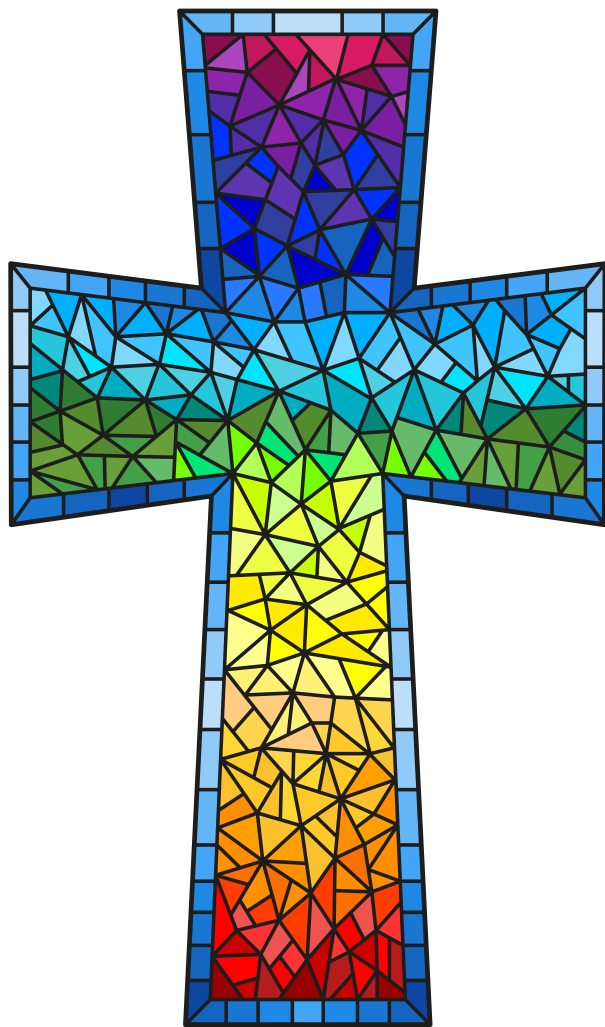


# The Columban

ST. COLUMBA'S CHURCH, KNOCK, FEBRUARY 2022



*The latest parish news, events and notices.*



Dear Parishioner,

## SACRISTANS

Murray and Pam Hunter have served as our Sacristans with great distinction over many years. This is an important role in the life of parish churches and cathedrals involving the care of the altar frontals, communion linens, the brass candlesticks and the ordering of the candles. Here in St. Columba's we are fortunate to have beautiful altar frontals in the four liturgical colours: green, purple, white and red together with pulpit falls and lectern bible markers in similar colours. Murray and Pam have diligently changed the liturgical colours as we move through the churches year reminding us that we have entered a new season. In addition they keep the white altar linens in pristine condition and always ensure that we have a sufficient supply of candles. Through their conscientious approach they have reorganised the storage of these items and ensure that the clergy vestry is kept in pristine condition.

They now wish to retire having faithfully served their parish church as good stewards through the generous sharing of their personal gifts.

***"As each has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." (1 Peter 4:10)***

I thank Murray and Pam for their faithfulness, stewardship and hard work. As Rector I am extremely grateful to them for all their support and wish them God's richest blessing for their retirement.

I am very pleased that John and Yvonne Robb have accepted my invitation to serve as sacristans and wish to assure them of our prayerful good wishes as their commence their new responsibilities this month.

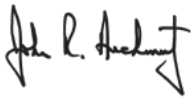
## STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

Have you had the opportunity to study the beautiful stained glass windows in St. Columba's? Each one is carefully designed by the artist and through the professional skills of the craftspeople they encourage us in our proclamation of the gospel. They depict so many aspects of our christian faith and church festivals with memorable biblical verses. Depending when you are in the church and the quality of the light shining through the glass at that moment they inspire us in fresh ways. We will have opportunities to learn more about these windows during this year. I encourage you to take time to look at them and to reflect on their significance when attending church services.

