

The Columban

ST. COLUMBA'S CHURCH, KNOCK, JUNE 2022



The latest parish news, events and notices.



Dear Parishioner,

This is going to be a busy and exciting month in the life of our parish. In addition to all our weekly activities there will be these significant services which I invite you to attend:

SUNDAY 5th JUNE BROADCAST SERVICE

The BBC Radio Ulster Broadcast service on Sunday 5th June will be broadcast from St. Columba's at 10.15am. It will be a privilege for us to share our worship with the listeners on the historic occasion of the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II. It is also Pentecost when we give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Please be seated by 9.45am for a short rehearsal with the producer.

SUNDAY 12th JUNE PATRONAL FESTIVAL

Our Patronal Festival eucharist takes place on Sunday 12th June at 10.30am when we give thanks for the life of Columba. Our new church roof will be dedicated on that day. It is a source of immense thankfulness that we have successfully completed this major project which will protect the fabric of our beautiful church building for the future.

I am delighted that Archbishop Robin Eames will both preach and dedicate the roof. The service will be followed by celebratory refreshments on the lawn (weather permitting). I hope that we can come together as a parish family to give thanks for our new roof, which has only been made possible by the generous support of parishioners both past and present and members of the local community together with a grant from the National Churches Trust.

SUNDAY 26th JUNE PRIZEGIVING AND CONFIRMATION SERVICES

I look forward to welcoming the Crèche and Sunday School children together with their parents and teachers to the prizegiving service on Sunday 26th June at 10.30am. We are very fortunate to have such an active Creche and Sunday School with a strong team of dedicated teachers and helpers. It is always a great joy for the superintendent, Joyce Stevenson and myself, to distribute the prizes in recognition of all their hard work. This is always a joyful celebration and I hope that as a parish we can support them by our attendance at this service.

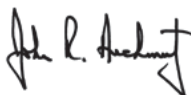
At 7.00pm we look forward to welcoming the Bishop of Down and Dromore, the Right Reverend David McClay to St. Columba's where he will confirm eleven of our young people. This is a most significant occasion when they will become full communicant members of the church. I will be accompanying two of our parishioners to a confirmation service in our neighbouring parish in St. Finnian's on the following Thursday night. This is the largest number of confirmation candidates from St. Columba's for many years, and it is wonderful we have such a vibrant group of young people who are eager to take this significant step in their journey of faith. The thirteen newly confirmed will receive Holy Communion for the first time with their families on Sunday 3rd July at 8.15am. Please remember them in your prayers.

As St. Paul reminds us:

"Just as in a single human body there are many limbs and organs, all with different functions, so we who are united with Christ, though many, form one body, and belong to one another as its limbs and organs. We have gifts allotted to each of us by God's grace." (Romans 12: 5 & 6)

By working together under God, we have indeed achieved much during this challenging time. This is very welcome good news. However, we cannot become complacent. May we continue to use the gifts God has given each of us to His glory in St. Columba's as we reach out to serve Him and one another in the years ahead.

