

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.

Tobar Mhuire, Retreat Centre

“Finding Hope Through Dark Days - Personal Reflections on the Loughinisland Massacre”. Wed 27th March at 7pm. Is it possible to find hope in the midst of mindless violence? In this evening of conversation, Emma Rogan and other family members will share the experience of this awful event and its aftermath. Led by: Brian McKee
“Creating a Future of Hope - A Spirituality of Penance for a World in Need of Hope”. Wed 3rd April at 7pm. The Passion of Christ is enfleshed in the lived experience of people and of communities dealing with suffering and trauma. It is an act of solidarity by the God who threw his lot in with the poor. Penance, rather than an individual act of sacrifice or denial, is a response by the Christian Community to the invitation from the Cross to bring hope and meaning to lives wounded and hearts broken. Led by: Brian McKee.

SHALOM RETREAT – FRIDAY 5TH TO SUNDAY 7TH APRIL

Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne. Be a part of this exciting weekend where you will rekindle your identity in Christ! Prayer, praise, reconciliation, Mass and encouragement for the journey ahead. A retreat that will shine the light of Christ into your heart and lead you to forgiveness, freedom and healing. Book now £150 per person. Full board with coffee/tea breaks. Register at www.shalommedia.org/retreat or contact Roshni George T:07737430680 or Jacinta T:07756225114

Youth 2000 Ulster Retreat - Monaghan – 12-14th April 2019

The next Youth 2000 Ulster retreat will take place in St Macartans College in Monaghan from 12-14th April.

Venue: St Macartans college in Monaghan - Ages: 16 – 35 year olds

Cost: Donation Only!

Great CRAIC!!, Excellent Speakers, Inspiring Talks & Workshops, Fantastic music, Group activities, Youth Masses, Adoration, Reconciliation, prayer, Drama, Games & plenty of time to chill out, meet new people and find out what it means to be young & Catholic today!!

For more information, details and questions email office@youth2000.ie

Capella Caeciliana

Will present “More than Gold” a concert of sacred music in St Malachy’s Church, Alfred Street, Belfast on Saturday 30TH March 7.30pm. Tickets £12 available from Matchetts, Wellington Place and entry is free for students and under 25s. Proceeds in aid of St Malachy’s Church restoration fund.



St. Anne's Parish

Pastoral Community of Derriaghy & Colin

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17th March 2019 Year C

St Patrick, Bishop, Principal Patron of Ireland



Sunday Eucharist –

5pm Vigil and 11am

Masses this week

No Mass on Monday, Tues. to Sat. 10am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat: 10.30am & 4.30pm

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

Morning Prayer Mon & Thurs 10am

Don't forget!



New Mass Times in St. Anne's, effective from next weekend 23rd/24th March

“Coming Together As One Family”

Saturday Vigil Mass - 5pm
Sunday Mass - 11am

Full details of all the new Mass times in the Pastoral Community of Derriaghy & Colin is on our parish website.

Your Giving: Weekly Offering: £2365.71 Thank You
2nd Envelope this weekend for Needy Parishes.

Altar Society: Team A this week

We Remember Them

Recently Deceased: Chris Ferris & Tommy Hawkins

Month's Mind: Ray Geary

Anniversaries: Gretta Dow, Maureen O'Hagan, Alice McEvoy, Brigid & Leo Donnelly, Rita Cushley, Maeve Mulholland, Eilish Aldworth, Michael McGovern, Brendan & Patricia McBrien, Dinah Flannigan.

Responsorial Psalm: 138

If I dwell at the sea's furthest end, even there you watch over me

St Anne's Parish GIFT Programme

Will start back for those Year 8-11 next **Sunday 24th March** from 5-7pm in St Anne's Parish Centre. This is an opportunity to explore your faith and have fun while doing so. Please Contact Conor on 07724921847 to register interest.

BELOVED DISCIPLES

"*Spirituality for the Autumn of Life*" - An inspiring four-week DVD course facilitated by Deacon Pat McNeill. The second session will commence immediately after morning Mass on Thursday, 21st March in the Upper Room of the Parish Centre. All welcome.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Anyone who has yet to avail of Safeguarding Training can now apply for a place on line. A calendar of training dates for the rest of this year and application forms are now available on the Parish website.

When you apply for a training place would you please leave a message with the Parish Office to say that you have done so?

Thank you. The Parish Safeguarding Committee

Comhaltas Uladh – Bailúichán na Teanga

Our Annual collection to support the development of the Irish language will take place outside the Church after all masses this weekend. Thank you all for your customary generosity to our collection. Go Raibh Maith Agaibh Arís.

Slow Down for Lent, Clonard Monastery

Saturday 30th March 11am -3.30pm. Quiet prayer, gently guided reflection, led by Breige O'Hare. Space and time for you and God ... to think...to pray... to rest.Popular day - booking essential. To book, ring Clonard:02890445950.Suggested donation £5.Please bring packed lunch.



Saint Patrick



Happy St Patrick's Day! – a day when we remember the roots of the Christian faith in Ireland. There is no doubt that to be a Christian in Ireland today is difficult. Often it is easier to hide our faith, to avoid ridicule, arguments and debates which can wear us down. However, today we should take example and energy from St Patrick. His story was not a walk in the park either. We celebrate our Christian identity today and celebrate the Gospel message that a courageous Patrick brought to us, a message that was preserved and passed on; a message that is very relevant to today's world and which continues to nourish and sustain us.

Take heart from the parable of the Mustard Seed in the Gospel today. The mustard seed plant is sometimes wild and out of control. Author and activist, Shane Claiborne, compares it to kudzu, a wild vine that could blanket entire mountain areas, smother trees, even crack stone buildings and footpaths. The shrub was banned in certain areas of Palestine because of how it could completely take over gardens. When we are struggling with being a Christian in modern Ireland, feeling excluded in a world that wants to forget God, we can take courage from the parable of the mustard seed. It grew in places where it was not wanted. You might recall the people in your own life who nourished your faith and who guided you along your spiritual path. Jane Mellett.

'I arise today, through God's strength to pilot me, God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me, God's eye to look before me, God's ear to hear me, God's word to speak for me, God's hand to guard me, God's shield to protect me.' (St Patrick's Breastplate)

Trócaire Lenten campaign

"You will eat and have all you want and you will bless Yahweh your God in the fine country which he has given you." Deuteronomy 8:10.

This year's Trócaire Lenten campaign highlights the different ways land is stolen from vulnerable people in the developing world. It could be by corporate land grabs, by war or simply because they are a woman. To find out more visit www.trocaire.org

Please note stannes@downandconnor.org

Please use this email address to contact the parish office. Thank You.