

Bereavement Support Group – Have you suffered the pain of Bereavement? If you wish to talk in confidence – please call the parish office on 90610112 and a member of the Group will contact you.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

7 nights (9-16 July) £725, 5 nights (10-15 July) £650, for pilgrims needing care 5 nights (10-15 July) £550, Youth Team 7-16 July £590 – Applications forms available from parish office or contact Pilgrimage Office 028 90770162 or email: Lourdes@downandconnor.org
Fares per person sharing, inclusive of return transfers, full board and insurance. All flights from Belfast International Airport.

Tobar Mhuire - Ash Wednesday Day of Prayer.

This annual day of prayer is dedicated to prisoners; their families, and those who care for them. Chapel open all day for Adoration followed by Prayer Service at 7pm . Talk by Fr. Ciaran Dallat (Prison Chaplain) at 7.30pm. All welcome. Also Wed 13th March, the first of our Lenten Talk Series: "The Beatitudes of Pope Francis" with Dr. Aidan Donaldson at 7.00pm. All welcome. Voluntary donation.

Strictly Come Dancing' in aid of the Lourdes Pilgrimage.

Join us for a superb evening of fun and entertainment in Carryduff Parish Centre on the **15th March 2019 at 7.30pm**. Ticket: £15 for Adults, £7.50 for children. Can be ordered through the Carryduff Parish Office 028 9081 2238 or drumbo@downandconnor.org

Lenten Book Reflection: PRAYER – Our Deepest Longing by Ronald Rolheiser

In this book, which has only six short chapters, the renowned spiritual writer Ronald Rolheiser gently leads us to a deepening experience of God in prayer. You are invited to join with others in the parish to prayerfully reflect on this book on the six Thursdays of lent in the evening time. If you feel drawn to explore and deepen your practice of prayer in this way please contact Máire Fitzpatrick on 07895098358 or the parish office for further details.

Dunmurry Presbyterian Church, Friday 1st March – 7.30pm

Women's World Day of Prayer, Theme: "Come Everything is Ready" prepared by the women of Slovinia – **all welcome.**

The Alpha Course – join with Lowe Memorial Church, Finaghy for this year's Alpha. Come along and meet new friends, see old ones!

Thurs. 7th March 7.45pm – Where? White Field Coffee Shop, Finaghy.

Keys found in the Church, Sunday 17th February, please contact the parish office 9am-3pm if you think they are yours.

Please note

We have switched our email to the Diocesan email address - stannes@downandconnor.org Please use this email address to contact the parish office. Thank You.



St. Anne's Parish

Pastoral Community of Derriaghy & Colin

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

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Sunday Eucharist - 6.30pm Vigil,
10am & 12noon

Masses this week Mon: 7.30pm

Tues to Sat. 10am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat: 10.30am & 6pm

Adoration: Wed & Thurs 10.30am – 9pm, Sat 10.30am – 12pm

Morning Prayer Mon & Thurs 10am

What's happening?

Parish Pastoral Council (Special meeting) - Thurs 7.15pm

Confirmation – Mon 4th March 1.30pm

Ash Wednesday – Lent Begins 6th March

Easter Sunday – 21st April

Your Giving: Weekly Offering: £2099.67 Thank You
2nd Envelope this weekend - Church Renovation Fund
2nd Envelope next weekend – Monthly Offering

Altar Society: Team B this week

We Remember Them

Recently Deceased: Helen McKenna **Month's Mind:** Liam Thomas
Anniversaries: Anne Prior, Annie Callaghan, Catherine Flynn,
Eileen Cullen, Terry McNeill, Josie Catney, James Kirkwood,
Loretta & Sean O'Neill, Andrew & Pat Leonard

Trócaire boxes are available in the porch this weekend, please take a box home and help Trócaire "to stand against injustice, to help lives shattered by conflict and trauma". Your generosity makes this possible.



One World Group

Traidcraft & Second-hand Bookstall next weekend 2nd & 3rd March
Please come along and show your support – as always!

TRAIDCRAFT

Fighting poverty through trade

Responsorial Psalm 102:

The Lord is compassion and love -

"SCIENCE TESTS FAITH" - A DVD on a recent Eucharistic miracle. If you have ever doubted the Church's teaching on transubstantiation, that in the Holy Mass bread becomes the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus, you might want to see this DVD. It will be shown in **St Anne's Church after Mass on Monday the 25th February at 8pm**. Thomas Carey who is a founding member of Down & Conor Eucharistic Adoration Committee will give a brief talk probably in advance of showing the DVD.

PPC Meeting Report

A meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council was held on 5th Feb. Topics discussed included improving communication between the council and parishioners, refreshed content for the parish website and the identification of a possible short faith development programme to run in the parish during Lent. Members also heard about the latest group of young people taking part in the John Paul II Award. There was a report from the latest Pastoral Community Forum meeting where there had been a discussion of the difficulties faced by clergy when it comes to providing the current level of services with little or no cover in times of sickness, emergencies or holidays.

Pastoral Community of Derriaghy & Colin

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." (Acts of the Apostles 2:42)

This how our church started when there were few apostles and members, yet from humble beginnings the Church grew, spread across the nations, and demonstrated a persistent vitality. Here in Ireland - the Church expanded for centuries and for the many reasons you will be aware of - in more recent times, the numbers attending Masses and the sacraments has decreased. However we are blessed to have a great family of faith here in this parish!

We are living in a time of increasing pressure in relation to a shortage of priests, and this is particularly acute when it comes to being able to cover each other in the case of emergencies and sickness. It is inevitable that there will have to be changes in how clergy provide services across not only our own parish but also neighbouring parishes. This is happening by every Pastoral Community in the Diocese.

We have completed research: there was a census of Mass attendance at all our Masses, in each parish of the pastoral community, across three successive Sundays last May and then again in November, to help inform us regarding Mass provision for the future. The findings have helped us draw up a plan for the future.

We are at a stage now that in our Pastoral Community, which takes in six neighbouring parishes, that we feel we have no option but to reduce the overall number of Masses in the immediate future.

None of us likes change, and I know you may be worried about what these changes will mean. All of us tend to think about how change affects us personally - we have traditions - however while this is a challenge, it does also offer opportunities. We hope that these changes will lead to greater collaboration, sharing of resources and co-operation amongst our family of parishes.

At recent meetings, of priests and deacons, discussion has taken place in relation to reducing the number of Masses at the weekend, as well as staggering our Mass times across the whole Pastoral Community, to avoid duplication and offer a variety of Mass times. These changes will also free up a celebrant to be able to travel across the Pastoral Community if the need arises.

Over the next few weeks we will be outlining the proposed changes in more detail with our pastoral councils and yourselves. Once all the information is available we will explore opportunities to discuss and explain the changes with members of the pastoral council, pastoral community forum representatives and with parishioners.

Thank you sincerely for your support and your generosity of spirit as we face together the challenges of the future. We are all called to work together for the greater good and the glory of God.

Fr. Peter O'Hare