Yours in His service,



CHURCH SERVICES IN JUNE 2022

Thursday 2nd 10.30am	The visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (transferred) Holy Communion <i>followed by refreshments</i>	(White)
Sunday 5th 8.15am	The Day of Pentecost Holy Communion <i>(Side Chapel)</i> Epistle Acts 2: 1-21 The coming of the Holy Spirit Gospel John 14: 8-17; 25-27 The promised helper	(Red)
10.15am	BBC Radio Ulster Holy Communion service Broadcast <i>followed by refreshments</i> ** (please be seated by 9.45am)** Epistle Acts 2: 1-21 The coming of the Holy Spirit Gospel John 14: 8-17; 25-27 The promised helper	
Thursday 9th 10.30am	Saint Columba Holy Communion <i>followed by refreshments</i>	(White)
Sunday 12th 8.15am	St Columba's Patronal Festival Holy Communion <i>(Side Chapel)</i> Epistle Romans 5: 1-5 Peace and hope Gospel John 16: 12-15 The work of the Spirit	(White)
10.30am	Sung Eucharist with Dedication of new church roof <i>followed by refreshments</i> Epistle Romans 15: 1-6 Please others, not yourselves Gospel John 12: 20-26 Some Greeks wish to see Jesus Preacher: Archbishop Robin Eames	
Thursday 16th 10.30am	Holy Communion <i>followed by refreshments</i>	(Green)
Sunday 19th 8.15am	The First Sunday after Trinity Holy Communion <i>(Side Chapel)</i> Epistle Galatians 3: 23-29 The coming of Faith Gospel Luke 8: 26-39 Jesus heals the Gerasene demoniac	(Green)
10.30am	Morning Prayer First Reading: 1 Kings 19: 1-4; 8-15a Elijah flees and meets God at Horeb Second Reading: Luke 8: 26-39 Jesus heals the Gerasene demoniac	
Thursday 23rd 10.30am	The Birth of Saint John the Baptist (Transferred) Holy Communion <i>followed by refreshments</i>	(White)

Sunday 26th	The Second Sunday after Trinity	(Green)
8.15am	Holy Communion <i>(Side Chapel)</i> Epistle Galatians 5: 1, 13-25 Live by the Spirit Gospel Luke 9: 51-62 On the road to Jerusalem	
10.30am	All Age Worship and Sunday School Prizegiving Reading: Luke 9: 51-62 On the road to Jerusalem	
7.00pm	Confirmation Service	(Red)
Thursday 30th	Saint Peter (Transferred)	(Red)
10.30am	Holy Communion <i>followed by refreshments</i>	

Online Services

The audio recording of our 10.30am service each Sunday can be found on our parish website www.stcolumbas.down.anglican.org under "Church Service Recordings".

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

FLOWER ROTA

Sunday 5th June	Imelda Shephard
Sunday 12th June	Joan Oswald
Sunday 19th June	Men's Club
Sunday 26th June	Margaret McKee



Church hall cleaning rota

June 11th - Sharon Wells, Isobel McDowell, Nan Hillier

June 25th - Jayne and Ronnie Martin

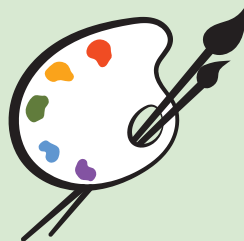
On behalf of the Cleaning committee I thank all the willing volunteers who kept the church hall looking spick and span throughout the past year.

Nan

Art Club

What is composition in art or more, exactly, what is pleasing composition in art?

We had inspiration on this topic from Julian Friers (5th May) when he explained the guidelines but not the rules of composition in art. He explained about Fibonacci's spiral and its sequence of numbers 0,1,1,2,3,5,8 etc. (Fibonacci was born in 1170) The ratio between any two consecutive Fibonacci numbers is called a golden ratio (1:1.6 approximately) and is often found in nature, e.g. sunflower heads.



The golden ratio in art can be used to define the horizon, to place points of interest in the 'painting' and to create balance. He also suggested that symmetry should be avoided, objects not being placed too close to the edge and long uninterrupted lines.

Julian suggested most of us paint 'scenes' without thinking of the golden ratio but if we analysed what we liked it would seemingly follow it.

Our last meeting this year (although we hope to organize a summer outing) will be on Thursday 2nd June. We hope to start again on 8th September 2022.

Vida



As summer approaches, I hope we will be blessed with clement weather providing an increased opportunity to meet friends and enjoy being outdoors.

The committee is currently planning a programme for next season and we will keep you informed.

To finish this season, on Thursday 9th June in the church hall 2.30 – 4.30 pm the Mothers' Union and Ladies Guild are co-hosting an 'Afternoon Tea Party' to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We will have the opportunity to be together, chat and share memories of past royal events. Perhaps, on that day we can emulate the Queen's passion for hat wearing and share our own millinery style!

If you need transport or more information please phone and we will make arrangements.

