

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? 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. An act of solidarity by the God who threw his lot in with the poor. Penance, 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.



SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

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 please leave a message with the Parish Office to say that you have done so? Thank you. The Parish Safeguarding Committee*

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 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 next 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

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

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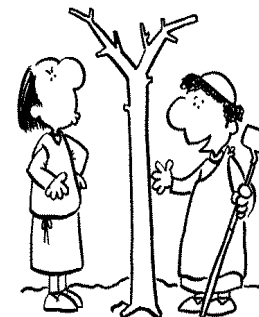
www.saintannesparish.net Email: stannes@downandconnor.org

24th March 2019 - 3rd Sunday in Lent

Sunday Eucharist– 5pm Vigil & 11am

Masses this week – Mon, Tues, Wed

& 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

New Mass Times in St. Anne's, effective from this 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 our Pastoral Community of Derriaghy & Colin is on our parish website.



Sung Lenten Evening Prayer – The Annunciation –

“A Journey with Mary”: Monday at 7.30pm

Your Giving: Weekly Offering: £1791.45 Thank You
Next week 2nd Envelope 'Church Renovation Fund'

Altar Society: Team **B** this week

New Weekly Envelopes: The new boxes of envelopes are available for collection this weekend. They are set out in alphabetical order of surnames on the front seats of the church. Please pick up your box today. If you have not had a box before, and would like to use one, please leave your details on the sheet provided in the porch of the church today.

We Remember Them

Recently Deceased: Anne Mc Cann, Bernard Brady (Bangor),
Mary (Kathleen) Calway.

Anniversaries: Michael McKee, Alphie McDonagh, Walter O'Neill,
Fr Brian Tumelty, George Cashell

Responsorial Psalm: 102

The Lord is compassion and love -

"The Future of Conscience in an Age of Intolerance"

Speakers include Nuala O'Loan (DBE), Dr. Helen Watt (Ancombe Bioethics Centre Oxford) Benedict Ó'Floinn SC, and David Smyth (Evangelical Alliance). Wellington Park Hotel, Malone Road, Sat 30th March 10am-1.30pm, £10 adults, £5 students. (includes tea, coffee & scone). To book a place or further info: ionainstituteni@gmail.com or telephone 02892646861. All welcome.

St Anne's Parish GIFT Programme

GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER We start back for those in Year 8-11 this 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 do. 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 third session will commence immediately after morning mass **Thursday 11th April** in the Upper Room of the Parish Centre. All welcome.



Remember..... .. stannes@downandconnor.org

Please use this email address to contact the parish office.

Slow Down for Lent, Clonard Monastery

Next 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 02890445950. Suggested donation £5. Please bring packed lunch.

Defend the Defenders - Free screening of a short documentary by Trócaire examining the impact of serious human rights violations by some private companies on communities in Guatemala. A short discussion will follow at The Sunflower Bar, Union St, Belfast this Tues 26th March at 7pm.

Yoga for Beginners 6 week course

starting week beginning 1st April

Monday 10.00 to 11.00 am -

Thursday 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm and 8.00 pm to 9.00 pm

For details Phone / text 07810183205 email bcafolia@ntlworld.com.

'It may bear fruit next year'

Today's Gospel brings a thorny question for Jesus, as the people ask why a number of Galileans were killed by the Romans as they made sacrifices to God. The basic question is why do bad things happen to certain people? Some Jewish leaders at the time viewed the Galileans as second-class Jews, and so they are raising more than a question about meaningless suffering here. They want to know if the Galileans suffered because they were not really 'Jewish enough.' Jesus responds with a sharp question about a recent tragedy involving those killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them. Were they worse offenders than others in Jerusalem? No. Jesus responds further by focusing on those who are still living. In the parable of the fig tree we hear that the tree is not producing any fruit and probably should be cut down. However, the owner of the vineyard agrees to one more year, during which it is given special attention.

Jesus' response to the difficult question on suffering is to focus on the living. We are still alive and therefore should be producing much fruit. Perhaps those who are questioning Jesus need, like the fig tree, much fertiliser, nourishment and growth so that they can focus on producing fruit for the world. The fig tree is blessed, and has received much grace in terms of time and care. The parable is a reminder to all of us of the nourishment and time we have been given; it is a call to examine the fruits that we produce in this world, in our communities, our families and in our church.

Jane Mellett