



St. Anne's Parish

Pastoral Community of Derriaghy & Colin

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12th July 2020

15th Sunday of the Year

Mass times: Sunday 5pm Vigil & 11am
Tues, Wed & Thurs 10am

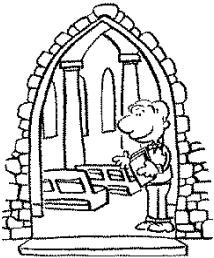
We Remember them

Recently Deceased: Danny Carberry.

Anniversary: Paschal O'Hare

Our Church has re-opened!!

Tues, Wed and Thurs 10am -12pm



Key to the reopening of the church for public masses is having **stewards and cleaners** - people who can help us all to stay safe when we come together as a faith community.

Sanitising the used areas of the church after each service will be very important, and we can always do with more volunteers to help us to do just that! If you think you would like to help, please give us a call!

Can I remind you that the **Obligation to attend mass is still suspended** and I would encourage our older parishioners and those who would feel more vulnerable, to come along to one of our weekday celebrations, as it may be less busy!

- We'll have a **OneWay System** in place, coming in the front door and exiting by the side doors. The doors will be left open for ventilation. There'll be hand sanitizers at the entrance and the seats that are available for use, while we maintain social distancing, will be clearly marked. In each of the available seats households of course can sit together.
- **Holy Communion will be distributed in the hand only**, ministers and myself will **wear face masks** and sanitise our hands before and after the distribution.
- The number of parishioners that our church can accommodate safely will be reduced somewhat because of the need for social distancing and to facilitate those who cannot enter, we have installed **speakers outside the church** and we will put in place arrangements for the distribution of Holy Communion for those outside.

This will be "our new normal" - a different way of interacting with each other and a different way of coming together to worship.....but it will be good and we will keep each other safe.....we will keep each other in prayer!

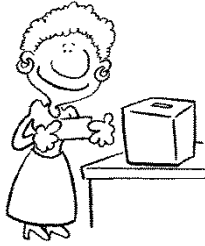
Readings

Isaiah 55:10-11. God's word is never lacking, never ineffective; the variable is our response. Human freedom is the only reality that can hamper God's word, but even then, the word is not outdone.

Rom 8:18-23. Paul mentions two types of suffering in this short reading: the sufferings that are an unavoidable part of normal life, and the 'groaning,' the restlessness and dissatisfaction that are the lot of the believer who knows that his or her heart will be restless until it rests in God.

The Gospel Mt 13:1-23. The parable of the sower is the first full parable in Matthew's Gospel (and in Mk and Lk). It is the key to understanding all the other parables. Every parable is intended to elicit a response to God's word; in every instance, Christ the sower sows his word in the heart of the listener, who must choose whether or not to bear a harvest.

Your Giving:



This w/end - **Weekly Offering**

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

OR **Donate online** to St. Annes Parish

A/C No. 07707787 Sort Code 93 83 00

OR **Envelopes**
Your continued helpful generosity is very much appreciated.

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

Thank you in anticipation

HOW TO RETURN YOUR TRÓCAIRE BOX DONATION

Simply count or estimate what is in your box and donate now in one of these four easy ways:

1. Online at trocaire.org
2. Over the phone at 0800 912 1200
3. By post to Trócaire, King Street, Belfast

OR

You can drop off your box at the parish office from Monday 27th July - 9am to 1pm or bring it along to the church at mass time and hand it in at the sacristy!

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel: Mt: 13:1-23

- 1.** Jesus uses parables to make people think about their own responses to his message. As you read this parable you may recognise that at different times you have been like each of the different types of soil. As you recall times when you presented fertile soil for the word of God, what helped you create that receptive atmosphere? What lessons for life do you get from that?
- 2.** Parents with children, teachers with pupils, speakers with listeners, are all like sowers in a field where the preparation of the soil is up to another – the child, pupil or listener. They can sow the seed but cannot guarantee that it will bear fruit. At times there may be a temptation not to try any more. The challenge is to sow in hope. When have you been surprised by the harvest you have reaped?
- 3.** 'We are wasting our time here' may sometimes be the apparent wisdom in a group. Have there been times when you have gone against this apparent wisdom and seen your efforts bear fruit?

John Byrne OSA

Moving out of Lockdown.....celebrating the Sacraments

Baptisms: We have received permission to resume the celebration of baptisms and it is hoped, that following the necessary arrangements being put in place to keep everyone safe, we will resume baptisms (one at a time, as advised!) at the beginning of August! Please email the parish office with your requests for baptism. Thank you for your patience at this difficult time.

