PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE'S BALLYHACKAMORE

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - A

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you can HELP

Sunday Mass Readings

First Reading: **Wisdom 6:12-16**

Responsorial Psalm:
For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God

Second Reading: **Thessalonians 4:13-18**

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Stay awake and stand ready because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

Gospel: **Matthew 25:1-13**

HOW CAN I HELP?

Could you play a part in the life of our parish?
Our Parish Engagement Group is launching a new campaign, "How Can I Help?", inviting more parishioners to become involved in the life and liturgy of St Colmcille's.
Our parish is blessed with so many people who generously give their time and talents, but there is always room for more!

We would particularly love to welcome:
New Readers, New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion New Choir Members New Welcomers New Altar Servers. This ministry is open to all young people from Confirmation age up to 18 years old. We would especially love to see some girls getting involved, as we currently have no female altar servers.

You don't need any previous experience. All that's needed is a willingness to give a little of your time. Guidance and support will be provided.
Our parish isn't simply somewhere we come to Mass. It's a community to which we all belong, and each of us has something to offer.
So perhaps the question to ask yourself is: "How can I help?"
Please take a moment this week to fill out one of the short forms and return it either to a member of the Parish Engagement Group or place it in the box at the back of the church.
Every offer of help, no matter how small, can make a real difference to the life of our parish.

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PARISH NEWS AND NOTICES

ANNIVERSARIES

Patrick & James O'Hare
Jim McConnell
Peter Loder
Susan Elias

RECENTLY DECEASED

Anne Marie O'Hara

DONATIONS

Weekly collection- £1,214.85
The Bishops' Commission Collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend

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: 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 November** 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

Talk: The Second World War through Jesuit Archives
Join us in the Belfast Jesuit Centre on Thursday 12th November at 7.00pm, for a fascinating illustrated talk by Damien Burke, Archivist of the Irish Jesuit Province and co-editor of The Second World War through Jesuit Archives: The Case of Europe (1939–1945). Drawing on letters, diaries and archival records from across Europe, this illustrated talk explores the human experience of war through stories of faith, service and resilience. All are welcome. Light refreshments provided. Small donation suggested.

The Chosen: Season 3 plus Advent Specials
Join us at the Belfast Jesuit Centre as we continue our journey through The Chosen with Season 3 starting on Friday 6th November. Due to the longer running time of the Season 3 episodes, we will now begin at 10.45am sharp (rather than 11.00am). Tea and coffee will be available from 10.15am.Following each episode, there will be a short guided Examen and an opportunity for reflection and discussion. Those who wish to are also welcome to stay for Friday Mass at 12.30pm. As part of our Advent journey, on 18 December we will screen the special episodes The Shepherd and The Messengers, offering a beautiful preparation for the celebration of Christmas. All are welcome. Small donation suggested.

Church at the Crossroads – Belfast Conference 13–14 November 2026 · Assembly Buildings Conference C
The Belfast Jesuit Centre and the Irish Jesuit Province are delighted to be official partners with Church at the Crossroads, a two-day conference hosted by Palestinian Christians for the global Church. The gathering invites us to listen and learn from Palestinian and international Christian leaders as we explore how Scripture shapes our response to the realities in the Holy Land. Other speakers include Sean Farrell (Trocaire) and Prof. Siobhan Garrigan of TCD. For more details and registration, please visit: www.churchatthecrossroads.com/belfast

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

MASS FOR SEAFARERS AND FISHERS
Sunday, 15 November 2026, at 11:00 am at St. Peter's Cathedral, Belfast, to be presided over by Bishop Alan McGuckian, Bishop of Down and Connor.
This special Mass is an opportunity to pray for seafarers, fishers and their families, remembering especially those who have lost their lives at sea.
All are warmly welcome.

PARISH ANNUAL PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY 🎄

Our Annual Parish Christmas Party will take place on Sunday 30th 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 23rd November. If you wish to attend, please complete the form at the back of the church

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***

THE WEST BELFAST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The November meeting will take place on Friday the 13th of November at 7.30pm in St. Michael's Parish Centre, Finaghy Road North (Access via Church Gateway on Finaghy Road North, just past the garage opposite the Church at the junction with Andersonstown Road).

The November talk is entitled: "The N.I. Film Archive " The guest speaker will be Lisa Duggan from the N.I. Film Archive. (This talk will show the rich history of people and places in Belfast and N.I. through the medium of moving pictures, from their inception in the 1800's through to the 1960's. The evening will offer a unique and fascinating insight into the past. You might even be viewing a family member)

Refreshments will be provided.



St Columba's Church, Knock
27 King's Road, Knock, BT5 6JG
LUNCHTIME RECITAL
Saturday 14th November 2026 at 12.30pm
Matthew Jeffrey – Baritone
Jude Kingston – Violin
Amber Dixon – Soprano
Michael Harrison – Piano
Admission (at the door): £10
Students / Children – Free admission
Please feel free to come and go (quietly) as you need.