Barbara (9573 8743)

MUMS AND TOTS

"It's great to be back among friends" is just one of the many positive comments we have received at Mums and Tots since it returned in March. It has been lovely to welcome back some of our 2020 Mums and their new babies. Each week we continue to grow our numbers with new faces arriving to join in the fun. We have several parishioners attending regularly. Luke, Matthew and Max were all recently baptised. Daisy joined us at 4 weeks old and will be baptised soon.

Obviously as our numbers increase we need more volunteers so if you can spare 2 hours once a month on a Friday morning please get in touch. Mums and Tots will finish on 24th June for the summer and resume in September.

Joyce

Thought for the Month

I have always identified myself as a Christian of 'mixed' heritage; my grandparents were Methodist and C of I with my mother adopting a C of I perspective. Like his parents before him my father was raised Presbyterian. After the war I attended a Presbyterian Sunday school and when my grandfather died I went to church with my C of I grandmother. I wanted to be confirmed but my father objected so I attended Presbyterian services with him. Over time I reverted to the Anglican services and was confirmed and have remained Anglican since but I will attend services within any Christian denomination, if invited.



Elizabeth Miller

As a child it never occurred to me there were other religions or that it was unusual to be able to attend church or read a bible or go to the Beach Mission when on holiday. I thought anyone, anywhere, had these rights. This innocence did not last long and I became aware of the contradictions and challenges presented by our 'human rights'. Over the course of world history and here in Northern Ireland there is much that could be written concerning our civil and religious rights and responsibilities. Suffice to say we are all aware of the many differing political, professional and personal opinions in this area.

The European Convention on Human Rights was drafted in 1950 by the newly formed Council of Europe and came into force in 1953. When Britain joined Europe it was then subject to the European Convention which could (and did) over-rule decisions made in the British Supreme Court. With Brexit, this no longer applies, hence the proposal of the British government to formulate a Bill of Rights.

For me there are two main areas of concern. The first is that the religious freedoms won over the years are included and strengthened in any Bill and the second is about who has the final say if the Government of the day does not like a decision reached by the Supreme Court. At present Parliament can over-rule it but not the Government. I have a feeling of urgency about these. President Reagan warned "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction". Unfortunately this has been proven true in North Korea where, once a cradle of Christianity, prosecution of Christians now occurs.

Secularism, humanism and apathy are challenges to our Christian faith and how

this translates to our values, attitudes, and behaviour. So, what can we actually do about any of this? We can pray. In our church services we regularly pray for those in Government and in positions of authority. In one sermon the Rector encouraged us to pray for the community and suggested that when we heard the sirens of the ambulance, fire service or police we could pray for all involved in the incident/accident/fire. If there are political debates of concern to us we can pray that God's will will be done as decisions are reached. Every prayer is heard and answered.

In conclusion, I would like as many people as possible to pray for those making decisions about our government's 'Bill of Rights' and that God's will be done and any clause which does not please Him will be rejected.

*Our sincere thanks to Elizabeth for sharing this 'Thought' with us.
The July/August 'Thought for the Month' will be written by Angela Kerr.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL

5th June	10.15 am	Final Sunday school and Creche
12th June	10.30 am	Service of Dedication
19th June	10.30 am	Morning Prayer
26th June	10.30 am	All Age Worship and presentation of Sunday School prizes

Please note the change of time on 5th June and also that there is Sunday school on the 1st Sunday of the month. This will be our final meeting this school year and everyone is welcome.

Another date for your diary is Sunday 26th June which is All Age Worship and presentation of Sunday School prizes. It would be lovely to have a big turnout of children for this occasion.

I would like to thank all the teachers and helpers who have enabled our Sunday school to return and thrive in difficult conditions.

Joyce



We are delighted to be selected as the venue for the BBC Radio Ulster Sunday Broadcast Service, live on Sunday 5th June.

This is a wonderful privilege as it also falls on the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend!

