



St. Anne's Parish

Pastoral Community of Derriaghy & Colin

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26th July 2020

17th Sunday of the Year

Mass times: Sunday 5pm Vigil & 11am

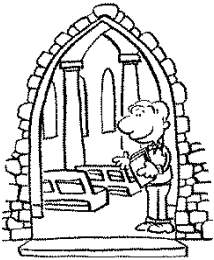
This week - Masses: Tues, Wed & Thurs 10am

We Remember them

Recently Deceased: Arthur Mathews, Fr. John Fitzpatrick.
Month's Mind: Maureen Hart 5pm Vigil, Bobby McKee 11am,
Fiona Wilson (6.30pm Sat 1st Aug Our Lady Queen of Peace)
Anniversary: Patricia, Harry & Bobby McKee.

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! 028 90610112

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!

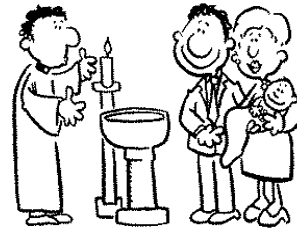
We'll have a **OneWay System** in place, coming in the front door and exiting by the side doors. There'll be hand sanitizers at the entrance and the seats that are available for use, will be clearly marked. In each of the available seats households of course can sit together.

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 and to facilitate those who cannot enter, we have installed **speakers outside the church**.

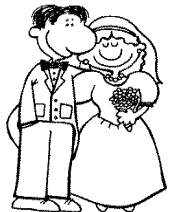
This will be "our new normal" - a different way of interacting with each other and a different way of coming together to worship.....but it will be good and we will keep each other safe.....we will keep each other in prayer!

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



Baptisms: Following the necessary arrangements being put in place to keep everyone safe, we will be resuming baptisms, one at a time, in August. Please email the parish office with your requests for baptism and we will be in touch. 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 be making arrangements for the celebration of these two important sacraments.

Readings

1Kings3:5,7-12. In the original Hebrew text of this reading, King Solomon asks God for the gift of a listening heart. Thereafter, Solomon was noted for his great wisdom, but his initial request was itself a wise one.

Romans 8:28-30. All things work together for the good of those who love God. In this short statement from the letter to the Romans, Paul teaches us about God's providence, his ability to foresee and bless all our circumstances. Our task is not to understand how God is doing this, but to trust that it is happening.

Matthew 13:44-52. The people in the first two parables sell all they own to obtain a treasure they have found. The third parable cautions us against expecting perfection, even as we receive God's gifts.



3 minute
RETREAT

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3-Minute Retreats invite you to take a short prayer break right at your computer. Spend some quiet time reflecting on a Scripture passage.

Knowing that not everyone prays at the same pace, you have control over the pace of the retreat. After each screen, a Continue button will appear. Click it when you are ready to move on. If you are new to online prayer, the basic timing of the screens will guide you through the experience.

Sacred Space app

The Sacred Space daily prayer is now available on [Apple/iOS](#) and [Android/Google Play](#) devices - you can click on the links to install the app on your device. The site is also responsive and accessible on handheld devices.

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/sacred-space-daily-prayer/id1050192048?ls=1&mt=8>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.gmail.techadmin.SSapp>



Pray As You Go is a daily prayer session, designed to go with you wherever you go, to help you pray whenever you find time, but particularly whilst travelling to and from work, study, etc.

A new prayer session is produced every day of the working week and one session for the weekend. It is not a 'Thought for the Day', a sermon or a bible-study, but rather a framework for your own prayer.

Lasting between ten and thirteen minutes, it combines music, scripture and some questions for reflection.

Our aim is to help you to:

- become more aware of God's presence in your life
- listen to and reflect on God's word
- grow in your relationship with God

The style of prayer is based on Ignatian Spirituality. It is produced by Jesuit Media Initiatives, with material written by a number of Jesuits, both in Britain and further afield, and other experts in the spirituality of St Ignatius of Loyola. Although the content is different every day, it keeps to the same basic format.

We also have a number of prayer tools, retreats and resources to help supplement your prayer life.

<https://pray-as-you-go.org/>

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel: Mt: 13:44-52



1. Have you ever found yourself saying 'that was worth it' after giving up something (time, pleasure, money, etc.)? What was the treasure that made the sacrifice worthwhile?

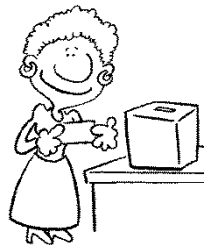
2. The 'kingdom of heaven' is when God is really the ruler in our life. What treasures have you obtained

when you allow God to be at the centre of your life?

3. In life, we gather a lot of things, some good and some bad. The wise person in the kingdom of heaven is one who knows how to sit down and make decisions on what to keep and what to discard. When have you undertaken that kind of discernment? What have you discarded? What have you retained?

John Byrne OSA

Your Giving:



This w/end - **Weekly Offering & Pastoral Services**

- 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!

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 require some food items to be delivered to you? 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>

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 Trocaire are sensitising the community on COVID-19.

“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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