

The Columban

ST. COLUMBA'S CHURCH, KNOCK, SEPTEMBER 2022

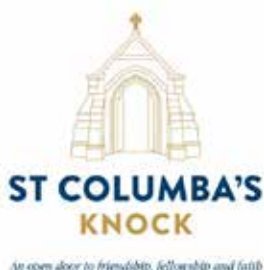


*Parish Picnic
Sunday 11th September
Campbell College grounds*

The latest parish news, events and notices.



Dear Parishioner,



September sees the welcome return to so much of what we are about in St. Columba's. This busy season begins with the launch of our new parish logo which depicts the key characteristics of St. Columba's.

The main church door features in the centre which is open wide for parishioners and visitors to join us for our church services. Notice the cross above the door is clearly visible and yet how often we can simply pass by without even noticing it! This is the symbol of our Christian faith which directs us to look both upwards towards God and outwards to the community.

As our Parish Prayer reminds us:

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

But there is much more to St. Columba's than just an open door. The logo rightly depicts that when we go through the door we experience:

- **Friendship**
- **Fellowship**
- **Faith**

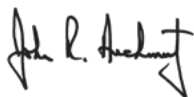
How we all benefit from sharing **Friendship** and **Fellowship** with each other as we enable our **Faith** to strengthen through participation in our liturgical services. This is a very important part of our parish ministry as we support and encourage one another both entering and leaving church and also during the refreshments. **There is a great vibrancy in our beautiful church building when we come together as members of the body of Christ.** We delight in welcoming visitors. Don't forget to invite your neighbours to join you in St. Columba's on Sunday 4th September, where a warm welcome awaits. **However, for the blessings of **Friendship**, **Fellowship** and **Faith** to be truly experienced and to be at their strongest, we **ALL** need to be in church.**

As we now commence this new season, I encourage and invite you to participate in your parish ministry through regular attendance at services and also our organisations. **No one can take your place when you are not in St. Columba's!**

May almighty God give us all the strength to meet the opportunities and challenges of this new season with confidence.

Your church needs you!

Yours in His Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John R. Hinchey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a prominent cross at the end of the last word.

CHURCH SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER 2022

Thursday 1st	(Green)
10.30am	Holy Communion <i>followed by refreshments</i>
Sunday 4th	The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity (Green)
8.15am	Holy Communion <i>(Side Chapel)</i> Epistle Philemon 1-21 Paul's letter to Philemon Gospel Luke 14: 25-33 The cost of discipleship
10.30am	All Age Worship and Meeting the Neighbours with Commissioning of Sunday School Teachers <i>followed by refreshments</i> Gospel Luke 14: 25-33 The cost of discipleship
Thursday 8th	The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary (White)
10.30am	Holy Communion <i>followed by refreshments</i>
Sunday 11th	The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity (Green)
8.15am	Holy Communion <i>(Side Chapel)</i> Epistle 1 Timothy 1: 12-17 Gratitude for mercy Gospel Luke 15: 1-10 Parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin
11.00am	Holy Communion with Commissioning of Parish Organisation Leaders Epistle 1 Timothy 1: 12-17 Gratitude for mercy Gospel Luke 15: 1-10 Parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin <i>followed by Parish Picnic at Campbell College. All welcome!</i>
Thursday 15th	(Green)
10.30am	Holy Communion <i>followed by refreshments</i>
Sunday 18th	The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity (Green)
8.15am	Holy Communion <i>(Side Chapel)</i> Epistle 1 Timothy 2: 1-7 Instructions concerning prayer Gospel Luke 16: 1-13 The parable of the dishonest manager
10.30am	Morning Prayer First Reading: Jeremiah 8: 18 -9: 1 The prophet mourns for the people Second Reading: Luke 16: 1-13 The parable of the dishonest manager

Thursday 22nd Saint Matthew (Transferred)

(Red)

10.30am Holy Communion followed by refreshments

Sunday 25th The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

(Green)

8.15am Holy Communion (*Side Chapel*)

Epistle 1 Timothy 6: 6-19 The good fight of faith

Gospel Luke 16: 19-31 The rich man and Lazarus

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Thursday 29th Saint Michael and all Angels

(White)

10.30am Holy Communion followed by refreshments

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".

