



# St. Anne's Parish

*Pastoral Community of Derriaghy & Colin*

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*First Sunday of Lent*

*18<sup>th</sup> February 2018 Year B Psalter 3*

**First Reading Genesis 9:8-15**

The destruction of the world by God is consigned to the past. God's covenant with all living things is established. The sign of the covenant is the rainbow set in the sky. This suggests God's regard for the whole cosmos.

**Responsorial Psalm: 24**

*Your ways, Lord are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant -*

**Second Reading 1 Peter 3:18-22**

Jesus died for the unrighteous, to lead them to God. After his death, he went in spirit to the unrighteous dead to preach new life to them. He had to die to enter the realm of the dead and touch them. In this way his last enemy, death, is conquered. Everything is now subject to God, and with the greatest enemy conquered, the entire cosmos can be left at the Father's feet.

**Gospel Reading Mark 1:12-15**

Jesus is driven by the Spirit into the wilderness. Here he begins the self-abandonment which comes to fruition on the cross. In the wilderness he lives among the wild beasts and the angels minister to him. He is cast between the heavenly realm and the elements, he abides between the extremes of creation. On the cross he will bring all the extremes together. "This is the time of fulfilment".

**Recently Deceased**

*Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:*

Leslie Lismore, Kieran Rafferty & Margaret McKenna who died recently  
Desmond Moran & Rose McKevitt whose months mind occurs at this time  
James Leeson, Joe McGuigan, Eileen Cullen, Terry McNeill  
all 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

### Confessions:

Saturday after 10.00am Mass  
5.30 - 6.15pm

### Weekday:

Monday 7.30pm  
Tues - Sat. 10.00am

### Adoration of the Blessed

#### Sacrament:

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

### Divine Office:

**Morning Prayer:** Mon. 10.00am  
(Followed by Rosary)

Thurs: 10am (followed by Mass)

### Marriage:

6 months' notice required  
Please contact Fr McGrady

### Baptism:

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.

**Lourdes 2018:** we are currently seeking nurses (on the NMC live register - working in any area) to join the volunteer staff of the Diocesan Pilgrimage (11-16th July 2018). For more information please email us at [lourdes@downandconnor.org](mailto:lourdes@downandconnor.org) or telephone the Pilgrimage Office (028) 90646040. The subsidised fare for nurses is £520. Thank you.

### Yoga for Beginners (6 Week Course)

Improve coping skills for life's stresses. Starting: Mon. 12<sup>th</sup> February 11.00am -12.00 & Thurs.: 15<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm – 8.30pm  
For more information message Brenda (Yoga Teacher & Physiotherapist) 07810183205 or email [bcafolia@ntlworld.com](mailto:bcafolia@ntlworld.com)

### Church of the Nativity

Stations of the Cross every Sunday during lent at 5pm.  
Also Divine Mercy will be on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 7.30pm.

### 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.

**The loss of a partner through death**, separation or divorce is devastating. **Beginning Experience** is offering 'a weekend away for a lifetime of change' at Drumalis, Larne, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2018. To find out more, contact **Phil: 02890 207645** or **Marie 07896119669** or email [bebelfast@hotmail.com](mailto:bebelfast@hotmail.com). Support group continues Wednesday evenings at 8pm in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Ave., Belfast

### Parish Finance –

The **Weekly Collections** amounted to: **£1867.80**

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity.

Altar Society, Church Cleaners: **Group A this week.**

**Blessing of Families 2018**

Fr Feargal and the Parish Pastoral Council would like to thank everyone who helped to make last Sunday evening service such a success despite the bad weather and the mid-term break. Over 100 young families attended the Blessing. It was a very moving event and well worth having.

Congratulations to everyone involved. Fr Feargal McGrady

**Lenten Programme 2018 – ( Sunday’s at 7.00pm)**

**First Sunday of Lent – 18<sup>th</sup> February**

**Evening Prayer with the Traditional Choir at 7pm**

**All parishioners are warmly invited and encouraged to attend each of the Sunday evening services in preparation for Easter.**

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**Second Sunday of Lent - 25<sup>th</sup> February**

**The Way of The Cross**

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**Third Sunday of Lent – 4<sup>th</sup> March**

**Evening Service presented by our Christian Life Community**

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**Fourth Sunday of Lent – 11<sup>th</sup> March**

**Mother’s Day (No evening service)**

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**Fifth Sunday of Lent – 18<sup>th</sup> March**

**Presented by our One World Group**

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**Sixth Sunday of Lent – 25<sup>th</sup> March**

**Parish Penitential Service - 4pm**

**(visiting priests in attendance).**

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2018**

Booking Forms available from the parish office. Seven nights (10-17 July) £725pps, five nights (11-16 July) £650 , Youth Team (8-17 July) £590.

Further information from the Pilgrimage Office 028 90646040 or email Lourdes@downandconnor.org.

**LENTEN PIONEER PLEDGE**

Many people choose to abstain from alcohol during Lent. Why not take this opportunity to perhaps help yourself or someone you know with an alcohol or drug problem by offering your sacrifice for freedom from addiction? Please consider taking the short term Lenten Pledge and make a difference to someone's life. Register your pledge with local Pioneers and say the daily prayer.

**Prayer: "I promise in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary to abstain from all alcoholic drink until the end of Lent."**

**“Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (NI)** presents, Margarets story - How she was led by her own experience to help many other women hurt by abortion.

Come and hear her moving story with Q&A after. St Anne’s Parish Hall on **Wednesday the 21st of February at 7.30pm - 9pm.** For more information contact [sarahhaire@spuc.org.uk](mailto:sarahhaire@spuc.org.uk).

**Rally For Life – Save the Date**

Rally to save the 8<sup>th</sup>! Parnell Square, Dublin 10.03.18

**Lenten Sacrifice for Life**

You are invited to participate in a Lenten Sacrifice for Life 2018 for the intention of saving the 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment to our Constitution. You are invited to choose each day, one of the following practices for the duration of Lent.

Attend a weekly Mass

- A period of Eucharistic Adoration
- In a day abstain from the internet (this excludes access required by your job)
- Recite one decade of the Rosary
- Read and meditate on the Gospel of the day for 15 minutes.
- Give money/alms to the poor, to pro-life, or some other worthy charity.
- Fast from food or abstain from meat.

**St Bridget’s Crosses**

**The** very generous amount was raised by making and selling the Crosses, sincere thanks to all who participated, the money will be donated to Trocaire.

**“One Family... One Common Home”**

Re-inhabiting the Earth Spring Conference – Drumalis, Fri, 23 - Sun, 25 February 2018

**Online Theology Course**

By distance learning, attend lectures in Tallaght or from your own home – Further information from [www.prioryinstitute.com](http://www.prioryinstitute.com)

**Weekly Toddle pops Classes**

Calling all little ones and their grown ups! Toddle pops music and movement classes take place every Thursday in St Anne's Parish Centre at 10.30am (babies & toddlers) and 11.30am (older toddlers & pre-schoolers).

Toddle pops is suitable for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers up to 4 years old. We sing, dance, play and tell stories.

Contact Angela on [07890325551](tel:07890325551) to book of for further information.

**Derriaghy Men’s Golfing Society**

Welcoming new members for 2018. Come along and enjoy playing at an array of quality courses in and around Belfast. Calendar runs from March to November and includes Captain's weekend trip and various social events. Please contact Gareth Smyth for more details : [garethesmyth@gmail.com](mailto:garethesmyth@gmail.com) or 07841538741