Altar Society: Team C this week.

Would you have 1 to 1 1/2 hours to spare once a month to help the small group of dedicated parishioners, male and female, 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.

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 form 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.

<u>On Sale today</u>: St Paul's Sunday Missal 2019 £5 Diocesan Directory 2019 £5

Parish Day of Prayer for Marriage & Family Life

This Wednesday 6th February : Theme – All Married Couples

Day for Married Couples - Clonard Monastery



Next Saturday 9th February 10.30am – 4.00pm

"Love is not just a feeling"
"Your love is a decision"
"What makes a happy marriage"
What makes a healthy marriage?"
"What makes a Sacramental marriage"?

Presented by: Jim & Mary Corry, Fr Johnny Doherty C.S.s.R & Fr Brendan Keane C.S.s.R. Cost £20 per couple –

Booking Essential and cost includes lunch.

'How marvellous it would be at the end of the day each of us could say: today, I have performed an act of charity towards others'. Pope Francis. Trócaire is looking for volunteers in the Diocese of Down and Connor to bring social justice alive in their parishes. For more Information contact Maria in Trócaire at 028 90808036 or email maria.kane@trocaire.org.



St. Anne's Parish

Pastoral Community of Derriaghy & Colin

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

Parish Office: 028 9061 0112 **Website**: www.saintannesparish.net

Parish Centre: 07745169205 **Email**: stannes@downandconnor.org

3rd February 2019 Year C



Sunday Eucharist

6.30pm Vigil, 10am & 12noon

Masses this week

Mon: 7.30pm

Tues, Wed, Thurs & Sat 10am

Fri - NO MASS

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat: 10.30am & 6pm

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

Morning Prayer Mon & Thurs 10am

Coming soon in St Anne's

Confirmation - Monday 4th March at 1.30pm

Ash Wednesday – Lent begins 6th March

Easter Sunday - 21st April

First Penance - Friday 5th April 11am.

First Holy Communion – Saturday 18th May

Your Giving: Weekly Offering £1985.38

Church Building Fund £741.11 Thank You

We Remember Them

Recently Deceased: Iris McCreesh.

Anniversaries: . Michael & Patsy Ranaghan, Billy Craig, Robert Murray, Neil McCarney, Tony Patton, Anne McGlinchey.



St Anne's One World Group Tea, coffee, biscuits and all the usual goodies!!

First Traidcraft and Second-hand Book Stall of 2019 in the Parish Centre this weekend after all masses. Come along even just to browse. Tea, Coffee, Juices and biscuits being served. We look forward to seeing you,

Responsorial Psalm 70 -

My lips will tell of your help -

Missionaries of Africa Appeal

Fr. Sean O'Leary will speak at all masses next weekend, February 9^{th} & 10^{th} , on the work of the Missionaries of Africa (White Fathers) in Africa. A collection will take place for the White Fathers.

Your support will be greatly appreciated.

The White Fathers were founded in Algeria in 1868 and today they are present in 24 African and Middle-Eastern countries. There are about 500 young men, mainly in Africa, preparing to become Missionaries of Africa. An important part of their work is to help to be the Apostles in the Africa of the future. Fr Sean comes to our parish seeking your help that they may continue to fulfill their part of God's Mission towards all peoples.

SAFEGUARDING NEWS

Additional Dates for LEVEL 1 CHILD Safeguarding Training

Wed. 6th February – St. Joseph's Church Annex – Glenavy -7-9pm

Saturday 23rd February – Newcastle Parish – 11.00am-12.30pm

Saturday 2nd March – Cliftonville Road, Belfast – 11.00am-12.30pm

Wednesday 6th March – Holy Rosary Parish – 7-8.30pm

If you wish to attend one of these sessions please download an application form from www. downandconnor .org /safeguarding/training

Return the completed form to the Parish Office where it will be signed by a member of the Parish Safeguarding Committee and forwarded to the Safeguarding Office.

DIOCESAN VOCATION WEEKEND

"Ask Jesus what he wants from you and be brave!" (Pope Francis) Why not take time to explore and reflect on becoming a priest. Join us at the Vocations Weekend in Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne from Friday 15 – Sunday 17 February 2019. If you wish to attend this weekend or would like further information contact: Fr. Kevin Tel: 02890614567; Email: vocations@downandconnor.org

The Word of God - Joseph's Son

A prophet is never welcome in his home town. This familiar saying paraphrases the words of Jesus in today's Gospel: "I tell you solemly no prophet is ever welcome in his own country".

We might find ourselves sympathising with Jesus on this front: that feeling that no matter what we have done in our adult life, in our homeplace we are still identified with the child we were or the family we came from. Sadly there are some who seem to

were or the family we came from. Sadly there are some who seem to delight in taking others down a peg or two and ensuring they don't get ideas "above their station".

Perhaps we ourselves have this tendency sometimes. We can be guilty of pigeonholing people, of silencing their voices because their message comes in the wrong package. We don't always recognise the prophets among us. Do we listen to young people's opinions? Do we dismiss the experience and wisdom of elderly people? Are we biased against certain groups of people, or do we shoot people down before they even speak, just because we have disagreed with something they have said in the past?

Jesus, the carpenter's son faces this attitude in today's gospel. Returning home to Nazareth he impresses his former neighbours at first with his preaching. But as soon as he challenges them, they turn on him. They refuse to listen to his message of hope and inclusion. They hustle him out of town and attempt to throw him from a cliff. "Joseph's son" should not be speaking to them in this manner. Joseph's son should know his place.

Triona Doherty

St Brigid, Abbess and Patron of Ireland

Father, your wonderful love is seen in Saint Brigid: you taught her to open her heart and hands to the poor and to seek the image of your Son in every welcomed guest. Through her you showed a people the way of Mary, the Mother of your Son, in dedicated service and holiness of life. On this feast you fill our hearts with joy for you continue to bless the Church you planted by her labours.

From the Preface for St Brigid's Day