HARVEST

Are you available and willing to help decorate the Church for Harvest?

If so, please contact Patricia at patriciacléments.new@gmail.com

Your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.



FLOWER ROTA

Sunday 4th

Liz McCaughey

Sunday 11th

Esther Templeton

Sunday 18th

Carol Willis

Sunday 25th

Barbara Laverty



Church hall cleaning rota

September 10th

Patricia and Adrian Clements

September 24th

Isobel McDowell and Nan Hillier

Church Flower Rota

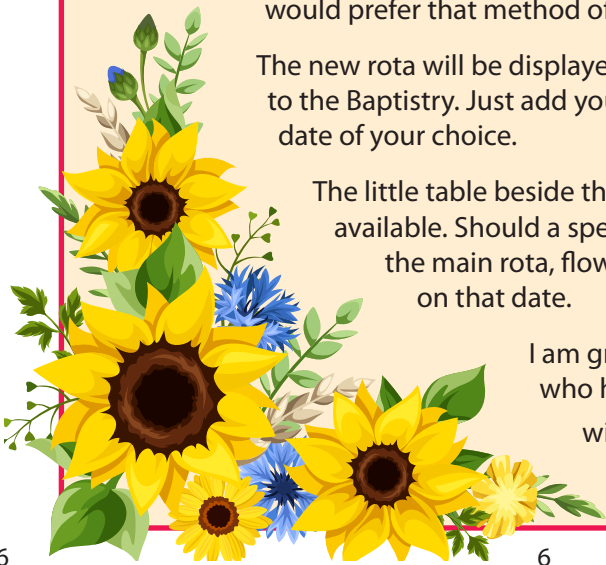
It is that time of year again when the new flower rota appears. Throughout the past two difficult years members of the congregation have been steadfast in providing donations which enabled us to have flowers in church every Sunday. These were particularly appreciated during the time of pre-recorded services. As we return to more normal methods of operation anyone wishing to bring along their flowers of choice are welcome to do so. I am usually at the church each Saturday morning from 10.30am and shall be happy to help in arranging flowers if required. I will, of course, continue to purchase flowers for anyone who would prefer that method of donation.

The new rota will be displayed on the notice board adjacent to the Baptistry. Just add your name to the list against the date of your choice.

The little table beside the side chapel is once more available. Should a special date already be taken on the main rota, flowers may be placed on this table on that date.

I am grateful to Rosemary Simpson who has once again agreed to assist with the flowers.

Eleanor



From the Registers Our Joys

Wedding

30th July

Jane McQuillan and Paul Bergin

Our Sorrows

Funeral Services

28th June

Audrey Good

5th July

Robert Hugh IVAN Coffey

19th July

Denzil John Auchmuty – (funeral in St Nicholas' Parish Church, Galway)

8th August

Margaret Georgina (GINA) Hall

15th August

Nora Huxley

17th August

Eileen FRANCES O'Donnell

DENZIL AUCHMUTY

Thank you to all those of you who sent messages of sympathy following Dad's death. We have greatly appreciated all the prayerful support and the kind messages from the people of St. Columba's during these past few weeks.

We also wish to thank those parishioners who travelled to my home parish of St. Nicholas' in Galway for Dad's Service of Thanksgiving and to the Crematorium in Dublin for the Committal service. We are taking great comfort from the prayers and support which have been generously conveyed to us at this difficult time.

