PARISH OF
ST COLMCILLE'S
BALLYHACKAMORE

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - A

25TH OCT 20
Missal Pg 676

Sunday Mass Readings

First Reading: **Exodus 22:20-26**

Responsorial Psalm:
I love you Lord my Strength

Second Reading: **Thessalonians 1:5-10**

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our heart, O Lord to accept the words of your Son
Alleluia!

Gospel: **Matthew 22:34.40**

As we approach the month of November, the Church invites us to remember in a special way those who have gone before us in faith. Praying for our deceased loved ones is one of the beautiful traditions of our Catholic faith, reminding us that the bonds of love are not broken by death.As in previous years, I invite you to write the names of your deceased family members and friends on the November Dead Lists and place them in the envelopes provided at the front of the church. Throughout November, at every Mass, we will remember all those whose names have been entrusted to our prayers. Each envelope will be opened, the names read and placed upon the altar, a beautiful reminder that those we love are never forgotten, either by us or by God.

On another note, it was a real joy to host a Diocesan Women's Discernment Evening here in St Colmcille's on Thursday evening. Twenty young women gathered to reflect and pray about what God might be calling them to, particularly the possibility of religious life. It was wonderful to see such openness and generosity of spirit. Please keep these young women in your prayers as they continue to listen for the Lord's voice in their lives.

In the Gospel, Jesus reminds us of the two great commandments: to love God with all our heart and to love our neighbour as ourselves. In many ways, both of these invitations are reflected in what we do as a parish. We show our love for God by being open to his call, and our love for one another through our prayers, our care and our remembrance of those who have gone before us.

Whether we are discerning what God wants of us, praying for someone we love, or simply offering a little kindness to another person, we are living out those two great commandments.

May November be a month of prayer, remembrance and renewed trust in God's love.

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Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

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

DONATIONS

Weekly collection- £1,219.50
World Mission Sunday £876.60
The monthly collection for the
support of the priests will be taken up at all Masses this weekend
. https://donate.mydona.com/st-colmcilles-parish-belfast

PARISH NEWS AND NOTICES

DAY PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Monday 2nd November for feast of All Souls, leaving St Agnes at 7.30am. Price £30 (includes tea and scone). Contact Pat 07946917354 or Harriet 07812098991.

SENSORY-FRIENDLY MASS INVITATION 🌟

St Colmcille's Parish (Ballyhackamore Belfast BT4 3JB) warmly invites you to our monthly Sensory Mass on Saturday, 31st October at 12:00 noon. This special Mass is designed to be inclusive and welcoming for individuals and families who may benefit from a quieter, more relaxed worship environment. The short Mass will feature: Gentle lighting and sound; A calm and supportive atmosphere; Space to move around if needed; Sensory items to aid regulation;
A warm welcome for all ages and abilities.
Whether you or a loved one experience sensory sensitivities, or you simply wish to attend a short peaceful and reflective service, we would love to see you there. Refreshments after Mass.

MASS TO REMEMBER DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE PIONEER ASSOCIATION

A Mass to remember all deceased members of the Pioneer Association will take place on Friday 20 November in St Agnes' Church, Andersonstown Road, Belfast at 7 pm. Light refreshments afterwards. All Pioneers welcome.

NOVEMBER SHORT-TERM PLEDGE

The month of November offers a special opportunity to make a small sacrifice in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We invite parishioners and friends to consider taking a Short-Term Pledge throughout November. Pioneer Offering - "I promise, in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to abstain from all intoxicating substances until the end of November." Please consider joining with others in prayer, sacrifice and support for those affected by addiction.

HOLY COMMUNION AT MASS

Following the 'Listening Ear' feedback received by the PEG team last weekend, TWO Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will attend parishioners, at the Saturday 5.30pm Mass, who are waiting to receive the Blessed Sacrament at their seat.
ONE EMHC will continue to bring the Blessed Sacrament to parishioners at their seat at the Sunday 9.30am and 11.30am Masses.
Parishioners must alert an EMHC by asking someone to inform them, or by telling one of the Ministers of Welcome about their need.
Parishioners waiting to receive at their seat should either stand to alert the EMHC as they approach, or get help to signal to the EMHC.



Knock All Night Vigil

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Monday 7th December

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Tuesday 8th December at Noon

PRICE £75.00

This includes Dinner and Breakfast

To Book

Phone Brendan on 90 665211 between 9am and 5 pm Monday to Friday

£20 pound deposit required

Deposits can be paid at Shearer Butchers Andersonstown Road

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OCTOBER

THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY



October is traditionally dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary, and it offers us a wonderful opportunity to renew our commitment to prayer.

In the busyness of everyday life, it can be easy to forget the importance of simply spending time with God. The Rosary is a beautiful and simple way of doing just that.

As we pray each decade, Mary leads us closer to her Son, inviting us to reflect on the great mysteries of His life, death and Resurrection.

During this month of October, we encourage everyone to make a little more space for prayer, whether by praying a decade of the Rosary each day, gathering as a family to pray, or simply taking a few quiet moments in the presence of the Lord.

Let us turn to Our Lady, asking her to intercede for our families, our parish and our world, and above all, to help us grow closer to Jesus Christ.

PIONEER
TOTAL ABSTINENCE
ASSOCIATION

A small sacrifice can make a big difference

Take the November Pledge

This November, why not make a simple but meaningful sacrifice by taking a **Short-Term Pledge?**

Pray:

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