Weddings: If you have had to re schedule a previously planned wedding, please email the parish office to update the arrangements.

First Confession & First Holy Communion: Following discussions with the St. Anne's PS staff at the end of August, we will make arrangements for the celebration of these two important sacraments.

Parish Office: Our office will re-open on Monday 27th July – Opening Hours: 9am to 1pm Mon to Fri.

Parish WhatsApp Group – Keep up to date with what is happening in our parish communitytext your name and number to 07714691281 to be added to our WhatsApp group.

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.

Pope's Intention for July: We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

Please.....I need a little help!

Do you need a helping hand...at this difficult time? Do you need some medicine picked up from the chemist? Do you require some food items to be delivered to you? Would you like someone to take the dog out for a walk? Or would you just like someone to have a wee chat with? Then please don't hesitate or be afraid to call us on 02890 610112 or send an email to stannes@downandconnor.org or use the contact form on the parish website.



“Abiding Memories: Mary Magdalene”

Short Online Course by Zoom led by Sr Pam Thimmes OSC hosted by Drumalis over 2 sessions, Sat, 1 & Sat, 8 August (10:00 am – 12:30 pm)

For further information or to book a place (£25 per person or £40 per household), please contact 028 28276455/28272196 during office hours (Mon-Fri, 9 am – 5 pm).

Details are also available on the Drumalis website - <http://www.drumalis.co.uk>

Lough Derg Lakeshore and Ancient Pilgrim Path

Walk & Pray the Ancient Pilgrim Path with the Prior on Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th July. Guided Contemplative Walk begins at noon. Approx. 4hr, 12k moderate loop. Booking essential, full details www.loughderg.org or email info@loughderg.org

URGENT APPEAL TO RETURN TRÓCAIRE BOXES



Habiba Mohamed, one of Trócaire's health workers, checks the temperature of Mohamed Abdi Ali at Luuq hospital, in the Gedo region of Somalia. Photo Trócaire

Trócaire has launched an [urgent appeal](#) for supporters to return donations from their Trócaire boxes online or over the phone, warning that a 60% decline in donations to its Lenten Appeal has put many of its life-saving programmes at risk.

The charity's biggest fundraising campaign has been severely affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, with many supporters unable to return their Trócaire boxes due to ongoing restrictions.

Trócaire's Lenten Appeal raises approximately €8m each year. Two-thirds of this money comes from Trócaire boxes distributed through schools and parishes. Travel and social restrictions – including the closure of schools and parishes – means most boxes have not been returned this year.

Trócaire today warned that unless donations from the boxes are returned, it is facing a massive funding crisis that will impact directly on the 3 million people who rely on its work overseas.



Information and awareness is important to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Here in Kenya, Clinical Health care workers supported by Trcaire are sensitising the community on COVID-19. Photo Victoria Nthenge
Trócaire CEO Caoimhe de Barra said:

“People all over Ireland fill their Trócaire boxes to support the world’s poorest people, but the closure of schools and churches means that support is not getting through.

“Thousands of boxes are sitting in homes across Ireland. Unless these generous donations are returned, we won’t be able to provide life-saving support to some of the poorest people in the world.

“We are asking our supporters to please ‘make your Trócaire box count’. Please count or estimate what is in your box and donate the equivalent amount online, over the phone or via post. Many parishes have their own local arrangements in place for collecting Trócaire boxes, so people can also contact their local parish to see if it is possible to return their box within social distancing guidelines.”

In addition to its vital ongoing programmes, Trócaire is also responding to the Covid-19 crisis. The virus is present in all 20 countries where Trócaire provides support. The charity is responding by providing support in all regions, including 11 countries in Africa - approx 100,000 Coronavirus cases have been confirmed on the continent so far.

Trócaire’s response includes providing soap, water and hand-washing stations, supporting quarantine facilities and funding expert medical care.

Trócaire CEO Caoimhe de Barra said: “The funding crisis comes at a time when we are working to reduce the spread of the Coronavirus in all 20 countries where we provide support. People in countries like Somalia and South Sudan are incredibly vulnerable to this virus, while lockdowns and travel restrictions have plunged millions more into extreme poverty.

“The contents of each and every Trócaire box, no matter how small, come together to make a significant difference to the lives of the people we help. We have done – and continue to do – so much to protect each other. Now it is time to protect the world’s most vulnerable.”

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