

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.

Living Youth – Local Summer Pilgrimages 2019

Summer Madness – join with over 2,000 other young people, from all religious backgrounds, across the island of Ireland to celebrate, connect and explore your faith. This 5-day camping experience at Glenarm Castle is on from 28th June – 2nd July 2019, Cost: £120, Age: 15 – 18.
Camino Through the Mournes – join with other young adults to spend time together in a faith environment, all through the medium of outdoor activities such as hikes, walks and outdoor adventures. Stay in Newcastle Co Down from 6th – 9th August 2019, Cost: £125, Age: 18 – 25. For more information and to apply go to www.livingyouthni.org or follow Living Youth on Social Media.

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.

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.

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 Derriagh & Colin

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3rd March 2019 Year C

Sunday Eucharist - 6.30pm Vigil,

10am & 12noon



Masses this week

Mon: Confirmation 1.30pm

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?

Confirmation – Tomorrow Mon 4th March @ 1.30pm

Parish Pastoral Council – Meeting on Tuesday @ 7pm

Ash Wednesday – Blessing & Distribution of Ashes 10am
Evening Masses in St Luke's Twinbrook & Derriagh at 7pm

Your Giving: Weekly Offering: £1980.65 Thank You

Sick & Retired Priests: £884.80 Church Renovation Fund: £682.30

2nd Envelope this weekend – Monthly Offering for Priests.

Rachels Vineyard retreats are a healing opportunity for anyone struggling with the spiritual or emotional pain of an abortion. For information call Marian in complete confidence on 07814 748 744 or email marianrvni@yahoo.co.uk and check us out on facebook.

Altar Society: Team C this week

We Remember Them

Recently Deceased: Trevor Lewis, Odhran McLaughlin, Jim Kelly, Patrick McCourt

Month's Mind: Iris McCreesh. **Anniversaries:** Sally Heaney, Pronsias MacAirt, Terry Donaldson, Tony McCreesh, Jim & Pat Leonard



One World Group

Traidcraft & Second-hand Bookstall this weekend. Please come along and show your support – as always!

Responsorial Psalm : 91

It is good to give you thanks O Lord -

Vocations Prayer Evening – There will be an evening of prayer followed by refreshments in St Joseph's Church, Greystone Road, Antrim on Thurs 7 March from 7pm–9pm for those men discerning a vocation to the Priesthood. The event will conclude at 9pm. If interested in coming to this, contact: Fr Kevin (Vocations Director) on 028 9061 4567 or by email – vocations@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. Pioneer members will be in the Church porch after the weekend Masses today and on Ash Wednesday to record names of those wishing to take the Lenten Pledge.

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 during Lent.*

The Word of God

'It is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks.'

Today's Gospel is taken from the Sermon on the Plain, where Jesus is warning a 'multitude of people' about the dangers of hypocrisy. We, too, are reminded that we are disciples who must learn from the Teacher, otherwise we will be like the blind leading the blind. This learning and listening is ongoing so that we can be filled again and again with Christ's challenging love. This Gospel calls us to remove the logs from our own eyes so that we can see more clearly. It appeals to the reader to stop and check in with ourselves if we are about to make judgements about others. Whatever the situation may be, perhaps a comment about migrants, homelessness or gossip, we are challenged to ask ourselves first: 'How am I doing in relation to this?' before we rush to condemn others. Jesus urges us to remove the planks from our own eyes first.

The end of this parable speaks to the fruits and treasures which come from people. Trees bear fruit according to what they themselves are. It is almost like saying what you put in is what you get out. If we are feeding ourselves with fake news, intolerance and hatred, then that is what will come out. If we are spending time with the Teacher, where we experience healing, forgiveness, love and inner peace, then our hearts will be filled with those qualities and they will be evident in our lives. Spending time with today's Gospel, perhaps we can examine how we feed our body, mind and spirit to ensure that we are living in a way that is not hypocritical before the Gospel message of Jesus Christ.

Trócaire Boxes: Please pick up your box in the porch this weekend, and help Trócaire "to stand against injustice, to help lives shattered by conflict and trauma". Your donations will help Trócaire to; provide seeds for a family garden; buy lifesaving medicine; create legal land boundaries; defend vulnerable people against land thefts; bring clean filtered water to families and schools; provide mental health support for refugees and much more. The motto for Lent; 'Your love can conquer fear for families in need worldwide.'

Lenten Days and Holy Week Retreat at Dromantine - 2019

16th March 'A Lenten Encounter: Looking Up and Reaching Out' led by

Fr. Damian Bresnahan SMA 10am - 5pm Cost £25 lunch included

30th March 'A Lenten Experience: Called to Renewal' by Fr. John Gallagher SMA

10am - 5pm £25 lunch included

Holy Week Retreat Wed 17th April at 5pm – Sunday 21st at 11am

Celebrating the Easter Triduum, beginning with the Seder Meal. £250 full board

Dromantine Retreat Centre, Newry BT34 1RH

Booking: Tel. 028 30821964 or admin@dromantineconference.com