The service will begin promptly at 10.15am and we ask that everyone is in their seats by 9.45am that morning in time for sound checks and rehearsal.

Everyone is welcome to attend this service, which will be celebrating Pentecost.

Platinum Jubilee celebratory refreshments will follow the service.

CHRISTIAN AID

On May 1st we welcomed Helen Newell to St Columba's and she gave a most thought provoking and inspirational talk about Christian Aid.

At the time of writing this article we are making preparations for Christian Aid week (15th - 22nd May) and we thank you in advance for your generous support.

Many thanks also to all who delivered envelopes and made buns and cakes for our sale.

We will report back in our next Columban with the amount we have made this year.

Joyce, Imelda, Yvonne and Isobel

Prayers for your thoughts and comfort



The origin of the name of the sixth month of the year is uncertain. Readers may wish to research that matter themselves. We do know, however, that the summer solstice and longest day occur in June. Many associate the month with school/college examinations or a search for a first or new job.

It will be a busy and significant month in the parish and will include the Patronal Festival and service of Thanksgiving to mark the completion of the roof project on Sunday 12th June and a BBC Broadcast Service on the first Sunday in June. On the final Sunday in June a significant number of parishioners will confirm their baptismal promises during a Confirmation service. Prayers this month acknowledge some of those occasions.

Our Parish

God bless our church and parish and assist our attempts to be faithful and, to draw others to you, for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen** (An old Scottish prayer)

A prayer of Thanksgiving

We thank you Lord, for all whose generosity, dedication and vision have contributed to the repair of the church roof, and for those whose gifts have enriched the work on its way to completion. May we dedicate all gifts and efforts in the power of God the Father who created us and renews us – in the power of God the Son who redeems us and teaches us, and in the power of God the Spirit who sanctifies and inspires us today and will inspire us tomorrow. **Amen**

A prayer for St. Columba's Patronal Festival

Lord, we thank you for our patron saint, Columba, and for those who were inspired to build our parish church and develop its work. May it serve as a place where many will continue to experience the love of God in their lives. May it be a place of hope, healing, joy and peace. May all who enter our parish church be supportive of one another in Christian love and community. May the love of Christ be at the centre of all that takes place at St. Columba's, and may your glory shine there for countless generations to come. **Amen**

(Please note: - The Parish Prayer is especially appropriate this month. page 5 in the magazine)

See also Romans 12 : 4 - 5. 'For as in one body we have many members, and not all members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ.'

A prayer for those preparing for confirmation

God, we pray for those who will shortly be confirmed. Let this be, for each of them, no formal step. Give them a living faith in Jesus Christ, and grace to confess Him as Lord, so that filled with his Spirit, they may serve Him faithfully all their days, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

A suggested prayer for confirmation candidates

Lord, I can only see a little of the road ahead. I can't even see over the next hill, and I know there will be ups and downs beyond it. However, the great thing is to have got started on the journey. Lord, thank you for calling me to follow you, and help me, through all the changes ahead to persevere on that journey with you, now, and always. **Amen**

A prayer for those involved with the media

(Suitable as we prepare for the Broadcast service on Sunday 5th June)

We pray for all writers, speakers and presenters who influence the thinking of people through the press, radio and television. Help them to exercise their gifts with responsibility and understanding so that they may enrich the life of the nation and community and strengthen the forces of truth and goodness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

A prayer for students and those sitting exams

Lord, the font of all wisdom, we pray for those who study and all who are preparing for exams in schools, colleges and universities. Inspire them in their studies to seek and love the truth, and enable them, in time, to share their knowledge with others. As they find truth and make new discoveries, may they use that for the good of the human race and for your greater glory. **Amen**

A prayer for all school leavers

God of love, we pray for all who are leaving school this month to enter upon the wider life of the world. As they face the future and all that it holds for them, give them the confidence that their times are in your hands. Help them to discover a purpose for their lives, that they may find true fulfilment in the days ahead, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