My parents always enjoyed their visits to us and took great joy in participating in St. Columba's church services and parish activities. Dad particularly valued the warmth of the welcome he received when he visited us following Mum's death. In recent years Dad was unable to visit us due to his declining health though, while able, he was always interested to read the Columban and hear the news. In our grief we give thanks that we had a lovely visit with Dad in his Care Home a few days before he was suddenly admitted to hospital. A good memory.

The Rector



It is lovely to be sitting in the garden today preparing these notes even though I'm hiding from the sun!! The sun umbrellas and the gazebo have been erected to make us all comfortable. The leaves on some of the trees are looking dry so we may have an early autumn.

For our September meeting this year we have planned an informal outing for Saturday 10th September. Joyce has made her usual meticulous preparations and we thank her for that. If anyone has a question please contact Joyce, Yvonne, or me.

Mothers Union Annual Gathering Saturday 24th September at the Waterfront Hall. There is still time to book your ticket at www.muannualgatheringeventbrite.co.uk tickets are £15 for the meeting and £15 for the concert in the evening those planning to attend both events will have a £5 reduction. If you want more information a pack can be found on the Mothers' Union website. I know some are planning to attend services in St Anne's on Friday 23rd. Parking at the cathedral is difficult but there are 'park and ride' options and the glider.

Our opening service will be in October this year.

Barbara (9573 8743)

MUMS AND TOTS

The Mums and Tots group will resume in the church hall on Friday 16th September (10 - 11.30 am). We look forward to welcoming back our babies and toddlers and to meeting new parents with their offspring. We are always looking for new volunteers (of any age) who can spare a couple of hours every fortnight / month.

Joyce (07772128944)



**Welcome Back to Sunday School
On
Sunday 11th at 11!**

We look forward to our first Sunday School meeting of the new academic year on September 11th after which the children will be able to enjoy the parish picnic.

There will be the opportunity to share stories of summer adventures, meet some new teachers, make new friends and, of course, learn about the word of God.

We would be delighted to have new members, everyone is welcome!

Let's make Sunday a Funday!



Please add the date to your diary.

**Linda Wilson
Sunday School Superintendent**

Thought for the Month

August is a golden time; it is a time for reflection when we can remember.

My thoughts go to my father; he had the worst of beginnings, his mother died when he was three and his father when he was seven and he lived in an orphanage where the food was sparse and there were few luxuries. When he was fourteen he realised that he must do something with his life or he would end up on the scrap heap so he joined the Navy (even though he was only 4'11" they accepted him). They recognised that he was 'teachable', they educated him and he loved it and until the end of his life, no book was safe, he read all the time and his knowledge was unbelievable - he always wanted to teach and often said,

'Education carries light on your shoulders.'

He learned to play the piano and our house was always full of music and singing,



Jacqueline Parrock

It was three weeks before he knew the 1st World War had started as he was at sea on the Dogger Bank but the radio signal was so weak it didn't reach. He was involved in battle and was shipwrecked twice. The first one was with the sinking of HMS Russell which sank with great loss of life, my father survived by swimming for seven hours coming ashore in Malta. Before seeking help he took the money out of his money belt, which he had saved to buy an engagement ring, and dried it. The following year he was shipwrecked again, this time in the North Sea - that was a three hour stint. He was involved as a sniper in the battle of Gallipoli.

He was on a ship which brought the Russian royal family out of Russia. He had to learn how to dance so that he could partner the princesses if required - his learning partner was a brush. He told us how beautiful the ladies were and how well they conducted themselves.

I never heard him talk about his origins, but he always loved the Navy. He died at 56 his lungs never recovered from the damage done by the oil and seawater on that long swim, he suffered a lot. I asked him once how he managed to do it he said

'Well I swam a bit and when I got tired I floated.'

Our sincere thank to Jacqueline for sharing this 'Thought' with us.

The October 'Thought for the Month' will be written by Louise Mercer.



THE BIG PARISH PICNIC

Sunday 11th September

12.30pm – 2.00pm

In the beautiful grounds of Campbell College

Everyone is welcome to bring their own picnic and share fellowship, fun and friendship!