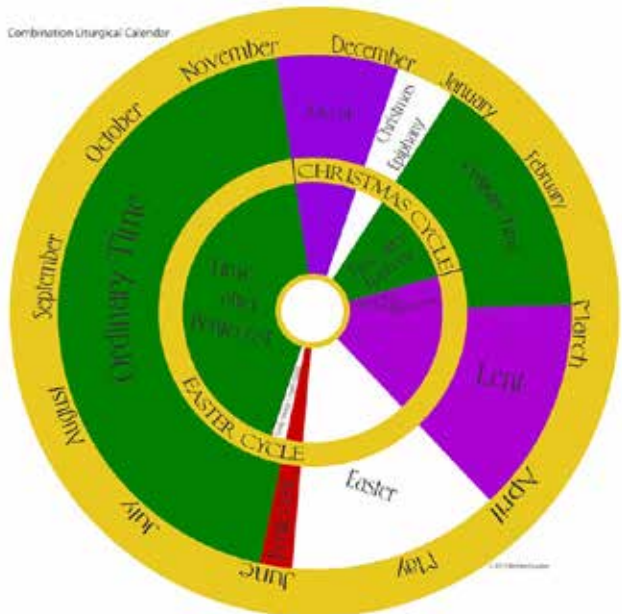
As these words from a prayer used at the dedication of a stained glass window remind us:

***"...Grant that as the light shines through it in many colours, so our lives may show forth the beauty of your manifold gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord."***

Yours in His service,



**Liturgical Colours  
– used during the  
church's year**



# CHURCH SERVICES IN FEBRUARY 2022

(Covid-19 Government restrictions permitting)

<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>The Presentation of Christ in the Temple</b>		
	(Transferred)		<b>(White)</b>
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>		
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>The Fourth Sunday before Lent</b>		<b>(Green)</b>
<b>8.15am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> <i>(Side Chapel)</i>		
	Epistle 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11	The Risen Lord	
	Gospel Luke 5: 1-11	The unexpected catch	
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>All Age Worship</b>		
	Gospel Luke 5: 1-11	The unexpected catch	
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>(Green)</b>
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>		
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>The Third Sunday before Lent</b>		<b>(Green)</b>
<b>8.15am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> <i>(Side Chapel)</i>		
	Epistle 1 Corinthians 15: 12-20	What if the Messiah wasn't raised?	
	Gospel Luke 6: 17-26	The Beatitudes	
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>		
	Epistle 1 Corinthians 15: 12-20	What if the Messiah wasn't raised?	
	Gospel Luke 6: 17-26	The Beatitudes	
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>(Green)</b>
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>		
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>The Second Sunday before Lent</b>		<b>(Green)</b>
<b>8.15am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> <i>(Side Chapel)</i>		
	Epistle Revelation 4	The Throne in Heaven	
	Gospel Luke 8: 22-35	Jesus calms the storm	

**10.30am Morning Prayer**  
**First Reading:** Genesis 2: 4b-9, 15-25 The breath of life  
breathed into man  
**Second Reading:** Luke 8: 22-35 Jesus calms the storm

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> (Green)**  
**10.30am Holy Communion**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> (White)**  
**The Sunday before Lent**  
**Transfiguration Sunday**  
**8.15am Holy Communion (Side Chapel)**  
Epistle 2 Corinthians 3: 12- 4: 2 The veil and the glory  
Gospel Luke 9: 28-36 The Transfiguration

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Epistle 2 Corinthians 3: 12- 4: 2 The veil and the glory  
Gospel Luke 9: 28-36 The Transfiguration

### Online Services

*Each Sunday at 10.30am, there will be a service of Holy Communion on our parish Facebook page (St Columba's, Knock) and on our parish website under "Church Service Recordings" at [www.stcolumbas.down.anglican.org](http://www.stcolumbas.down.anglican.org)*

## PARISH PRAYER

God, our Heavenly Father, make the door of our Church wide enough to welcome all who need human love, fellowship and a Father's care; but narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and hatred. Here may the tempted find help, the sorrowing receive comfort and the penitent be assured of your mercy. And here may all your children renew their strength and go on their way in hope and joy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

*Amen.*

***Bishop Thomas Ken 1637-1711***

## **Larder at St Christopher's EAST BELFAST'S FOOD BANK UPDATE**

The parishioners of St Columba's have been supporting The Larder for many years. This is a short update on current activities.

