PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE'S BALLYHACKAMORE

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR A

20TH SEPT 2026
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MASS THIS SUNDAY

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Psalm 144

The Lord is close to all who call him.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel: Matthew 20: 1-16

DECEASED

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

MONTH'S MIND

Eileen Brogan

Cormac MacLynn

ANNIVERSARIES

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

Eamonn McPeake, Charles Caldwell, Fernando Baclawad Sr.

THIS WEEK AT ST COLMCILLE'S

SUN	Mass: 9.30am & 11.30am
MON	Morning Prayer: 9.00am
TUE	Hourly Hour and Confessions: 6.00pm-7.00pm Mass: 7.00pm
WED	Mass: 9.30am
THU	Mass: 9.30am
FRI	Morning Prayer: 9.00am, Mass: 9.30am
SAT	Confession: 5.00pm –5.20pm, Mass: 5.30pm

Parish Groups, Ministries & Users– 4 Ws Meeting

A reminder to all leaders of parish groups and ministries, as well as all groups and organisations who use our parish facilities, that our 4 Ws Meeting will take place on Tuesday 29 September at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Please make every effort to attend as we look together at the life, use and mission of our parish in the year ahead. Please confirm your attendance by emailing the Parish Office: stcolmcilles@downandconnor.org

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PARISH NEWS AND NOTICES

Parish Group Notices:

The Legion Of Mary

Dear Parishioners, thank you to all those who attended the meeting on 9th September in the Iona Room, to discuss the setting up of a new Legion of Mary Praesidium in the Ballyhackamore Parish. It was a very encouraging response and a successful meeting.
Following on from that, our first praesidium meeting will take place on **Wednesday 23rd September at 7pm-8.30pm in the Gartan Room.**
Please come and join us and find out if you could be an active contributor to the work in your parish.
We look forward to seeing you.
God bless
The Legion of Mary

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.
You 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.

St Colmcille's Parent & Toddler Group Has Resumed

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 in the Parish Hall. 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 continues this week:
St John's Parish Centre, Falls Rd, Belfast on 23 September 2026.

This training is 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 - **£1,882.16**
The Autumn Voluntary collection for the support of the priests in the Diocese will be taken up at all Masses this weekend.
Many thanks for your donations.
Contactless giving is available via the QR code below or on the parish website.

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

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St Colmcille's Parish Youth Group
The Youth Club has resumed meeting each Saturday 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.

Away Day Postponement
The parish Away Day which was due to take place in October, has been postponed until Spring time. Apologies to those of you already considering the day, but the decision was taken due to unforeseen circumstances.

THE LISTENING EAR
Parishioners are invited to speak with members of the Parish Engagement Group in the foyer of the Church after Masses THIS 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

Heroes for Humanity -Dorothy Day
The third evening in our Heroes for Humanity series in association with Trócaire is on this Wednesday 23 September 7.15-8.45 pm in St Colmcilles Parish Hall.
This week we explore Catholic Social teaching through the life of Dorothy Day, co-founder of the Catholic Worker movement. The evening will be led by Nick Hanrahan (Trócaire).

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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Dear Friends,

As a new academic year begins at Queen's, we're delighted to let you know that the Catholic Chaplaincy on Elmwood Avenue is open again – and we'd love to welcome you back.

Mosaic Café is already proving a particularly popular meeting place: somewhere to drop in for good coffee and food, catch up with friends, arrange a meeting, or simply enjoy the atmosphere of the recently renewed Chaplaincy. If you haven't yet had the chance to visit, do come in and see us.

This Sunday, 20 September, we celebrate our first Sunday Mass of the new academic year in the Chapel of Corpus Christi. This year, Sunday Mass moves to the new, earlier time of 7.00pm.

Students will naturally be at the heart of the congregation, but our alumni and friends have always been an important part of the wider Chaplaincy family. It would be lovely to see many of you there as we begin another year together.

So whether it's for coffee during the week or Mass on Sunday evening, the doors are open. Come back and see what's happening at Chaplaincy.

With every good wish,

Fr Dominic and the QUB Chaplaincy Team

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