Please bring bags for taking your rubbish home.



Can you help us?

In order to continue providing music and services on our website for those unable to attend our services, we require a new music licence.

Each year, parishioners have kindly 'gifted' this money to us.

This year, the cost is £185 and we would be most grateful to anyone who would like to 'gift' this to us once again. Please speak to Karen Patterson in our Parish Office (9065 6891, Monday- Friday 9am-1pm) who will assist with this.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Dedication of Parish Organisation leaders

Sunday 11th September

On Sunday 11th September, we will be holding the Service of Dedication for our parish organisation leaders during the 11.00am Holy Communion service.

Welcome back to a new season of activities as we look forward to enjoying time and fellowship together! Our leaders have been busy organising new programmes of activities, and we thank them for all that they do to make our organisations so successful.



We invite each organisation to bring along as many members as possible as we would like to celebrate the inspirational and dedicated hard work and commitment of each group at this service.



Our Big Parish Picnic will follow this service, in the grounds of Campbell College, so please bring along your chairs, picnics and refreshments and enjoy some fun!

MARMALADE

Sales of Marmalade resume in September, still marked at £3.00 per jar.

Contact me on 9048 6622 to place an order for collection or delivery.

Thank you all for your support.

N.B. Marmalade will be available in church on the third Sunday of the month.

Maureen



Prayers for your thoughts and comfort



We are entering the seventh month of the old Roman calendar – SEPTember, which will be followed by the eighth month – OCTober, the ninth month – NOVember and the tenth month – DECember.

The Roman calendar began in March. The first day of each month, was known as the Kalends – hence the contemporary use of the word ‘calendar’. There were ten months in the year plus two of our winter months, considered to be a neutral period. In our society and country, September marks the end of summer and the beginning of autumn. In fact, the words in the Irish language for this month – Mean Fomhair – are translated as ‘the middle of autumn.’ or ‘harvest.’

For many parishioners, this month marks a new beginning. Schools and colleges are reopening – a new experience for some – while others may be setting out on a new adventure and possibly job, in life. These themes will be evident in this month’s selection of prayers, together with other topics of current interest. Included also are prayers that could be used in particular by children of primary school age.

Hopefully, readers will find some of the prayers, and contents, helpful.

Prayers for schools (for use by pupils and general use)

Lord God, we pray for our school and all schools, and for those who attend as pupils. As the school year commences, give encouragement to teachers who have heavy workloads. May they be firm, yet patient, playing to the strengths of students and motivating them to do their best. We pray for pupils who may be attempting to cope with unhappiness, abuse or fear. May their faith in you give them strength. Finally, we ask you to grant peace to all who are beginning their education for the first time. We ask it in your name. **Amen**

Prayer on leaving school/commencing a job/commencing University etc.)

Lord, we pray for those who are awaiting exam results or preparing to begin a new job or school/university experience. May they recall the joy of new friendships made, and the good relationships that have developed. We pray that such experiences will enrich their lives in a variety of ways. Inspire them as a new chapter in life begins, to make use of the talents they possess, and the skills they have to offer. We ask it in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

PRAYERS SUITABLE FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN

A daily prayer

Round the table, here we pray, as we thank you for the day
For our family and friends, and all the things that you God lend.
Living water, daily bread, and all the gifts that our God sends
Thank you God for them all – for the big gifts and the small
When we're happy, when we're sad – on the good days and the bad
Make us grateful and make us glad. **Amen**

A young child's daily prayer

Thank you God for my family
For hugs and kisses and special times together
Thank you for my friends
For all the happy times together
Thank you for food
For breakfast and all other meals and treats
Thank you for playtimes
For toys and games and books
Thank you God for our pets and for all the fun we enjoy together. **Amen**

A prayer for my teacher

Thank you for my teacher who is nice and kind.
She (He) must like teaching children like me. That is great!
Please help my teacher in her (his) work.
Help those in my class to pay attention and to enjoy learning. **Amen**