### **St Columba's Cash Donations**

The total cash donation from St Columba's parishioners, since March 2020, is now almost £20,000. Therefore, we continue with a monthly "run rate" during the pandemic of giving about £1,000 per month to our local food bank.

### **Meal Delivery**

A group of our parishioners have answered the call from The Larder to support clients who are in particular need. Since October 2020, this team has been preparing and freezing meals. Every other Friday they make deliveries to referred clients who are in palliative care, undergoing cancer treatment or suffering from chronic conditions.

By the end of January, we had cooked and delivered over 2,400 meals to 20 families.



### **Old Freezers Needed**

Fresh ingredients and prepared meals are stored in two old freezers in my garage. Given the increasing volumes, it would be very helpful to have more capacity. If you are moving or updating your kitchen, and have an old freezer you don't need, we would be delighted if you could donate it to our project. A chest freezer, of any size, would be particularly useful.

Please contact me if you have a freezer you would like me to collect, or if you are interested in getting involved in cooking or delivering.

## Financial Support

To support the work of The Larder financially, please send a cheque, payable to **"Boring Wells"**, to me at Fernbank, 117 Downshire Road, Holywood, BT18 9LZ.

Parishioners who wish to gift aid their donations, should contact our parish secretary, Karen Patterson (02890 656891, [office.knock@down.anglican.org](mailto:office.knock@down.anglican.org)) to receive the necessary form.

Thank you all for the support you have been giving.

Brian Acheson (07766 057473)

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Unfortunately, we felt unable to recommence Sunday school immediately after Christmas due to the high Covid infection rate.

We are hopeful that by the time this magazine is distributed Sunday school will have returned on 30th January.

The following dates are proposed for February

<b>6th February</b>	<b>10.30 am.</b>	<b>All Age Worship</b>
<b>13th February</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Sunday School and Creche</b>
<b>20th February</b>	<b>10.30 am.</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
<b>27th February</b>	<b>10.30 am.</b>	<b>Sunday School and Creche</b>

We are looking forward to welcoming all our children back to Sunday School and Creche in 2022.

**Joyce**

## Thought for the Month

I was born in 1937 so my early childhood spanned the years of the Second World War. We lived in a semi-detached house in Belfast and money was in short supply. Food was rationed and clothes and sweets were only available with limited coupons but to a child that was normal, and everyone was in the same situation.

My maternal grandparents had a farm outside Holywood so we had plenty of eggs, seasonable vegetables and butter that my grandmother made herself. One of my primary school teachers, whom I met in later life, said I was always known by the staff as the pupil who brought them carefully wrapped eggs or vegetables as a Christmas present.



Joan Whiteside

I was staying at that farm the night of the horrendous bombing of Belfast and a bomb fell beside the farmhouse. My Grandmother picked me up out of bed, ran to the open fields and lay with me in a dry ditch till the morning. No one in the family was hurt and the farm survived.

In the middle years of life, we had the 'troubles' in Northern Ireland. Living in East Belfast life was fairly normal but my husband who worked as a transmission engineer on Black Mountain had to travel up the Falls and Springfield roads to get to work. The RUC said he would be safe as the IRA would have identified him as the TV man who needed to get to work.

During the Troubles I was the volunteer head of Girl Guiding in Belfast. I planned with the Lord Mayor. Mr John Carson that he would hold a reception in the City Hall and present the Queen's Guide Badges to the girls and also to invite their parents and Guide Leaders for tea and buns in the Great Hall. Two hundred and fifty people replied that they would come. On the afternoon of the day a hunger striker from the Markets area died and Belfast was ablaze with burning buses. The Lord Mayor's secretary phoned to cancel but I spoke to John Carson and we agreed that we would both go to the City Hall just in case anyone turned up. Two hundred and forty people turned up and we carried out the original plan. The telephone kept ringing from Hillsborough but the Lord Mayor told his staff to tell the Secretary of State that he would see him when he had said goodbye to the young people who would be the future of his city.

