



PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE'S BALLYHACKAMORE

*"To know the joy
of God's love and
make the love of
God known to all"*

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR A

6TH SEP 2026

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WELCOME BACK!

As September begins, we hope that everyone has had a restful and enjoyable summer. It is wonderful to welcome everyone back, and there is a real sense of excitement about all that lies ahead in the life of our parish.

This year, rather than welcoming a NET Team, we are delighted to be appointing our own Youth Minister, Brendan, who will work with our young people and families and help us continue to develop this important part of our parish mission. We very much look forward to welcoming Brendan and to seeing all that will grow from his ministry among us.

The summer has also given us an opportunity to focus particularly on parish leadership and renewal. We have welcomed new members to our Parish Engagement Group (PEG), and we are continuing to develop our Four Ws, helping to ensure that the many different groups, ministries and organisations which make up our parish remain connected to one another and, above all, to our shared mission.

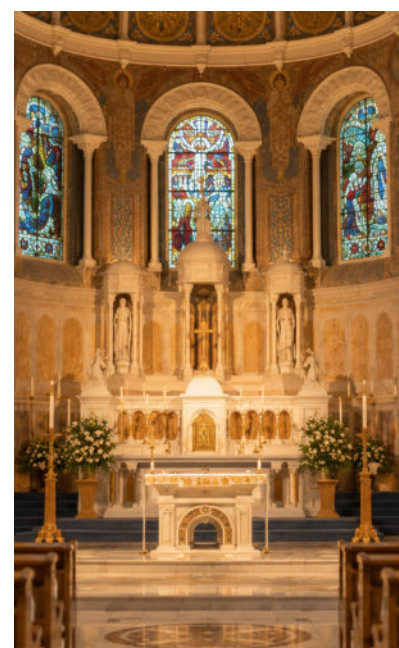
As the next step, I would like to invite the leader or one representative from every group, ministry, committee or organisation connected with our parish to a Four Ws gathering on Tuesday 29th September at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

This includes not only our explicitly pastoral or liturgical ministries, but the many groups and organisations who meet in or use our parish facilities. If you are part of the life of this parish, you are part of our mission.

If you lead or represent one of these groups, please contact the Parish Office for further details and to let us know that your group will be represented.

There is much to look forward to in the months ahead. May we begin this new parish year with renewed energy, working together to build a community where everyone is welcomed, valued and invited to share in the mission of proclaiming the Gospel.

Have a blessed week, Fr Conor



MASS THIS SUNDAY

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Psalm 94

*O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts.'*

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O
Lord: consecrate us in the truth.
Alleluia!*

Gospel: Matthew 16: 21-27

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:

**Maureen Forrester, David
O'Flaherty and Jack Younger.**

Lost Property

A collection of clothing left in the
church hall is currently on display on
the long bench in the church foyer.

If you have lost an item, please check
the collection and claim it by **Saturday
12th September**. Any unclaimed
items after this date will be disposed
of.

THIS WEEK AT ST COLMCILLE'S

SUN	Mass: 9.30am & 11.30am
MON	Morning Prayer: 9.00am
TUE	Holy Hour, Confessions: 6.00pm 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

St Colmcille's
Laudato Si' Group
in association with **Trócaire**

Heroes for Humanity

A SERIES OF WORKSHOPS

**WEDNESDAY
9 SEPTEMBER
2026**

**Saint
Oscar Romero**

A workshop exploring the
life and legacy of a voice
for **justice** and the poor.



St Colmcille's
Parish Hall
191a Upper
Newtownards Road,
Belfast, BT4 3JB



Beginning at
7.15 pm



Ending with
a cuppa around
8.45 pm

All are welcome! 

Money Matters

The Monthly Offering Collection for the support of the priests will be taken up this weekend.

If you wish to make your contributions via contactless payment, this is now available using the QR code on the parish website or in the bulletin. We would encourage you to gift aid your donation if you are paying tax; you only need to key this information once, as long as you are using the same debit/credit card to make your donations each time.



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

Parish Safeguarding Training

1. Full Child Safeguarding Training for Leaders (Level 2)

The dates and links for registration for these training sessions are listed below.

Please note that these are face-to-face sessions taking place locally, and there may not be any further Level 2 Child Safeguarding Training opportunities scheduled in your area this year.

BALLYMENA- Sat 12th September 2026

BELFAST- 16 & 23 Sept 2026

NEWCASTLE- Sat 19 Sept 2026



2. Training in Online Safety

There will be a free online training opportunity provided by CiNI on 8th September 2026 regarding online safety that may be of interest to Leaders of children's and young people's activities.

The 3-hour workshop delivered via zoom is an introduction to the issues surrounding on-line child protection. It looks at harm prevention and protection in the on-line world and how we can enable children to be safe, benefit from this world and protect themselves.

You can book directly with CiNI here:



SAVE THE DATE!

PARISH CEILI

 **FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER**
7.30PM – 11.30PM
AT COLMCILLES PARISH HALL

 **ADMISSION**
£10.00
PAY AT THE DOOR.

 **BRING YOUR OWN DRINK AND SNACKS.**

 **WE WILL BE HAVING A BALLOT/RAFFLE ON THE NIGHT - ENVELOPES OF 5 TICKETS IS £5.**



Before each dance, there will be a short practice where the caller will explain the steps. During the dance, she'll continue to call out the moves, so no experience is necessary.

HALF THE FUN IS LEARNING THE STEPS TOGETHER!

COME ALONG TO THIS PARISH SOCIAL COMMUNITY EVENT, ENJOY THE DANCING, CRAIC AND FUN.

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!

St Colmcille's Indoor Mixed Bowling Club

Bowling Club resumes on **Thursday 3rd September 26 at 7pm.**

New members are welcome!

Enquiries: Please contact Deirdre on 07479329938, or just turn up!

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!

Align Physio-led Pilates

Classes will resume **Monday 7th September** in the Parish hall. Class times on a Monday are 9.30am, 10.30am, 7.15pm and 8.15pm. Suitable for all ages, men and women. If interested and for more information, please contact oliviadavidson42@hotmail.co.uk

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.

USEFUL CONTACTS

Parish Office: stcolmcilles@downandconnor.org.

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stcolmcilleschurch/>

Instagram: [stcolmcillesballyhack](https://www.instagram.com/stcolmcillesballyhack)

Parish Office: Mon- Fri 10:00 - 13:00