A prayer for the parish Sunday School

Thanks be to God for those who are willing to serve in our parish Sunday School, and other Youth groups. Give all leaders the ability to promote the christian development of our children. Enable them to work and co-operate with parents in rising to the challenges of today's world. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

A prayer for success at work

Almighty God, give me the grace to succeed in the work that I do. Help me to give it careful thought and the attention that leads to success. Enable me to function in harmony and mutual respect with my fellow workers, so that we can benefit one another and the society of which we are part. We ask this in your name. **Amen**

A prayer in difficult financial times

Lord, we live in disturbing days across the world with price rises, increasing debt, when our fragile society is under threat. At this time, be a tower of strength amidst shifting sands, and a light in the darkness. Help us to receive your gift of peace and to focus where true joys are to be found, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

REFUGEES and VICTIMS of WAR- Read St. Matthew 25

Lord of the nations, we read in the scriptures that we should 'turn from evil and do good.' We pray for all victims of violence and those forced to flee from their native lands. Enable us to show compassion and practical help to all who have come to our country. In noting the devastation visited on countries and people who have been the victims of war and invasion, we pray that children and families may enjoy safety and stability again, and through our deeds experience your love in action. **Amen**

THE PARISH PICNIC

Lord, as we prepare for the parish picnic, may we thank you for the food and fun that will nourish and enrich us. Help us also to deepen the bonds of friendship with one another, so that no one will feel excluded. Grant that we will join together in one community and parish in working to bring care, food and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayer for our parish

Lord, as your people of faith in this parish, shine on us, dwell in us, strengthen us, enfold us and enlighten us. Bless our Rector and all who belong to our church community and encourage us to go out as your witnesses in obedience to you, to share in word and action the good news of your love for us, as seen through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

FINALLY!

Go and know that the Lord goes with you. Let him lead you every day into the quiet place of your mind where he will speak with you. Know that He loves you and watches over you – that He is with you always, wherever you are, and however you may feel. May God's blessing be yours always. **Amen**



CRÈCHE

Sunday 11th September at 11am

We look forward to welcoming back our youngest parishioners and friends to Crèche on Sunday 11th September at 11am, followed by the Parish Picnic. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to play

and learn as well as interact together.

I hope you can join the fun with us!

Contact Lyndsay Rothwell for more information on 07710 590574

Ladies Guild

It is indeed a great moment when I can sit down once more to prepare these notes in which, after such a long break, I can give details of our first meeting of the new season to be held on **Tuesday 20th September at 2pm in the church.** Our speaker will be Kate Morphy who will share with us her knowledge of 'plastic jewellery'. I am sure that, like me, you may not have been aware of this type of jewellery popular some years ago. I look forward to learning more.

I hope that you have all remained well during our 'patchy' summer and have managed to get out and about. Those of you with gardens will, no doubt, be well experienced in keeping up the watering!

The committee and myself look forward to welcoming all of you and I hope some new members too. Please tell your friends and neighbours about our Guild.

Some of you will have known Gina Hall who passed away recently. Gina had been an active member of the Guild for many years until illness prevented her participation in church activities. We send our sincere condolences to her husband Jim, daughter Judith and the family circle.

Eleanor



Here at St Columba's, we offer a very warm welcome to everyone who comes through our doors. Our "open door welcome", friendship and fellowship are extremely important aspects of St Columba's. The pastoral care offered as well as the friendly environment can offer support to many people.

With this in mind, we ask that you 'invite your neighbour to church' on Sunday 4th September. We would love to see parishioners sharing worship and fellowship with their neighbours and our local community here in St Columba's. This is the perfect time to thank them for their help during the pandemic, the fundraising for our new church roof, for their 'chats over the garden fence' or simply for the knowledge that they are there if needed.

As we commence the new season of worship, the time is right for God's people to gather again, and I hope you'll join in. Let's gather together again—in person!