The worst time was the week of the Ulster Worker's Strike. We had just moved to The Grange which was still a building site. My sister was in hospital so for part of the week I had five children to look after with the shops closed and electricity only one hour a day. My son Michael, a keen new Boy Scout was appointed chief fire lighter. Discarded bricks made a good fireplace and the ample supply of bits of wood gave us continual boiling water for tea and heat for the often-used frying pan. The busiest time of the day was the electricity hour. The freezer was opened for supplies and quickly closed. All five children were bathed, and the washing machine primed ready to roll. There was even time to do some baking. Michael was particularly disappointed when the strike was over. I was not.



Now in the evening of life we have a problem again—Covid. This time I think it is the worst not because age makes one less resilient but because this time we have been deprived not of food, clothing or electricity but of contact with people. We had food with supermarket deliveries or click and collect. I never thought after restrictions eased that there would be so much pleasure from pushing a trolley round Tesco's and picking one's own fruit and vegetables. Bridge could be played online, books read by the dozen and lectures and Board Meetings on Zoom but oh how we missed contact with people. Coffee for four people spaced out on my patio was bliss. A walk round Rowallan Gardens with tea and a sandwich outside the café was better than afternoon tea at the Ritz. We have all learned a new way of life.

The common denominator between these periods of my life has been resilience. We have to step up and cope with whatever life brings but the overwhelming lesson from Covid has been the importance of people and how much we appreciate our families and friends.

*Our sincere thanks to Joan for sharing this 'Thought' with us.*

*The March 'Thought for the month' will be written by Kyle Flanagan who is a theological student on a ten-week placement in St. Columba's.*



It was lovely to meet in December for an evening of festive fun. This made the decision not to meet in January even more regrettable but government advice relating to the ongoing health situation meant we reluctantly cancelled our planned January meeting. Moving forward into 2022 we trust it will soon be possible to meet safely and enjoy fellowship again.

In the mean time I have some Diocesan updates. Mavis Thompson from Dromara Parish has been elected as Diocesan President. We wish her well in her new position and assure her of our prayers and support. The Reverend Duncan Pollock, of Groomsport parish, has been appointed Diocesan Chaplain. We look forward to his ministry. Our thanks and good wishes to Roberta and Gerald Macartney for their commitment to Mothers' Union over the last few years.

We will let you know the date of the next meeting when it has been confirmed.

Best wishes,

**Barbara**

## From the Registers

### Our Sorrows

### Funeral Services

Wednesday 24th November 2021

Paul Hazeldine Beard

Friday 3rd December 2021

Elizabeth (Betty) McKeown

Thursday 16th December 2021

David William Hutchinson

Thursday 30th December 2021

Dorothy Anne Smyth

## CHRISTMAS LOOSE CASH COLLECTIONS

The total amount collected over the Christmas services was £997. This money has been divided equally between the Dean of Belfast's Sit Out Appeal and The Larder which is based at St. Christopher's Church, Mersey Street.

I thank all those who generously supported these collections which will provide good support to so many of our local charities at this challenging time.

**The Rector**

## FLOWER ROTA

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February

Brenda Clingen

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February

Barbara Laverty

Sunda 20<sup>th</sup> February

Imelda Shephard

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February

Liz McCaughey

# Prayers for your thoughts and comfort



The Winter of Discontent! Those familiar with the works of William Shakespeare from school days or later, may recognise the first two lines of his play 'Richard 111. While far removed from the setting of the Shakespearean play, the words may sum up the mood of the world at present. Covid 19 has been spreading at a more aggressive pace than ever: inflation is at a new high as fuel prices escalate, and some people struggle to make ends meet, while many in our community are experiencing an acute sense of isolation. However, while the news may be grim as these prayers are prepared in early January, there are suggestions that better days may lie ahead as we enter the month of February. The hopes and expectations as well as the concerns will be evident in some of this month's prayers.

