



St. Anne's Parish

Pastoral Community of Derriaghy & Colin

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Second Sunday of Easter

Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia

All our services will be celebrated in **private** by Fr. Peter. Mass will be celebrated for the intentions of all our parishioners.

St. Anne's:

Mass: Tues, Wed & Thurs 10am, Sunday 10am

or visit St. Colman's via www.derriaghycatholicparish.org and follow the link to a live-stream

St. Colman's

Sunday: Mass 10.30am

- You can also find resources for your use at home on our parish website www.saintannesparish.net or the diocesan website – www.downandconnor.org

Christ is Risen.....He is Risen indeed!!

St Anne's Parish Website: www.saintannesparish.net

It has been updated with all the latest information and advice on the Covid-19 (Coronavirus) - Diocesan Directives, Webcams, Prayer Resources, Praying at home, Children's Corner etc and lots lots more. Please check the website for regular updates.

Parish WhatsApp Group – Keep up to date with what is happening in our parish community and join in our parish prayer for each other at this very worrying and difficult time.....text your name and mobile number to 07714691281.

We remember them

Recently Deceased: Tom McCartney, Paddy McIlvenney, Fr. Felix McGuckin, Brendan Kelly (Dublin), Fr. Jim O'Donoghue mhm, Barbara Millane, Paddy McIlvenney, Cornelius Patrick (Tony) Kennedy.

Anniversaries: Gertie Lenfestey.

Your Giving: This weekend - **Weekly Offering**

- You may wish to set up a **Standing Order** and if so please call Barbara at the parish office – 028 90610112 and leave your details or email us on stannes@downandconnor.org

OR

- Use the **"Donate"** button on our home page of this website.

OR

- Envelopes-** Parishioners can use their weekly envelopes as usual and when Government policy allows us, we will look at measures to safely collect them. They are available for pick up in the porch of our church.

Your continued helpful generosity would be very much appreciated.

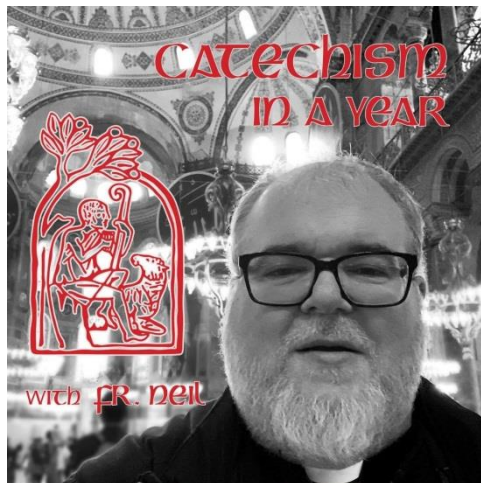
- Thank you in anticipation
- They are set out in the porch and can be picked up 11am -4pm.
- The boxes are laid out in **ALHABETICAL** order.

A Prayer for Priests during this time of the Coronavirus

Eternal God, be with our priests this day as they seek to minister to your people. May you be a guiding and protective presence with them as they bring the consolation and hope of your word and the grace and nourishment of Eucharist to those entrusted into their care. Grant them the strength of mind and body, keep them safe to do your will, and give them the courage and peace to face each day with trust and confidence in you. Into your hands O God, we commend them; fill them with your grace and healing. Amen.

Bereavement Support Group: Have you suffered the pain of loss and bereavement? Talk in confidence – call 90610112 and a member of the Group will contact you.

Accord: Conscious of those who are experiencing difficulties in their relationships and family lives during the COVID-19 pandemic, Accord has set up a support line where callers can talk to experienced couples and relationship counsellors. **Call: 028 9568 0151** 9am - 8pm, Mon to Fri.



Podcast:
Catechism with Fr Neill

Dear friends,
We hope you had a peaceful and joyful Easter break and that you and your loved ones continue to be safe and in good health.
As the lockdown and social distancing measures remain in place and many of us are self-isolating or cocooning, you may be interested to be reminded of Fr. Neil Xavier O'Donoghue's podcast, "Catechism with Fr. Neil"

Fr. Neil is a Lecturer in Systematic Theology here at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth. Each day, Fr. Neil posts a short (5-10 minute) audio podcast for the 366 days of 2020. In each episode he reads a few paragraphs of the Catechism of the Catholic Church and gives a short reflection on the passage. In this way you can listen to the whole book over the course of a year, starting at any time that suits you.

The Catechism is a great summary of the Catholic Faith that Pope St. John Paul II called a "sure reference for the teaching of Catholic Doctrine."

The Catechism with Fr. Neil Podcast is available on SoundCloud and Spotify and also in the Apple podcast store.

Details can be found on Fr. Neil's webpage: www.fatherneil.com

The feed for the podcast is available at:
<http://feeds.soundcloud.com/users/soundcloud:users:747004546/sounds.rss>

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

His love has no end!

At the heart of today's Easter liturgy, we witness God's unending love and mercy at work in the midst of very human doubt and weakness. In the Gospel, the risen Christ appears amongst the disciples in their hiding place. Blessed with the Holy Spirit, they are sent out to spread Christ's message of love, forgiveness and peace. Thomas is not with them and cannot believe what they tell him, but eight days later, Jesus returns and the reality of resurrection is revealed to Thomas in a personal way.

Gospel John 20: 19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe'.

Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you', he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand: put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God'. Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There are many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

I read the Gospel slowly. Using my imagination I enter into the scene, standing with the disciples in the upper room, cut off and isolated as many are just now. What is the mood of the gathering? I wonder ... what are they afraid of? What are my own fears at this time of global crisis? How do I feel when I listen to yet more alarming statistics on the news? I imagine Jesus suddenly being present, standing alongside me ... looking deeply into my being; knowing, loving and accepting me just as I am. Even in my doubt, Jesus is sending me to spread his love. What words of encouragement do I need to hear Jesus speak to me? What do I want to say to Jesus? I close my prayer – like Thomas, with my own declaration of belief.

Here's a text if you've only a minute ...

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Psalm

You did not see him, yet you loved him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described.

Second Reading

'Peace be with you.' - Gospel

Heavenly Father and God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. From the waters of death you raise us with him and renew your gift of life within us.

Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ and help us to grow as your people towards the fullness of eternal life with you.

Old Opening Prayer

The resurrection of Christ is the principle of new life for every man and every woman, for true renewal always begins from the heart, from the conscience.

Yet Easter is also the beginning of the new world, set free from the slavery of sin and death: the world open at last to the Kingdom of God, a Kingdom of love, peace and fraternity.

Christ is alive and he remains with us. Risen, he shows us the light of his face, and he does not abandon all those experiencing hardship, pain and sorrow.

Pope Francis