PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE'S BALLYHACKAMORE

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR A

13TH SEPT 2026
Missal Pg 651

MASS THIS SUNDAY

First Reading: cclesiastes 27:30-28:7

Psalm 62

The Lord is compassion and Love, slow to anger and rich in mercy

Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak Lord; your Servant is listening. You have the message of eternal life Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 18:212-35

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:

Patricia McMullan, Visitacion Dumalagan, Eugene O'Kane, May O'Kane, Danny O'Kane

THIS WEEK AT ST COLMCILLE'S

SUN	Mass: 9.30am & 11.30am
MON	Morning Prayer: 9.00am
TUE	**NO HOLY HOUR OR MASS**
WED	**NO MASS**
THU	Mass: 9.30am
FRI	Morning Prayer: 9.00am, Mass: 9.30am
SAT	Confession: 5.00pm –5.20pm, Mass: 5.30pm

Please note that there will be no weekday Masses in the parish or across the Family of Parishes from Monday to Wednesday this week, as the diocesan clergy will be attending the Diocesan Conference and Retreat from Sunday evening until Wednesday.

We will keep you all in our prayers during these days and ask you to please keep the priests of the diocese in yours.

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PARISH NEWS AND NOTICES

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!

A day of reflection with the Benedictine Monks

In the Gospel according to Mark, Jesus says to the apostles: "You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while." St Anselm echoed this invitation: "Come now, little one, get away from your worldly occupations for a while… Give yourself over to God for a little while and rest in Him."Esther de Waal reminds us that when God's voice is drowned out by the clamour around and within us, our dialogue with Him becomes difficult.

Y**ou are invited to spend a day with the Benedictine Monks at Holy Cross Abbey, Rostrevor, on Saturday 3rd October.**

In the shadow of the Mournes and beside Kilbroney Valley, it is a beautiful setting to find peace, rest and reconnect with God.

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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!

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion bring Holy Communion to the sick and housebound and those in Nursing Homes on a regular basis; usually weekly. This is a practice which dates back to the earliest Christian centuries when it was usually carried out by relatives of the sick and housebound.

If you have a relative or neighbour or a friend in the parish who is unable to attend Mass because of frailty who would like to receive Holy Communion, please let us know. Contact the parish office on: 02890 654157 or Claire Dowds: 07766 934246 or cdowds181@gmail.com

Safeguarding Training

Child Safeguarding Level 2 training session:
St John's Parish Centre, Falls Rd, Belfast on 16 and 23 September 2026.

These sessions are mandatory for all Clergy, Religious and Group Leaders who have regular or direct contact with children and young people.
Please note, this will be the only Level 2 session in your area at this time (Sept 2026-Dec 2026).

Register via QR code:

DONATIONS

Weekly collection - **£908.72**
The Autumn Voluntary collection for the support of the priests in the Diocese will be taken up at all Masses next weekend
Many thanks for your donations.
Contactless giving is available via the QR code below or on the parish website.

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

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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.

St Colmcille's Guides are getting ready to start back!

We're looking forward to welcoming everyone back and are always delighted to hear from new girls who would like to join us, as well as female leaders and helpers who might be interested in getting involved.
From crafts and camping to sports, games and new adventures, there's something for everyone — and lots of opportunities to make new friends, learn new skills and have fun along the way!
Our start-back dates are:

- Cygnets (P1 & P2): Wednesday 30th September, 6.15pm–7.15pm
- Brigins (P3–P6): Monday 14th September, 6.30pm–8.00pm
- Guides (P7–Year 10): Wednesday 16th September, 7.30pm–9.00pm
- Rangers (Year 11+): Monday 14th September, 8.15pm–9.30pm

If your daughter would like to join us, or if you're interested in becoming a leader or helper, please get in touch

.THE LISTENING EAR

Parishioners are invited to speak with members of the Parish Engagement Group in the foyer of the Church after Masses NEXT WEEKEND, should you have queries or comments in the context of parish - Worship, Evangelisation, Community, or Ministry.

An Economy of Enough – Report Launch

As part of the Season of Creation, Join the Dots Together is launching a report on its Earth Day Conference, An Economy of Enough.
The launch will take place on Thursday 24 September, 7.30pm in Windsor Hub, 22 Lower Windsor Avenue, Belfast The report will be launched by Kristian Noll of the London School of Economics and will explore how we can move towards an economy based on sufficiency, solidarity and sustainability, highlighting the important role that faith communities can play in turning vision into action.
All are welcome. Further information from Juanita Majury, info@jointhedotstogether.org

The second of Trocaire's talks on 'heroes for humanity' will take place this Wednesday 16 September at 7.15 pm. This week the focus will be on the life and witness of Sr Dorothy Stang, missionary sister and defender of the rights of small farmers and labourers in the Amazon region. The presentation will be given by Roisin Alexander-Pye, who is the Laudato Si officer in Trocaire.

Living Water

The theme for the 2026 season is 'Living Water', symbolised by a small stream flowing from the Temple of God and growing into a deep and powerful river. 'Every act of care for creation becomes part of a global stream of hope.' Christians worldwide are called to address water scarcity, pollution, freshwater damage and climate justice. What action will we take this season to show care for our planet, our common home?
Put an eco-tip into action
·Endeavour to buy locally sourced food on one shopping visit.
·Make one journey on foot or use public transport.
·Select one day and turn off all non-essential lights.

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VACANY: "HOUSEKEEPER" -ST MATTHEWS PARISH

We are seeking to recruit a Part time Housekeeper within
St Matthew's Parish, Bryson Street, Belfast, BT5 4ES.

The post holder will be required to: Ensure the provision of a reliable and efficient cleaning service and providing a quality service in thedelivery of food and beverages to the Parish Priest. Whilst ensuring a pleasant, welcoming, and clean parish house for members of the parish team, volunteers, and parish visitors. The terms are based on a permanent appointment requiring 12 hours per week. Work pattern to be agreed with the Parish Priest. Ability to work flexible hours may be required from the post holder from time to time. **Rate of Pay - £12.71 gross per hour.**

Full details relating to the vacancy can be found on the Diocesan website at: http://www.downandconnor.org clicking on the tab: JOB VACANCIES and on the Community NI website, where terms and conditions relating to the role can also be accessed by way of a Role Profile and Employment Application form. Application pack can also be obtained from the Parish Office.

We welcome applications from anyone who feels they meet the criteria and are interested in playing an active role within the Diocesan Trust.

Closing date for applications will be 12.00 noon on Monday 28th September 2026

USEFUL CONTACTS

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