In the ancient Celtic world, the start of the season of Imbolc and St. Brigid's Day – 1st February – marked the dawning of a new age – the beginning of new growth and the Spring! Perhaps it would be appropriate at this point to include another well-known phrase, namely that 'Hope Springs Eternal'!!

## **Encouragement at difficult times.**

Lord, give to us and all people, in times of anxiety, peace : in times of hardship perseverance : and, at all times, a quiet trust in your wisdom and love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Release from isolation.**

Lord, we pray for our family and friends, and for ourselves at a time of isolation, resulting from Covid 19 and the spread of the Omicron virus. Give us confidence that, in time, all will be well Strengthen our faith at a time when we feel cut off from the company of those we value and be to them and us an ever present help, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Praying for hope in troubled times.**

Lord, I know that when my focus is on you and on other people, that hope can be the result. Lift me out of any feelings of despair and fill my spirit with hope. When the opportunity arises, may I display hope to others, and, as I do so, sense your presence and Spirit within me. **Amen.**

### **A prayer during this pandemic.**

Lord, in whom we trust, the world continues to feel strange. The news is full of details about coronavirus. Be with all who are worried and anxious about themselves or their families and friends. Help them to find peace. We pray for doctors, nurses scientists and all who are working in hospitals, care homes and elsewhere to help those who are vulnerable and sick. Carry us forward in confidence and with courage in the name of Jesus Christ, who is at all times, the way, the truth, and the life. **Amen.**

### **A prayer for those who teach and learn in schools and colleges.**

Almighty God, grant to those who teach and learn, the vision to respond positively to the challenges of these times. Give them confidence to develop their skills, that they may be equipped to contribute to society to the best of their ability for the benefit of themselves, for the good of others and for your greater glory. **Amen.**

### **A prayer for employers, employees and those seeking work.**

Lord, you called people to be your disciples who were occupied in many different forms of work. You met people also who were seeking work. We know that many people today are worried about future employment because of the effects of Covid 19. Give them hope, and grant to those in government, to employers, and to trade unions, perseverance in finding answers to our problems and a desire to seek for justice and equity, through the same Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### **A prayer for families.**

God our Father, we thank you for our homes, our families and our friends; for laughter and sorrow shared: for the knowledge of your presence in good times and bad. Through all the problems and opportunities we face, bind us together in love, in your name. **Amen.**

## **A prayer for those in need.**

We thank you Lord for the blessing of life and the variety of your gifts. However, food and other resources are wasted while millions are hungry. Forgive us our selfishness and open our hearts to the call to support The Larder and other organisations in this country and overseas, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Useful Sayings**

'Sometimes things aren't clear immediately. That's when you need to be patient and see where things lead.'

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'The shortest distance between two people may be a smile. However, just because someone smiles all the time, doesn't mean their life is perfect. That smile is a symbol of hope and strength.'

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'Hope is the strength by which a shattered world shall emerge into the light'

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'Good things come to those who believe. Better things come to those who are patient. The best things come to those who don't give up.'

And finally.....**A prayer of Teresa of Avilla (Advice for all times)**

Trust in God. Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing frighten you. All things are possible but God never changes. They who have God find they lack nothing for God alone suffices. **Amen.**

## PAUSE

In 2012 our former curate Robert Ferris had an idea that members of our parish - and anyone else - could meet up occasionally at different venues on different days for coffee and a chat. It was indeed a great idea! There was no agenda, no joining, no commitment. It was a matter of turning up if you were free and wanted some company. It was a huge success!

Numbers varied but PAUSE continued. When Robert left us, I arranged the venues and the dates. I sometimes worried what would happen if no one else turned up and I was alone. That situation has never occurred **until our last planned meeting!** To my knowledge PAUSE has never been cancelled until now. As you know we have to be very careful at present and our visit to the Stormont Hotel was not an 'essential meeting'. As there are no contact details, I went to the hotel to meet anyone who turned up. One parishioner came. We had a brief chat, but she didn't stay for coffee. My coffee was delicious.

