

**St. Anne's Primary School and Nursery Unit
Enrolment for September 2019**

Nursery

Children born on or between 02/07/15 and 01/07/16 are eligible to apply for a place in a pre-school education provider. Listed below are dates for the Open Days. Application procedure opens on Wednesday 2nd January 2019, with online portal available at 10am. Application portal closes at 12 midnight on Thurs 31st January 2019.

Open Days - Wed 16th January 2.30pm – 3.30pm. Principal's address at 2.45pm

Please park in the church car park and proceed to the Nursery Unit.

Primary 1

Children born on or between 02/07/14 and 01/07/15 must begin their Primary education in September 2019. Listed below are the dates for the Open Days. Application procedure opens on Wed 2nd January, with online portal available at 10am. Application portal closes at 12 midnight on Thursday 31st **January 2019.**

Open Days - Tues 15th January, 1pm – 2pm (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, Block D)



Finding it difficult to hear in church?
We have an Induction Loop System in St Anne's.
Simply switch your hearing aid to the 'T' or 'MT' position

Altar Society: Team A this week.

Would you have a few hours to spare once a month to help the small group of dedicated parishioners who keep our church so well? We would love to hear from you, please contact the parish office or leave your name and contact number in the sacristy.



**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.



Your Giving: - Weekly Offering £2424.48
Thank You for your continued generosity.
Don't forget the special Christmas Offering!
2nd Envelope next w/end: Church Renovation Fund



St. Anne's Parish

Pastoral Community of Derriagh & Colin

Fr. Peter O'Hare, PP
Rev Patrick McNeill, Deacon
Sr. Mary Murray, Parish Sister

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4th Sunday of Advent- 23rd December

Sunday Eucharist: 6.30pm Vigil,

10am & 12 Noon.

Masses this week:

Christmas Eve: Vigil 7pm & 9pm

Christmas Day: 11am

Wed 26th Dec. - St. Stephen's Day 10am

**Please see leaflet in porch for weekday masses within our
Pastoral Community over the Christmas season**

The Parish Office will be closed until 3rd January 2019

**Happy Christmas! - Fr Peter, Deacon Pat
& Sr. Mary would like to wish all our
parishioners a very happy Christmas.
May the Christ-Child be born in all your
hearts and families this Christmas.**



Wanted: Donations for flowers at Christmas

If you would like to make a donation towards flowers for the church this Christmas, any donation large or small, can be placed in an envelope with the Weekly collection or placed in the Flower Donation boxes in the Church Porch. All will be much appreciated.

ON SALE THIS WEEKEND.....

St Paul's Sunday Missal 2019 and Diocesan Directory 2019 Only £5

Parish Pastoral Council meeting – 4 December 2018

The meeting began with prayer and reflection. The theme of openness and inclusiveness for all parishioners was further discussed and a series of actions agreed. The contributions from younger members of the parish were acknowledged and there was a discussion about how to encourage further involvement for example, utilising existing programmes, e.g. GIFT, Bodybuilders, John Paul II Award. The group was updated on the Pastoral Forum meeting. Fr Feargal's letter of thanks about receiving his leaving gift was read out. The next PPC meeting will be held on 15 January 2019



"Advent is a time for us to prepare for the coming of Jesus, Prince of Peace It's a time to make peace with ourselves and our neighbours." Pope Francis

Catholic Newspapers

There will be a double issue of The Universe and The Catholic Times available this weekend. The price will be £3 per copy.

The Universe and Catholic Times Issue dated 6th January will be issued on the normal date at the usual price of £1.50

The Live Crib

Visit the Live Christmas Crib at St Mary's Grotto until Sunday, 6th January 2019. Come along and meet Mary and Joseph, Shepherds and the Three wise men. This year animals are kindly provided by the Irish Donkey association and there will be a baby donkey in the crib this year. Carol singers daily at 2 pm. and 5 pm.

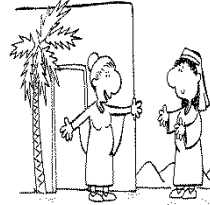
Proceeds to the Mill Hill Missionaries in Sudan.



The Word of God

1st Reading: God's majesty works through humble channels. It is the humble town of Bethlehem that will first see the Saviour.

Psalm 79: *God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.*



2nd Reading: "I am coming to do your will". This reading places those words from Psalm 40 on the lips of Jesus. May they be on our lips too!

Gospel: Mary set out, not at a gentle pace, but "as quickly as she could". The Good News is urgent. It demands to be shared.

We Remember Them

Recently Deceased: Barney Dobbin. **Anniversaries:** Maureen McDonagh, Jimmy & May Torney, Maureen Slevin, Marie Douglas, Teresa Small, Paddy Murray, Desmond McGlinchey, Joseph Blaney. May they rest in peace.

School Open Days in January

Rathmore Grammar School - Sat 19th January 9.30am-1.00pm. Address by Principal 9.30am & 11.15am

Our Lady and St Patrick's College, Knock - Sat 19th January 9.15am – 12.30pm. Principal's Address 9.30 am and 11.00 am. Prospective Year 13 students are also welcome.

Aquinas Diocesan Grammar School - Sat 12th January 9am–1pm. Principal's address – 9:30am and 11:30am

St. Colm's High School - Thurs 10th January at 7pm.

St. Genevieve's High School – Tues. 8th January at 7pm.

NURSES WANTED! **The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** is seeking volunteers to join our nursing team to care for our pilgrims who will stay at the Accueil Notre Dame, during our 2019 Pilgrimage (10-15 July.) You will need to be a registered nurse, active on the NMC live register - newly registered nurses are welcome. For more information or to register your interest please email lourdes@downandconnor.org with your contact details and we will get back to you.