II Award – Information Session***

Calling all 16-17 year olds, especially those who have recently finished their GCSEs!
Come along to find out more about this year's John Paul II Award and hear from young people who have recently completed it, sharing their experiences of volunteering and the benefits of the programme.
**When: Thursday 17 September at 7pm, Where: Parish Hall – Iona Room**
A great opportunity to get involved in parish and community life while gaining a recognised award for your CV and future applications. New members are very welcome!

***St Colmcille's Indoor Mixed Bowling Club***

Bowling Club resumes on **Thursday 3rd September 26 at 7pm.**
New members are welcome!
Enquiries: Please contact Deirdre on 07479329938, or just turn up!

***St Colmcille's Parent & Toddler Group***

We provide an opportunity for anyone caring for a child from 0 to 4 years to come along with the child and enjoy company, snacks and play. We meet on Wednesdays at 10 am, and we resume on **Wednesday 9th September 2026** after the summer break. If you haven't been before, it's a great way to make new friends. All mums, dads, grandparents, childminders and carers are welcome, with their children!

***Align Physio-led Pilates***

Classes will resume **Monday 7th September** in the Parish hall. Class times on a Monday are 9.30am, 10.30am, 7.15pm and 8.15pm. Suitable for all ages, men and women. If interested and for more information, please contact oliviadavidson42@hotmail.co.uk

***St Colmcille's Parish Youth Group***

The Youth Club returns on **Saturday 12 September at 6.30 pm.**
New and existing members (Years 8–11) are very welcome!
Parents who would like to volunteer and help with the Youth Club are warmly invited to contact Jarek on 07704 410446.

## USEFUL CONTACTS

**Parish Office**: stcolmcilles@downandconnor.org.
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Parish Office: **Mon- Fri 10:00 - 13:00**