The next meeting of PAUSE will again be at the Stormont Hotel on **Tuesday 8th February 2022 at 10.30am**. There will be filter coffee, tea and scones. We will be following all the Covid-19 guidelines which are relevant at that time. If you are free do come along. I do not want to be alone for a second time. All are welcome.

If you require further details or help with transport, please contact me.

**Eileen (9020 3684).**



## MARCH PARISH MAGAZINE

Any articles or photographs for publication in the **March** parish magazine should be handed or emailed to the editor, **Billy McAlpine**, by **Wednesday, 9th February**.

His contact details are:-

**10 Old Quay Court, Holywood BT18 0HT**  
Tel: **9042 4390** Email: **colmaged@outlook.com**

*We all love to see photographs of people enjoying our Church activities. So we can all benefit fully from this and for reproduction purposes, it is very important that photographs are clear and in focus.*

**Many thanks**



It is with great appreciation that we thank those parishioners who very kindly sent packets of stamps to the Parish Office to assist with the cost of postage.

Since Christmas, due to government restrictions, we have decided to post the February **Columban** as we need to protect our parishioners and delivery team.

The assistance by supplying stamps has been greatly appreciated, and a wonderful way to help at this time. If you would like to help in this way, please send packets of second-class stamps to the Parish Office or deliver to the Rectory.

Thank you once again to everyone who has supplied packets of postage stamps!

**Karen Patterson**



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making donations go further

**Thank you very much to everyone who was able to Gift Aid their contributions to St Columba's during 2021 – we have claimed £46,219 for the year! This is a huge part of our annual income, and we are most grateful for the support.**

**If you are a UK Taxpayer, please consider 'boosting' your gifts to St Columba's by completing a Gift Aid form**, available from the Parish Office (9065 6891 Monday – Friday, 9am-1pm) or simply download and print it from our 'Giving' tab on our parish website: [www.stcolumbas@down.anglican.org](http://www.stcolumbas@down.anglican.org)

Details of who can Gift Aid their donations are available on the website, on the Gift Aid form itself, or by contacting Karen in the parish office.

Thank you!



# Preparing for Lent

**Lent** is a time for Christians around the world to prepare for the events of Holy Week and Easter. It begins with 40 days (not including Sundays) of fasting, spiritual discipline and repentance, as the purpose of the Lenten season is to set aside time for reflection on Jesus Christ—to consider his suffering and his sacrifice, his life, death, burial, and resurrection. It begins on Ash Wednesday, which is on the 2nd March this year, and runs through to Palm Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> April.



## The significance of 40 in the Bible

*The 40-day period of Lent is based on two episodes of spiritual testing in the Bible: the 40 years of wilderness wanderings by the Israelites after the exodus from Egypt (Numbers 33:38 and Deuteronomy 1:3) and the Temptation of Jesus after he spent 40 days fasting in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-13).*

*In the Bible, the number 40 holds special significance in the measurement of time, and many other important events revolve around it. During the flood, it rained for 40 days and 40 nights (Genesis 7:4, 12, 17; 8:6). Moses fasted on the mountain for 40 days and nights before God gave the Ten Commandments (Exodus 24:18; 34:28; Deuteronomy 9). The spies spent 40 days in the land of Canaan (Numbers 13:25; 14:34). The prophet Elijah travelled for 40 days and nights to reach the mountain of God in Sinai (1 Kings 19:8). (Extract from Mary Fairchild's Preparation for Lent)*

This year, we have a very unusual task for Lent – we will explain more in the next edition of The Columban. In the meantime, we suggest that you prepare by purchasing a small notebook and await further information!

This is something that all the family can take part in, and we would like to encourage you to come along to church so that we can make progress together as we prepare for Easter.

The Clergy will make reference to this new task/challenge during sermons each Sunday during Lent, so come along and discover more, as well as understand how this observance can help you have a better relationship with God.

We hope that you will enjoy this time of preparation!

Thank you.

