



# St. Anne's Parish

*Pastoral Community of Derriaghy & Colin*  
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**Celebrating the Liturgy**

<b>Weekend Mass Times:</b> Sat. (Vigil) 6.30pm Sunday: 10.00am & 12 Noon	<b>Confessions:</b> Saturday after 10.00am Mass 5.30 - 6.15pm
<b>Weekdays:</b>  Monday 7.30pm Tues - Sat. 10.00am	<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:</b> Wed. & Thurs. 10.30am – 9.00pm Sat. 10.30am – 12.00 Noon
<b>Divine Office:</b> <b>Morning Prayer:</b> Mon. 10.00am (Followed by Rosary) Thurs: 10am (followed by Mass)	<b>Marriage:</b> 6 months' notice required Please contact Fr McGrady
<b>Baptism:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month at 1.15pm Contact the parish office to book – One month's notice is required.	

*Second Sunday of Easter*  
*Divine Mercy Sunday*  
**23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017 Year A Psalter 2**

**First Reading: Acts 2:42-47**

Luke's description of the 'Jerusalem Spring' is an enduring vision statement. The ideal Christian community remains faithful to the teaching of the apostles; it has a common life; it celebrates the 'breaking of bread', Luke's term for the Eucharist; it makes regular time for prayer

**Responsorial Psalm; Psalm 117**

**Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end –**

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9**

The opening lines are a blessing and follow a format that was familiar to Jewish ears. 1 Peter was written in the context of the persecutio of Nero (65 AD), hence the reference to 'trials' and 'testing'. The letter is addressed to the generation that came after the apostles, who did not see Christ, but still loved him.

**Gospel: John 20:19-31**

This appearance to the disciples neatly expresses the Easter message. The Risen Jesus was transformed person. Otherwise, how could he suddenly 'appear' in a locked room? Thomas' profession, 'My Lord and my God' (v.28), is a highpoint of New Testament Christology. But Thomas was standing before a wounded man, a reminder of the lowliness as well as the sovereignty of God's Word.

**MISSION STATEMENT : To Help Grandparents Pass on the Faith and to Keep Prayer at the Heart of Family Life**  
**Catholic Grandparents Association**  
**1st Annual Retreat/Conference - 26th & 27th April 2017**  
**THEME** - Helping our Children and Grandchildren to know, love and serve God in these highly secularised times  
**Venue** - Dominican Retreat Centre, Tallaght Village Dublin 24  
Day only and overnight attendance options available  
Inspiring talks, lively discussion - Speakers including Fr. Benny McHale  
Contact Connie at 098 24877 or [catholicgrandparents@gmail.com](mailto:catholicgrandparents@gmail.com)

**Accord**

Are you interested in working with couples preparing for Marriage or becoming a Marriage & Relationship counsellor?  
Come along to our Information Evening on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 7pm – 8pm  
Accord Belfast Centre, Curran House, 155 Northumberland Street.

**Bereavement Support Group – Have you suffered the pain of Bereavement?**

If you wish to talk in confidence – please ring the parish office 90610112 and a member of the Group will contact you.

**Parish Finance –**

**The Weekly, Easter and Trocaire Collection next week.**  
**Collection Envelopes for April 2017 to 2018 on table at the rear of the Church**  
Sincere thanks for your continued generosity.  
Altar Society, Church Cleaners: **Group B this week.**

**Recently Deceased**  
*Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of our recent deceased, those whose anniversaries fall at this time and those whose names are in the Book of remembrance.*  
Eternal rest grant unto them , O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them .  
May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

## Feast of Divine Mercy

The Feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated

Sunday 23 April in:  
**St. Peter's Cathedral, Falls Rd**  
– starts at 2:30 with  
Holy Rosary and  
Sacrament of Reconciliation;  
Divine Mercy Chaplet;  
and Mass.

**Sacred Heart Church,  
Oldpark Road** – starts at 2:30  
with Holy Rosary and  
Sacrament of Reconciliation;  
Divine Mercy Chaplet;  
and Mass.

**St Paul's Church, Falls Rd,**  
starts 1.30pm with  
Exposition,  
Sacrament of Reconciliation, ,  
Holy Rosary, Divine Mercy  
Chaplet ,Holy Mass.

***Our Lord's Divine Mercy Sunday grants;  
forgiveness of all sins and punishment on the Feast of Divine  
Mercy, mercy for even the most hardened sinners!  
It is the Sunday of Divine Mercy, the Feast of Mercy!***

**Divine Mercy Sunday is a very special Sunday when the Divine  
Floodgates from Heaven are wide-opened and Jesus offers us the  
total forgiveness of all sins and punishment to any soul, who goes  
to Confession and receives Him in Holy Communion, on that day.**



### Beginning Experience

Are you suffering the pain of loss of a partner?

Looking for help and understanding? Beginning Experience (a support group for widowed, separated and divorced people) meets every Wednesday evening from 8pm -10pm in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Avenue, resuming Wednesday 26th April at 8pm. All welcome. Further details please contact:  
Phil on 028 90207645 or Marie on 07896119669

### Baptism Team Meeting

Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> April 6.30pm in the Parochial House.

### Easter Mass Schedule

**Monday – Saturday - see Derrigahy & Colin Mass Schedule  
Weekend 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> - April Vigil & Sunday Masses as usual**

### Acedia and the Transformation of Spiritual Malaise

A day conference in honour of the life of Fr Martin McAlinden, based on his research on priestly well-being.  
16<sup>th</sup> June 10am – 4pm, Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne  
The conference will run between 10am – 2.30pm  
At 3pm a Graduation Ceremony will be convened and an Honorary Doctorate of the University of Chester will be conferred posthumously on Fr Martin and presented to his family. Lunch and refreshments will be served. Participants are asked to make a donation of £25 towards the cost of the day.  
Further info. Contact Professor Wayne Morris: [w.morris@chester.ac.uk](mailto:w.morris@chester.ac.uk)

### Appletree Daycare & Afterschools Club

New Breakfast Club starting 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017 in St Anne's Parish Centre  
From 8.00am – 9.00am For further information please contact:  
Bronagh on 07790845189, Oisín on 028 90614441  
Or by email: [appletreedaycare@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:appletreedaycare@yahoo.co.uk) or find us on facebook

### Pilgrimage to San Givovanni Rotondo & Highlights of Puglia

Fully escorted group pilgrimage, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017 - Spiritual Director; Fr Joe Kennedy  
Further information from Marian Pilgrimages, [www.MARIAN.IE](http://www.MARIAN.IE)

### FAMILY HEALING RETREAT:

Led by Fr. Edgardo Arellano (Fr. Bing) Spiritual Director of the Alliance of the Two Hearts. The theme of the retreat "The Appeal of Our Lady of Fatima for Prayer and Reparation: HILTON HOTEL, 4 Laynon Place, Belfast (2 min from Central Station) On Sat 29th and Sun 30th April 2017. Residential and Non Residential are welcome. For further information please contact. 07734562102 or 07754837045 or 07917056350 or (028 87767451)

### Drumalis Retreat Centre

Invites applications for the next intake of the **Diploma in Pastoral Theology**, validated by St Patrick's Pontifical College, Maynooth. Intensive, 2 year course, delivered over twelve days per year. The course requires academic input and pastoral work within parishes. The first cohort is coming to the end and feedback has been very positive. Students from the diocese of Derry & Dromore, and parts of Down and Connor have participated. Course fees are subsidized by the Friends of Drumalis. Further information on website or email: [maura@drumalis.co.uk](mailto:maura@drumalis.co.uk)