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ST COLMCILLE'S
BALLYHACKAMORE

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - A

14/15 NOV 2026
Missal Pg 688



Sunday Mass Readings

First Reading:
Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

Responsorial Psalm:
O blessed are those who fear the Lord

Second Reading:
Thessalonians 5:1-6

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful and I will give you the crown of life
Alleluia!

Gospel:
Matthew 25:14-30

Sign of Peace – Cold and Flu Season

As we enter the cold and flu season, we would like to remind parishioners to be mindful of one another's health and wellbeing.

We will, of course, continue to offer the Sign of Peace at Mass, an important expression of the peace and reconciliation we share in Christ before receiving the Lord in the Eucharist. However, if you feel uncomfortable shaking hands, please feel free to offer another appropriate gesture, such as a smile, a nod or a gentle bow.

We simply ask everyone to be considerate of one another, to respect individual preferences and to maintain good hygiene, making use of hand sanitiser when appropriate.

A little thoughtfulness and care for one another is itself a lovely expression of the peace we share in Christ.

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PARISH NEWS AND NOTICES

ANNIVERSARIES

Tommy Murphy
Nasor Tio
Sean McDermott
Martin Rosaupan Sr
Carmino Alfredo Fusco

RECENTLY DECEASED

Anne Marie O'Hara
Cecilia Armstrong
Anne Jennings

DONATIONS

Weekly collection- £1289.14

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

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: 10.00am (postponed from 9.30am)**
SAT	Confession: 5.00pm –5.20pm, Mass: 5.30pm
	Rosary Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday after Mass and before the Saturday night Vigil Mass
	The Divine Mercy Chaplet Fridays @ 3pm

APOSTOLIC WORK

would like to invite you to a Fundraising Coffee Morning on **Sunday 29th Novembe**r after the 9.30 and 11.30 Masses. There will be a church door collection at the 5.30 Vigil Mass. Unlike the Parish monthly Coffee Morning this occasion is to raise much needed money for the Missions. Unfortunately, we are no longer able to have cakes for sale but we will have a great display of bedding plants and tubs for sale, a Christmas themed range of small gifts and a ballot. We look forward to your support.

PARISH NEWS AND NOTICES

Christmas Charity Collections

14/15 November Tanzania Africa Project (TAP) Appeal
21/22 November SVP Appeal and sale of cards in porch at all Masses
28/29 November TAP cards on sale in Porch
28 November Apostolic Church Door Collection
29 November Apostolic Coffee Morning and Sale after both Masses

St Joseph's P1 Open day

All new and prospective parents are invited to attend the St Joseph's Primary School Open Morning on Thursday 26th November. The morning will begin with a short Principal's address at 10.30am in the school hall followed by a tour of the school where you can see us in action on a normal school day. The visit will conclude at 11.30am.

Annual Mass for Deceased Diocesan Clergy & Religious

The Annual Mass for Deceased Diocesan Clergy and Religious will take place, -
Tuesday 24th of November 2026 - St Peter's {Cathedral}, Belfast, @: 7:30 pm
In particular we remember and offer Mass for those who have died in this past year.
All are welcome to join Bishop Alan McGuckian as he celebrates this Mass.

Week of Witness for Persecuted Christians

One in ten Christians, 220 million people, live in countries where they are persecuted for their faith. The charity Aid to the Church in Need, which works to support them, is organising a Week of Witness from November 15-22 to highlight their plight with a special appeal for parishioners to pray for the suffering Church on 'Red Wednesday' November 18. More information is available at www.acnireland.org

Columbanus Festival Bangor

The annual Columbanus Festival takes place in and around Bangor on the 21st and 22nd of November. The theme of the festival this year is placenames and their connection to Christianity. Events include the Columbanus lecture & lunch;a Stained -Glass Window Tour and a guided short Columban way walk.

For further information please visit https://friendsofcolumbanusbangor.co.uk/

All events except the Ecumenical Church Service must be booked online at

https://www.visitardsandnorthdown.com or phone the Visitor Information Centre 02891 270069

Parish Engagement Group

The Parish Engagement Group (PEG) last met on 20 October 2026. Key matters discussed at the meeting included:-

· The success of the Welcome Back Weekend on 28/29 September and the welcome packs distributed that weekend
· A campaign to invite new volunteers into parish life and liturgy, through a 'How Can I Help' initiative on 7/8 November weekend
· Feedback on the Worship, World, Work and World meetings and how group leaders reported a real sense of connection and belonging, as well as a desire to network across the groups and invest in the Divine Renovation model of parish
· Listening Ear – it was agreed that two Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion would attend to parishioners waiting at their seat for the Blessed Sacrament at the 5.30pm Mass; additional lighters would be purchased for the candelabra to ensure a reliable supply was available
· A sub group was appointed to review the PEG Development Plan and decide on short term priorities

The next PEG meeting will take place on Wednesday 18 November 2026.

PARISH ANNUAL PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY 🎄

Our Annual Parish Christmas Party will take place on Sunday 29th November at 3.00pm in Shandon Park Golf Club : ● Doors open: 2.30pm - 6.30pm - ● Strictly over 18s only.
Final numbers and meal choices to be confirmed no later than Sunday 22nd November. If you wish to attend, please complete the form at the back of the church

'Vacancy 'Part Time Cook – Jesuit Community, Belfast

The Peter Faber Jesuit community based at 28 Brookvale Avenue, Belfast, are seeking to recruit a reliable and experienced part-time Cook to prepare the main meal three days per week (12 hours weekly to prepare meals for Tuesday 6.00pm, Wednesday 6.00pm and Thursday 1.00pm). Rate of Pay: £13.20 gross per hour
We are looking for someone who takes pride in preparing nutritious and enjoyable home-cooked food. Previous professional experience would be an advantage. To apply or make an enquiry, please contact: peterfabersj@gmail.com Closing Date: Thursday 26 November 2026

Trócaire is looking for volunteers to help deliver school talks during our annual Lent Appeal during **February and March 2027!**
We are particularly interested in hearing from people with public speaking experience, especially retired teachers or those who have worked with young people. Volunteers will visit local schools during school hours to share stories of hope, justice and solidarity from communities around the world.
The role involves approximately **1-2 short talks per week** during the four-month campaign period.
Full training, presentation materials and ongoing support will be provided. Please contact Fionnuala McGuinness on 028 9080 8033 or fionnuala.mcguinness@trocaire.org by the first week of December if you are interested! **Help inspire young people to become agents of change**