**Karen Patterson**

## Art Club

On 2nd December 18 club members came together at the Royal North of Ireland Yacht Club in Cultra for our annual Christmas lunch (at that time restrictions re Covid had been eased). After a very enjoyable lunch those present faced, as usual, some quiz questions. Many could not work out why, given the stated criteria, Manchester City always defeated Manchester United 1 – 0 or indeed which USA state did **'you thank you'** indicate. The success of the event was shown by one individual saying they had not laughed so much in over a year and that the lively social interaction was a wonderful start to the festive season.



On 5th December the art display first shown in June to celebrate the 125th anniversary of our church was again set up in the church this time to celebrate the 1500th anniversary of the birth of St. Columba. Many very encouraging remarks were received from parishioners. Photographs were taken and were sent for inclusion on the Church of Ireland and Diocesan websites.

The parish Christmas card was this year designed by Betty Gregory and featured a painting of a Christmas rose. This card was chosen from a range of cards provided by several members of the club.

It had been hoped that the club would start again on 6th January but once again Covid regulations prevented this. The decision of a starting date is being reviewed monthly.

**Billy McAlpine**

## CHURCH HALL 2022 CLEANING ROTA

<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Christine and Ian Johnston
<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Jayne and Ronny Martin
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Fiona and Robin Haldane

## MUMS AND TOTS

We had hoped to recommence our Mums and Tots in early January but decided this was not the right time. We will meet with the Rector at the end of January to discuss how we will return, hopefully in February (Covid restrictions permitting).

You will find more information on our church website:  
[www.st Columba's.down.anglican.org](http://www.stColumba's.down.anglican.org)

**Joyce**

## Railway and Model club

Here we are, running hard into 2022.....Wow !

What to do when there is no heating in the church hall, and then the club room is out of bounds? Well, you just keep 'er rollin'.

For a few weeks in January, meetings moved to Hillmount Garden Centre. Some tea/coffee and scones proved to be perfect in helping the plans and ideas to flow. Ideas on the reconstruction of an old, unused layout, involving all members and the possible construction of a new narrow gauge layout, all came out in our "craic". BUT, we must first complete a stocktake of our railway lines (both OO and N gauge) as well as checking just how many built/unbuilt houses etc., we have.....model ones of course. Then there is the scenery material, including track underlay! Suddenly we seem to have an awful lot to do.

The answer is simple of course. We just Keep 'er Rollin'. Stay safe. Hope we can see you all, soon.

**David (Rockie).**





It is with great appreciation that I sincerely thank those parishioners who have changed from the use of church envelopes to contributing by Standing Order. There are reasons why this is important: -

- ✓ for the safety and security of those who have to handle and bank all of the cash.
- ✓ for the comfort of knowing your valued contribution is received regularly by your church.
- ✓ for allowing the Select Vestry to plan future projects.
- ✓ for the importance of following government Covid-19 social distancing regulations and so reducing the need for envelopes being placed in the collection box during busy services
- ✓ for reducing the cost of time and effort involved in ordering and distributing the envelope packs.
- ✓ for your convenience of not having to find cash for church envelopes each week.

***Thank you very much to those parishioners who made this simple yet very helpful change to Standing Order.***

If you would like further assistance to set up a Standing Order, or to request a Standing Order or Gift Aid form, please contact me on 9065 6891 Monday – Friday, 9am-1pm, or email me at [office.knock@down.anglican.org](mailto:office.knock@down.anglican.org), or download and complete the forms from our website [www.stcolumba's.down.anglican.org](http://www.stcolumba's.down.anglican.org) under the 'giving' tab.

***Completed Standing Order forms should be posted to your own bank.***

***Completed Gift Aid forms should be forwarded to the Parish Office.***

Thank you once again for your valued and continued support!