N.B. A thought for daily work:- 'Lord, I do not pray for tasks equal to my strength. I ask for strength equal to my tasks.' (19th century)

A prayer in difficult economic times

Lord, in these difficult financial times, we pray that you will encourage the despondent and those who may despair about rising prices. Inspire and guide those who bear responsibility for tackling the difficult commercial and industrial problems. Make us sensitive to one another's needs and generous in our response when opportunities arise. May difficulties bring us closer to one another, and to you, as the helper of the helpless. We ask it in your name. **Amen**

(In June, you may wish to see the prayers in your Prayer Book for St. Barnabas Day (11th.) , St. John Baptist day (24th.) and St. Peter's day (29th.))

A prayer for all times and seasons

Lord, from the rising of the sun to its setting , you guide us
From our birth to our death, you lead us
In our grief and sorrow, you comfort us
In our joy and celebration, you uplift us
From the beginning of our lives to their ending
You encompass us with love

As we reach the high point of the year, and reflect on the passing seasons some may be prompted to think, in a difficult and disordered, but potentially beautiful world, of the significance of Ecclesiastes 3 : 1-8 which begins by stating 'For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven' I wonder what YOU think as you read these familiar words?

From the Registers Our Joys

Holy Baptism

Sunday 24th April

Matthew Henry Richard Stewart-Maunder

Marriages

Monday 18th April

Catherine Smyth and Aaron Johnson

Saturday 14th May

Jessica Clarke and Aaron Wilson
at
St James' Church, Ashley, Gloucester
(Service conducted by our Rector)

Our Sorrows

Funeral Services

Friday 29th April

Arthur St John Phillips Hobson

Tuesday 10th May

James Rea McIlroy

Ladies Guild

Following on from our most successful lunch as reported last month, the Guild committee, in partnership with the Mothers' Union, have begun to plan a 'Tea Party' to be held in celebration of Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This will be held in the church hall on Thursday 9th June from 2.30 – 4.30pm.



Members of both organisations are encouraged to attend.

Do you have a special 'Royal' memory or memento/picture of an event during the past 70 years? Have you attended an event where the Queen was present? We would love you to share these memories on the day. Also, as we all know, Her Majesty is rarely seen without a perfect hat to compliment her ensemble so feel free to wear your best hat to the party as a little tribute.

Looking forward to a wonderful afternoon of great chat!

Eleanor

Confirmation



We will be joined by The Bishop of Down and Dromore, the Right Reverend David McClay, who will administer the Rite of Confirmation to the candidates in our parish on Sunday 26th June at 7pm. We wish our candidates well as they prepare for this most significant occasion:

Lucy and Jake Armstrong

Sophia Irwin

Hazel Macpherson

Adam Moore

Emily Morrow

Janie Reid

Rebecca Sadlier

Rory and Rebecca Stewart

Patrick Whiteside

Katie Allen and **Lara King** will be confirmed in St. Finnian's, Cregagh on Thursday 30th June.

The candidates will receive their first Holy Communion on Sunday 3rd July at 8.15am.

It was a great joy and delight for the Rector to join Alan Bijo and his family together with the Bishop of Madhya Kerala Diocese in the Church of South India and The Right Reverend Dr Malayil Sabu Koshy Cherian on the occasion of his confirmation on Holy Saturday, 16th April in Drumbeg Parish Church. The Church of South India hold services in Drumbeg each month.



David Deane who has trained Alan to work the sound system in St. Columba's also attended the service.

We congratulate Alan on the occasion of his confirmation and assure him of our prayers as a full communicant member of the church. Alan received a Confirmation Bible from the Church of South India and a Prayer Book from St. Columba's following the service.

WHY ENGLISH IS HARD TO LEARN

We'll begin with box; the plural is boxes,
but the plural of ox is oxen, not oxes.
One fowl is a goose, and two are called geese,
yet the plural of moose has never been meese.

You may find a lone mouse, or a house full of mice,
but the plural of house is houses, not hice.
The plural of man is always men,
but the plural of pan is never pen.