So please join us as we celebrate all that is neighbourly! We ask each parishioner to bring along a friend or neighbour to our 10.30am service, where you can be assured of a very warm St Columba's welcome and refreshments following the service where everyone can enjoy a 'catch up' after the summer, as well as meet some more of our neighbours!

Church Grounds Work Party



Work is now completed on the exterior of the church building, and so it is time for a 'tidy up' before we commence the new season of services and activities.

We invite parishioners to help us tidy the church grounds, car park and gardens on Saturday 17th

September from 10.00am – 12noon

Please bring along your own tools and equipment, and we will provide the refreshments!

Any amount of help would be gratefully appreciated.

Thank you.

PAUSE

Summer is still here! We are in the middle of a heatwave! I don't like to complain but it is a little hot for me today and is expected to become hotter.

I hope that every reader of the Columban will have had time to relax and enjoy the summer months which seem to have passed rather quickly.

The children are back at school, ready for the new academic year. Parish organisations have begun or about to do so very soon.

As usual PAUSE continued throughout July and August, meeting in the Stormont Hotel and in Neill's Hill at Ballyhackamore. Many parishioners were at home during these months and were delighted to meet up with friends, old and new, for coffee and chat.

In September we will meet on two occasions:

Tuesday 6th September at 10.30am.in the Stormont Hotel for coffee and scones.

Tuesday 20th September at 10.30am. in Neill's Hill for coffee and scones.

If you are free on either or both of these dates please come along and join with whoever is there. Come on your own or bring a friend. We look forward to seeing you.

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

Eileen (9020 3684)



OCTOBER PARISH MAGAZINE

Any articles or photographs for publication in the **October** parish magazine should be handed or emailed to the editor, **Billy McAlpine**, by **Wednesday, 7th September**.

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

Here we are again, happy as can be etc etc.

Another action year beckons, with our **Open Day** on the 17th September (10.00am until 4.00pm) as our first event.

Lots of activity now, in the Club rooms, getting various layouts up to display standard. All the model railway engines must be checked, together with any rolling stock, to make sure they do run ok. Also, some buildings may need some repairs, or extensions.....sounds familiar doesn't it!!! Paint brushes, glue pots, oil cans are all in use, together with much frowning if that much loved 0-6-0 saddle tank or LMS express loco etc, fails to operate first time.

We hope to have a visiting layout from another club, and other surprise items for display or maybe even for sale. It should be a great fun day, so please do join us.

In the meantime keep'er rollin'.

Rockie.



New Era for The Men's Club

Firstly, I wish to apologize for the confusion regarding the article that appeared in the summer edition of the Columban. Somehow, yet unexplained, an article dating back to 2019 was received by the Editor and managed to escape his eagle eye and went to print in error. There now follows an update on our future plans.

The Men's Club like so many other organizations fell victim to the pandemic. We never managed to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the club back in the 2019/2020 season. There will be at some point in the future a celebratory function of some description to belatedly acknowledge this significant chapter in the club's history. More on that subject later.

We intend to regroup during September with an aim to rebrand (for want of a better word) the Men's Club to enable us to provide a varied program to cater for a wider audience. To function solely as a Bowling Club only in this climate we feel would not be the direction to follow. Yes, bowls will play a part in the program but not the sole activity. We will gather our existing members for a discussion on how to best go forward. We want to create an organization that will function on the principles that led to its formation way back in 1960. Bearing all this in mind I would anticipate that we may not have a full program up and running before Christmas. Time and effort will tell.

John Robb

Visit a Hidden Gem

Armagh Robinson Library



I recently attended a wonderful event in Armagh – the launch of a fundraising scheme for Armagh Robinson Library. Pupils from Armagh's Drelincourt Primary School were present. The historic primary school is first to sign up to the new Armagh Robinson Library campaign – adopt-a-book or adopt-a-shelf.

