



St. Anne's Parish

**Pastoral Community of Derriaghy & Colin
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Third Sunday of Advent

17th December 2017 Year B Psalter 3

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11

This reading from Isaiah comes in two parts. First, the Prophet reflects on the effect of God's presence: it has enabled him to bring 'good news', and that word has transformed life for the poor, prisoners and those with broken hearts. In a second moment, the prophet offers a psalm-like prayer of praise, as he rejoices in God and in the freshness of life that has begun as a result of his prophetic word.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm Lk 1

My soul rejoices in my God -

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

The first letter to the Thessalonians is the earliest text in the New Testament. It is born of a very deep human need for reassurance and hope. Paul had evangelised the Thessalonians and moved on quickly. Now they are discouraged and fearful as some of their members have died. Paul in his letter tries to reassure them and encourage them to find joy.

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

Part of this reading comes from the Prologue of John, while another part is later in the same chapter. In the prologue, John is identified as a worthy witness. This is expanded when we see the Jerusalem authorities come to him to ask him to clarify his role. They have neither mandated nor recognised his ministry. They seek to pigeon-hole him, into some role that they can identify. Yet John identifies himself as being outside of their series of ideas: he is a witness to a new world and a new sense of God.

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Anne Collins, Vera Gribben who died recently.

Mons. Colm McCaughan, Fr George McLaverty, Brendan Macaulay,

Noel Marshall, Patrick Hanna, Maureen McDonagh, Michael Donnelly,

Frank & Teresa Small, Irene Maguire whose anniversaries are at this time and those whose names are in the Book of remembrance. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Celebrating the Liturgy

Weekend Mass Times:

Sat. (Vigil) 6.30pm
Sunday: 10.00am & 12 Noon

Weekdays:

Monday 7.30pm
Tues - Sat. 10.00am

Divine Office:

Morning Prayer: Mon. 10.00am 6 months' notice required

(Followed by Rosary)

Thurs: 10am (followed by Mass)

Confessions:

Saturday after 10.00am Mass
5.30 - 6.15pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Wed. & Thurs. 10.30am - 9.00pm
Sat. 10.30am - 12.00 Noon

Marriage:

6 months' notice required
Please contact Fr McGrady

Baptism:

1st & 3rd Sundays of the month at 1.15pm

Contact the parish office to book - One month's notice is required.

St. Anne's Primary School and Nursery Unit - Enrolment

in Nursery Unit and Primary 1 for September 2018.

Nursery - Children born on or between 02/07/14 and 01/07/15 are eligible to apply for a place in a pre-school education provider. Listed below are the dates for the Nursery Unit Open Days. Application forms and the school prospectus will be available from 1st December 2017 from the school office. The closing date for applications for a Nursery place is **Wednesday 10th January 2018, by 12 noon.**

Primary 1

Children born on or between 02/07/13 and 01/07/14 must begin their Primary education in September 2018. Listed below are the dates for the Primary 1 Open Days. Application forms and the school prospectus will be available from 1st December 2017 from the school office. The closing date for applications for a Primary 1 place is: **Wednesday 10th January 2018, by 12 noon.**

Primary 1 Open Days - Wednesday 6th December 2017, 1.00 - 2.00pm

Monday 8th January 2018, 1.00 - 2.00pm,

(Tour begins at 1.00pm, Principal's address at 1.45pm.)

Please park in the church car park and proceed to the Main School Office

Bangor Parish - 7 Day Trip to Brittany and Normandy

From June 25th to July 1st joining the one day St Columbanus International Meeting in St Coulomb June 30th. The cost is 895 euro pp sharing, all breakfasts and dinners included, 3 nights Lisieux, 3 nights St Malo. Day trips include; Places associated with St Therese, Mont St Michel, Dinard and more. As there is great demand for hotel space in Brittany at this time prompt booking recommended.

Details and booking form on parish website www.bangorparish.com

Parish Finance -

The Weekly Collection amounted to: £1393.65

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity.