**Karen Patterson**

**Parish Administrator & Financial Giving Secretary**

# PARISH ORGANISATIONS

*New members are always welcome at any of our organisations!*


<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sunday School</b> <i>Bubbles (3-5 years)</i> <i>Splash (5-8 years)</i> <i>X-treme (8-11 years)</i> <i>The Grid (11-14 years)</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Sundays 10.30am	Superintendent: Joyce Stevenson 9058 3381
	<b>Crèche</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Sundays	Christine Johnston 07811 599291
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Craft and Hobby Circle</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday each month 10.30am	Carol Willis 9079 9997
	<b>Ladies Bowling</b>	2.00pm	Helen Coates 9065 8977
	<b>MU Afternoon Group</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday each month 2.30pm	Joy Montgomery 9029 5427
	<b>Mens' Club</b>	7.30pm	John Robb 9058 1438
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Ladies Badminton</b>	10.30am	Gillian Popplestone 9080 3799
	<b>Ladies Badminton</b>	2.00pm	Anne Clarke 9065 1412
	<b>Activity Group</b>	Except 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday 7.30pm	Maureen Irwin 9079 5155
	<b>Mothers' Union</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday each month 8.00pm	Barbara Lavery 9573 8743
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Bible Study Group</b>	2.30pm - 4.00pm	Eileen Anderson 9020 3684
	<b>Railway and Model Club</b>	7.00pm	David Beattie 9028 5868
	<b>Ladies Guild</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each month 7.45pm	Jennifer Beattie, 9028 5868
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Art Club</b>	9.30am	Billy Nelson 9048 3889
	<b>Choir</b>	7.30pm	Dr Joe McKee 07976 294574
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Mums and Tots</b>	10.00am	Joyce Stevenson, 9058 3381
<b>Bi-monthly</b>	<b>Pause</b>	As arranged	Eileen Anderson 9020 3684
<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Youth Etc.</b> <i>(11-15 years)</i>	As arranged	Jonathan Martin, 07980 885990
	<b>Young Families</b>	Social events as arranged	Rachel Stewart 07812 247343

Requests for the occasional use of the church halls must be submitted to the Premise's Conventor.

# WHO'S WHO IN ST. COLUMBAS

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<b>Rector</b>	The Reverend Chancellor John R Auchmuty	St. Columba's Rectory 29 Kings Road BT5 6JG 028 9047 1514 rectorknock@down.anglican.org
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<b>Select Vestry</b>	Rector, Churchwardens, Glebewardens, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Assistant Honorary Treasurer, Brian Acheson, Suzanne Allen, Richard Caldwell, Andrew Hirst, Ian Johnston, John Kerr, Jayne Martin, Jonathan Stewart, Linda Wilson	
<b>Honorary Secretary</b>	John Macpherson	10 Sandhill Gardens BT5 6FF 028 9028 2076 jdmacpherson@hotmail.com
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<b>Gift Aid Secretary</b>	Jack Dunlop	028 9065 4103
<b>Parochial Nominators</b>	Victor Dukelow, Patrick Good, Elizabeth Leonard, Linda Wilson	
<b>Diocesan Synod members</b>	Patrick Good, Elizabeth Leonard Hollie Wilson (under 30)	
<b>Organist and Choral Director</b>	Dr Joe McKee	07976 294574
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<b>Parish Office Administrator/ Financial Giving Secretary</b>	Karen Patterson Office hours: Monday to Friday 9.00am-1.00pm	 028 9065 6891 office.knock@down.anglican.org



## CHURCH CAR PARKING

When parking to go to church services or Parish Organisations please be sensitive to the residents in the local community by taking care not to block entrances or pavements.

Thank you!



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For those who are new to St Columba's and would like more information about the life and membership of the parish, please give your name and phone number to our Churchwardens or contact the Parish Office during office hours Monday-Friday, 9.00am-1.00pm on 028 9065 6891.

**Pastoral Care:** If anyone has a pastoral concern and would like to speak to someone, please contact the Rector (028 9047 1514) or Canon Ken Smyth (028 9145 8706).

## SAFEGUARDING TRUST

The Rector, Select Vestry and parish leaders are committed to upholding good practice in the parish's ministry with children and young people. Should you have cause for concern or suspicion regarding child welfare in the parish, please contact:

- The Rector ..... **028 9047 1514**
- Patrick Good ..... **028 9065 6908**
- Elizabeth Leonard ..... **028 9065 3162**