A hidden gem set within the Georgian streets of the city, Armagh Robinson Library was founded in 1771 by Archbishop Richard Robinson, who saw it as embodying the 18th-century spirit of enlightenment, discovery and learning. He wanted his books to be accessible to the public of all classes and creeds for enjoyment, research and inspiration. It is this tradition and ethos that the current library staff, Governors and Guardians are seeking to protect and are inviting locals and tourists, booklovers, academics, students, schools, families and businesses to take up the opportunity of sponsoring a book, a bespoke selection or a whole shelf.

Armagh Robinson Library has over 40,000 literary gems – from medieval Books of Hours and early editions of the Bible to classic literature, books on science, mathematics, art, music and travel. It is a truly international

collection with works in over eight languages including highly prized texts in Irish. One of the collection stars is Jonathan Swift's own annotated copy of Gulliver's Travels, dating from 1726.

The Drelincourt School was founded in 1738 by the widow of Peter Drelincourt, who came from Northern France to make Armagh his home. The infant primary school is sponsoring a 1699 theological book written in French by Peter's father, Charles Drelincourt and published in Amsterdam. Appropriately, the five children present on the day of the launch, are all from newcomer families. None have English as their first language.

Archbishop John McDowell, Chairman of the Library's Governors and Guardians, said,

"The Library is an important cultural asset for the City of Armagh, indeed for the whole of Ireland. Archbishop Robinson may have founded the Library in the eighteenth century, yet it is up to every generation to sustain it and find new ways to make it relevant in their lives. I can think of nothing more fitting than for the children of the Drelincourt School to be the first to support this important scheme to augment Robinson's endowment. Book and shelf adoption will allow everyone who visits and appreciates the Library to establish their own personal bond with this special place and ensure that it continues to benefit future generations."

From £50 to £1,000 and a little extra for some of its 'star' books, there are several 'Adopt-a-Book' options to choose from. Donations can be made at the Library or online at armaghrobinsonlibrary.co.uk/adopt.

For more details visit Armagh Robinson Library website: armaghrobinsonlibrary.co.uk/adopt, email admin@armaghrobinsonlibrary.co.uk or call the team on 028 3752 3142. Or check out the Library's social media channels on: ArmRLib and ArmaghRobinsonLibraryNo5 and its YouTube channel.

I would encourage everyone at St Columba's to visit the Library, which is open to the public, and consider giving it their support.

Brian Acheson

Summer's Gone : What's Next

As we move into the Autumn I'd like to say a warm thanks to Brian Clements, to the parish choir and our various cantors for providing much appreciated liturgical music at our Sunday and Thursday morning services during July and August. Many people, both parishioners and visitors, have said to our clergy team, and to Brian and me, that music is an important part of our music and witness in St Columba's and this is something, surely, we all share. The visit of the Chapel choir of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, was an obvious highlight in the middle of July and it was very gratifying to hear from the students that they were heading back to College with a very positive impression of Belfast and Northern Ireland. Our catering committee did the parish proud by providing a very stylish lunch in the hall immediately after the service. A number of the students were seen taking photographs of the wonderful place settings at the long table and the beautiful views through the windows of the trees in full summer foliage.

In September we shall say a formal thanks to a small number of choir members who have given years of service to the parish, but who now wish to retire and sit down the church and let others take on the role of choristers. We often talk about our gratitude for the strong tradition of choral and organ music in the parish, going back for many decades. At the heart of any tradition, of course, is the necessity for church members to step forward and do their bit to rejuvenate the choir, especially as vacancies arise.

As your Choral Director I'm not looking solely for trained singers or people with strong music-reading skills, although these are wonderful when they present themselves. Generally I'm very happy if an individual wants to develop his or her voice and is prepared to commit to singing at Sunday services when they are available to do so. My job is to encourage potential singers and to help them get the best possible sound. We normally rehearse immediately before the Sunday morning service, and there are occasional men's and ladies' separate rehearsals before major events.