Altar Society, Church Cleaners - Group D this week.

Advent Programme

Third Sunday of Advent – 17th December - 4.00 pm
Penitential Service (Folk Group) - Visiting priests in attendance

Diocese of Down & Connor Directories 2018 now on sale £4.00
St Paul's Missal – 2018 On sale this weekend in the Church Porch £5 each
Also available; Land of Saints & Scholars, Down & Connor Edition £5.00
What Happened in Fatima, A Prayer Book for Adults & Children £2.00

Penitential Services for the Derriaghy & Colin Pastoral Community

<i>St. Anne's</i>	<i>Sunday 17th December</i>	<i>4.00pm</i>
<i>Christ the Redeemer</i>	<i>Monday 18th December</i>	<i>7.00 pm</i>
<i>St Colman's</i>	<i>Tuesday 19th December</i>	<i>7.00 pm</i>
<i>Our lady Queen of Peace</i>	<i>Wednesday 20th December</i>	<i>7.00 pm</i>
<i>Church of the Nativity</i>	<i>Thursday 21st December</i>	<i>7.30 pm</i>
<i>St Luke's</i>	<i>Friday 22nd December</i>	<i>7.00 pm</i>

Blessing of the Baby Jesus Crib Figures

Will take place on the Fourth Sunday of Advent at all Masses

Please bring your Crib Figure to be Blessed for this Christmas 2017

The point of Advent and Christmas is to celebrate God entering our lives and our homes. May this Blessing remind us that we are bringing Jesus into our homes and bringing the Love we celebrate at Mass to those we meet along the journey of Life.

Laganside Sinfonia 'A Century On' Charity Concert for Welcome Organisation (Help the Homeless)

Come along to see Laganside Sinfonia perform a concert in Girdwood Community Hub on 30th December 2017 at 7:45pm with music by Shostakovich, John Williams and more! Admission is free but a retiring collection will be taken up at the end of the concert with all profits going to the Welcome Organisation (Help the Homeless). Post concert refreshments will also be served. For more information visit www.lagansidesinfonia.co.uk.

Welcome into the Church and Parish Family

Dylan Alexander Wright, Connlaith Maedhbh Ward, Maebh Agnes McGreevy, Lorcan Patrick John McGreevy Boyle, Nathan Christopher Power
Who were baptized in December.

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.



Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve – Sunday, 24th December
Vigil Mass at 7.00pm - Mass of the Nativity: 10pm
With Carol Singing at 9.40pm

Please Note: Weekend of 23rd/24th December
Saturday Evening Vigil Masses at usual times in all parishes
Sunday 24th December One Morning Mass at 11am in each parish

Christmas Day Masses

10am & 12 Noon - Carol Singing from 9.35am

Daily Masses

Tuesday 26 th December	-	Our Lady Queen of Peace 7.00 pm
Wednesday 27 th December	-	St Anne's 10.00 am
Thursday 28 th December	-	St Patrick's 7.00 pm
Friday 29 th December	-	Our Lady Queen of Peace 9.30 am
Saturday 30 th December	-	St Anne's 10.00 am

Sunday 31st January - Mass at 10.00 am & 12 Noon
Vigil Mass (Saturday 30th December) 6.30 pm

Monday 1 st January	-	St Anne's 7.30 pm
Tuesday 2 nd January	-	St Colman's 9.30am
Wednesday 3 rd January	-	Our lady Queen of Peace 9.30 am
Thursday 4 th January	-	St Patrick's 7.00pm
Friday 5 th January	-	Our Lady Queen of Peace 9.30am

Saturday 6th January: Feast of the Epiphany
(Holy Day of Obligation) Vigil Mass Friday 5th 6.30 pm

Saturday 6th - 10.00 am St Anne's

St Colman's 10.30am

Please take careful note of the above times as there are 3 changes from previous years.

Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th Masses as normal
Usual schedule resumes

