

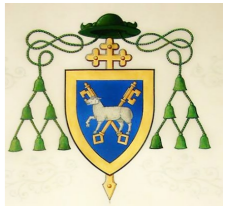


Parish of Derriaghy

(a parish within the Derriaghy-Colin Pastoral Community)



Sunday 13th September
2020
Twenty-Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time



WEBCAM TRANSMISSIONS

Mass and Divine Office will continue to be transmitted from Saint Colman's Church, by means of the web-cam facility. The timetable is as follows:

Masses
Sunday 12noon
Tuesday and Friday 10am
Divine Office
Morning Prayer of the Church
9.30 am Monday to Friday
Evening Prayer of the Church
6.00pm Monday to Friday

RESUMPTION OF SUNDAY MORNING MASSES

Sunday morning Mass takes place within the parishes of our pastoral community. The suspension of the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation continues. Parishioners can therefore attend any particular Mass during the seven days of the week.

The timetable is as follows:

St Luke's	10am
Nativity	10.30am
Our Lady Queen of Peace	10.30am
Christ the Redeemer	11am
Derriaghy -St Colman's	12noon

This represents the 'taking of another small step' towards a fuller weekend timetable.

After a few weeks, the Saturday evening vigil Masses will be re-introduced.

Baptisms: Please contact the Parish Office on 92660073. At the present time, numbers at Baptisms are limited to 10 family members-for the health and safety of others.

Weddings: -The number of people attending will be determined by the dimensions of the building, observing the two-metre social distancing rule. To book a wedding, telephone the Parish Office on 92660073.

Funeral Services and Requiem Mass The number of attendees permitted will be determined by the dimensions of the church building, while observing the two-metre social distancing rule.

HEALTH & SAFETY IN OUR CHURCHES

Parishioners will be asked to provide their name and contact telephone number, to provide for the event whereby there is a need to contact Mass attendees. Please be assured that the information contained will be stored in the strictest confidence for 21 days, and will not be disclosed to third parties. This is the practice in restaurants and many other public places.

Also: the use of face-coverings is recommended at Mass.

- Everyone must help stop coronavirus spreading.
- If you go out, stay 2 metres (6ft) away from other people.
- Avoid touching your face and wash your hands as soon as you get home. You can spread the virus even if you don't have symptoms.

Weekday Masses within the parishes of the Derriaghy-Colin Pastoral Community during this week beginning September 7th

Monday
Nativity 10am
Saint Luke's 6.30pm
Tuesday
Saint Colman's 10am
Wednesday
Saint Colman's 10am
Thursday
Saint Luke's 10am
Nativity 10am
Friday
Saint Colman's 10am
Christ the Redeemer 6.30pm

PRAYING THE DIVINE OFFICE

The Divine Office is celebrated Monday to Friday in Saint Colman's Church, and transmitted by webcam to the parishes of the Pastoral Community. Morning Prayer at 9.30am, and Evening Prayer at 6.30pm. In addition to Deacon Kevin, Deacon Pat and John Downey, if parishioners wish to volunteer for this role, please contact the parish office leaving your name and contact details. Training will be provided.

APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS

It is intended to resume vigil Masses on Saturday evenings in the parishes of the Pastoral Community in the near future. To make it possible for parishioners to attend, additional volunteers are required to act as stewards. The role will be seating Mass attendees in a safe manner, and helping to ensure that the church is sanitised before and after Mass.

Without additional help, it will not be possible to resume the vigil Masses. The existing stewards have been very generous in offering their time and energy at both the Sunday morning Mass, in addition to the weekday Masses. Please consider this role. If you would like to volunteer as a steward, please contact Arthur Scott, or alternatively Fr Brian on 02890619459 or by emailing at stlukes@downandconnor.org

Requiescant in Pace

Anniversaries:

Sean Duffy (1st.), Teresa Dempsey, Margaret Howell, Tommy Wilson, Teresa McDonnell, Margaret Wilson, John Mageean, Gerry Hassett, Bridie McAuley, Noreen Doherty, Peter Doherty, Eddie Fitzpatrick, Kathleen Branigan, Kathleen Burns, Joe McKenna, Pat Mageean, Andrew McCrea, Robert Devereux

Localised restrictions announced in response to Covid-19 increases

The Northern Ireland Executive has today decided to introduce a series of localised restrictions to stem the increase in Covid-19 cases and keep people safe.

The areas covered are:

- Belfast City Council area
- Postcode area BT28 Postcode area BT29

The town of Ballymena and postcode area BT43. The restrictions are:

- No mixing of households in private dwellings, with exemptions for: bubbling with one other household; caring responsibilities including childcare; essential maintenance, supported living arrangements; visits required for legal or medical purposes; or marriage or civil partnerships where one partner is terminally ill;
- No more than six people to gather in a private garden from no more than two households;
- Anyone living in these areas is asked to avoid unnecessary travel outside the restricted areas;
- Care homes and hospitals in these areas will be advised to significantly curtail visits as soon as practicable. One member of a family will be permitted a visit once a week while these localised restrictions apply. More frequent visits may be permitted in exceptional circumstances, including palliative care facilities and those receiving end of life care.
- Medically vulnerable and older people living in these areas are asked to be particularly careful in following the advice on limiting household contacts, social distancing, hand washing and wearing a face covering, given the local levels of

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Tuesday 29th September & Wednesday 30th September- 5pm & 7pm each evening

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday 10th October 10am & 12.30pm

Derriaghy Parish

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SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH

In recent months, all parishes of our diocese have experienced a dramatic decline in income as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. In many cases, this has had a devastating impact on finance, and will have implications for the future. Many families have also experienced hardship during recent months. The reality is that the bills keep coming in!

I wish to thank those who faithfully contributed to the parish in recent months, using their parish envelopes, standing order systems, and the 'donate button' on both the parish and diocesan websites.

The parish envelopes are available for collection after Mass this weekend-please ask the volunteer stewards to locate your envelope box at the rear church porch on the way out. For those who are not recipients of envelopes, I ask you to consider joining the standing order scheme.

I also ask regular envelope-users you to consider signing-up to commence a standing order in support of your parish also. This may be an alternative to using envelopes.

The advantages of standing order donating are as follows: it helps ensure a regular source of finance to the parish, without the need to deposit envelopes. The standing order will help ensure that three areas of need are financed:

Weekly Parish Offertory Collection- parish collections to support the fabric of the parish-buildings, maintenance, running of the parish office, staff-salaries, heat, light, insurance and other liabilities which are the regular commitments of parish life.

Monthly Offering- this collection supports the priests of the diocese. In recent months the welfare fund for priests has also experienced a dramatic decline. Priests need to be supported in order to live.

Diocesan Collections- these regular collections finance the regular diocesan support which is a necessary structure of the church. Diocesan agencies support the work of our parishes and are an indispensable framework of governance, spiritual and pastoral outreach. They include the Diocesan Curia, Marriage Tribunal, Safeguarding Office, Living Church, Family Ministry, Living Youth, Education of Diocesan Students for the priesthood and permanent diaconate and many others. To be honest, life in our parishes couldn't function without diocesan agencies and bodies!

In recent months, the very limited reserves of parishes and diocese have been used to 'plug-the gap.' This can no longer continue as it is simply not possible going forward.

Please consider signing up to the standing order facility to help YOUR parish face the immediate and medium-term future, as we continue as faith communities to pick up the pieces emerging as a result of the Covid-19 reality. Letters of invitation and forms to commence the process will be distributed next weekend at Mass. Thank you in anticipation. Fr Brian