If I spoke of a foot, and you showed me two feet,
and I give you a book, would a pair be a beek?
If one is a tooth, and a whole set are teeth,
Why shouldn't two booths be called beeth?

If the singular is this, and the plural is these,
Should the plural of kiss be ever called keese?

We speak of a brother and also of brethren,
But though we say mother, we never say methren.
Then the masculine pronouns are he, his, and him;
But imagine the feminine... she, shis and shim!

Anonymous
From Karen Patterson

MARMALADE

To order your marmalade now for collection or delivery phone Maureen at 9048 6622. Unfortunately prices have risen therefore I have had to increase the price to £3.00 per jar, I hope everyone understands.

Thanking you
Maureen Beckwith



St Columba's Patronal Festival 12th June 2022

Everyone is invited to join us for our Patronal Festival at 10.30am on Sunday 12th June, when Archbishop Robin Eames will be dedicating our new church roof.

The Service of Thanksgiving and Dedication of the new church roof will be followed by celebratory refreshments on the lawn.

It will be a joyous occasion with (hopefully!) outdoor refreshments – the perfect opportunity to catch up with fellow parishioners in the fresh air and sunshine.

We would love to see as many people as possible join us, as we look forward to enjoying outdoor fellowship together on the lawn.



JULY/AUGUST PARISH MAGAZINE

Any articles or photographs for publication in the **July** parish magazine should be handed or emailed to the editor, **Billy McAlpine**, by **Wednesday, 15th June**.

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

Railway and Model club

We are feeling older!! Why? Well we became eight years old (officially) on the 27th May!

Due to the support of the clergy and vestry we started to roll in May 2014, in one room with some old tables. Since then we have filled two rooms with, no less than, eight layouts of various types and sizes. Our original OO gauge layout goes all the way round the first room and is still developing. In our second room we have a variety of layouts, of different parentage, numbering seven in all. Well worth a visit some Monday afternoon.

Most of our efforts will now be on preparing for the Open Day.....on 10th September. Please get it into your diary now.

In the meantime keep'er Rollin'.
Rockie

PAUSE

Pause met again at the Stormont Hotel yesterday, (10th May). There were seventeen of us there and the chat was great. It is wonderful to be out and about meeting with other people and exchanging news over a cup of tea or coffee. I am always more relaxed when someone else makes my coffee and brings it to me!

This month we are meeting at the Stormont Hotel on **Tuesday 14th June 2022 at 10.30am**. There will be filter coffee, tea and scones. We will still be following any Covid-19 regulations which are relevant at that time. If you are free do come along and join with whoever is there. Come on your own or bring a friend. Everyone is welcome.

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

Eileen. (9020 3684).

St. Dorothea's Service of Introduction for the Reverend Ken McGrath



The Service of Introduction for the Reverend Ken McGrath as Bishop's Curate of St. Dorothea's took place on Monday 2nd May. It was an evening of thanksgiving and joy as our daughter parish marked the beginning of a new chapter of ministry following their vacancy of two and half years. Throughout that time the Rector, in this capacity as Area Dean of Lagan, presided over the parish and chaired all the Select Vestry meetings and our assistant priest, Canon Walter Laverty, provided pastoral cover and conducted the Holy Communion services.

There was a large congregation to welcome the Reverend Ken McGrath, his wife Annette, the Diocesan communication officer and their family. The sermon was preached by the Reverend Canon Gareth Harron, Vicar of St. Philip and St. James parish, Holywood, where Ken served as associate vicar. Following the service refreshments were served in the hall giving everyone an opportunity to meet the McGrath family.

We convey our prayerful good wishes to everyone in St. Dorothea's for the future.

The Reverend Ken McGrath is pictured with the Rector and the Bishop of Down and Dromore.

PARISH ORGANISATIONS

New members are always welcome at any of our organisations!


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

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

WHO'S WHO IN ST. COLUMBAS

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Parish Office Administrator/ Financial Giving Secretary	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**