Please give this some thought. If you'd like to come and try out your voice for a month or two, that would be terrific. I can guarantee you a warm welcome, the friendship of a very inclusive bunch of colleagues and the reward of singing some very fine music. Please talk to me, or to Brian Clements, after any service.

Joe McKee

Free Will Offering

Free Will Offering church envelopes for 2023 will be distributed at the end of September along with the October Columban. Please keep them somewhere safe until January!

During the Covid-19 Pandemic, more households moved to Standing Order, which is our preferred method of contribution to church funds. **This means that we will no longer be supplying weekly church envelopes to parishioners, and instead we will be using monthly envelopes** for those few families who continue to use Free Will Offering envelopes.

Every household in the parish will now have their Free Will Offering numbers changed for 2023.

This means that any envelopes used after 31st December 2022 will no longer be allocated to your free will offering number.

This is a huge administrative project to ensure greater efficiencies of our parish resources as well as making our parish more environmentally friendly. Your assistance with this change will be greatly appreciated.

It is therefore extremely important that you follow the information below carefully from 1st January 2023.

1. Please destroy any unused church envelopes for 2022 or earlier, as these will no longer be allocated to your church offering numbers.
2. Please DO NOT PLACE OLD ENVELOPES on collection plates after December 2022 as they will not be recorded against your name.
3. Please use your new church envelopes from January onwards, and not before.
4. Please carefully consider changing to Standing Order if you have not already done so, to help us with this project.
5. All new households joining the parish will be supplied with a Standing Order form instead of church envelopes.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR ST COLUMBA'S AND FOR ASSISTING US AS WE MOVE FORWARD WITH THESE CHANGES.

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

Parish website: www.stcolumbas.down.anglican.org

Rector	The Reverend Chancellor John R Auchmuty	St. Columba's Rectory 29 Kings Road BT5 6JG 028 9047 1514 rectorknock@down.anglican.org
Assistant Priests	The Reverend Canon Ken Smyth The Reverend Canon Walter Laverty	3 Mount Royal Bangor BT20 3BG 028 9145 8706 6 Hanwood Heights Dundonald BT16 1XU 028 9573 8743
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People's Churchwarden	Mark Wilson	07714 658911
Rector's Glebewarden	David Kelly	028 9079 6658
People's Glebewarden	Ian Johnston	07850 999909
Honorary Sexton	John Proctor	028 9087 0526 07989 469773
Select Vestry	Rector, Churchwardens, Glebewardens, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Assistant Honorary Treasurer, Suzanne Allen, Richard Caldwell, Andrew Hirst, John Kerr, Jonathan Stewart, Gillian Sadlier, Martin Moore, Nigel Morrow, Scott Rutherford	
Honorary Secretary	John Macpherson	10 Sandhill Gardens BT5 6FF 028 9028 2076 jdmacpherson@hotmail.com
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Assistant Honorary Treasurer	Victor Dukelow	028 9029 0625

Gift Aid Secretary	Jack Dunlop	028 9065 4103
Parochial Nominators	Victor Dukelow, Patrick Good, Elizabeth Leonard, Linda Wilson	
Diocesan Synod members	Patrick Good, Elizabeth Leonard Hollie Wilson (under 30)	
Organist and Choral Director	Dr Joe McKee	07976 294574
Assistant Organist	Brian Clements	028 9079 3641
Sidesperson's rota Co-ordinator	Rosemary Coffey	028 9754 2198
Magazine Editor	Billy McAlpine	028 9042 4390 colmaged@outlook.com
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Church flowers	Eleanor Launchbury	028 9028 1204
Premise's Convenor	Stewart Beckwith	028 9048 6622
Crucifer	Mark Lavery	028 9573 8743
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!



Facebook

St Columba's Knock is now on Facebook. **'Like'** our page to see updates on events, services and photos.

Search coiknock on Facebook or Messenger to find us easily.

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**

