



Parish of Derriaghy (a parish within the Derriaghy-Colin Pastoral Community)



Sunday 29th November 2020
First Sunday of Advent
Year B



PRAYER AT THE BEGINNING OF ADVENT

We celebrate the beginning of a new Church year this weekend with the First Sunday of Advent. The season of Advent is a time of anticipation and expectation as we prepare for the return of Christ at the end of time. We also wait in anticipation as we prepare to celebrate his birth at Christmas time. During these days, we should seek to make our homes places of daily family prayer.

A Prayer for the Season Advent

Come, long-expected Jesus.
Excite in me a wonder at the wisdom and power of Your Father and ours.
Receive my prayer as part of my service of the Lord who enlists me in God's own work for justice.

Come, long-expected Jesus.
Excite in me a hunger for peace: peace in the world, peace in my home, peace in myself.

Come, long-expected Jesus.
Excite in me a joy responsive to the Father's joy.
I seek His will so I can serve with gladness, singing and love.

Come, long-expected Jesus.
Excite in me the joy and love and peace it is right to bring to the manger of my Lord.
Raise in me, too,
sober reverence for the God who acted there,
hearty gratitude for the life begun there,
and spirited resolution to serve the Father and Son.

I pray in the name of Jesus Christ Amen.

BROADCAST MASS FROM SAINT LUKE'S

The Celebration of Mass will be broadcast from Saint Luke's Church, Twinbrook this coming morning (29th November) on BBC Radio Ulster at 10.15am. for The First Sunday of Advent

CHANGES TO THE MASS TIMETABLE IN OUR PARISHES ARISING OUT OF THE MOST RECENT PUBLIC HEALTH ADVICE

Beginning on Friday 27th November, for a period of two weeks, masses will take place in our churches, without a congregation present. The priests of the pastoral community will therefore offer a timetable of Masses in Saint Colman's Church, Lambeg, and the Masses will be transmitted by means of the webcam. The timetable is as follows:

**Monday to Friday 10am
Sundays 12 noon.**

Public Masses will resume on Friday 11th December

Divine Office
Morning Prayer of the Church Monday to Friday 9.30 am
Evening Prayer of the Church Monday to Friday 6.00pm

To view:
Visit www.derriaghycatholicparish.org and follow the live-stream facility

SUSPENSION OF BAPTISMS

Following on from the most recent public health legislation, the celebration of Baptism has been suspended in our parishes. The earliest possible date for their resumption will be after December 11th.

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FAMILY RESOURCES FOR THE SEASON OF ADVENT

As families, why not consider using some of the Advent Prayer Resources in the parish website. They can be used for family prayer, and in so doing, families can prepare prayerfully for Christmas.

Requiescant in Pace

Recently Deceased-
Jim Brennan, Patricia Smedley, Deborah Hughes, Conor Dickson

Anniversaries:
Malachy Eastwood, Kathleen O'Neill, Aileen McGowan, Dan Canning, Kate Weir, Frank Falvey
Eddie Bo McWilliams, Kieran McWilliams, Gordon McDonald, Margaret Carruthers, Patrick & Kathleen McAuley, Thomas & Molly McAuley, Mary Hillman, Thomas & Bridge Patty, Patrick Patty, Patrick Steen, Malcolm Sporan, Brigid Brady, Sarah & Patrick Hamill, Don Canning, Sarah White, Brigid Brady, Arthur McDonnell, James Bradley

INDULGENCES FOR THE HOLY SOULS
This year, Pope Francis, in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, has extended the period in which the customary indulgences for the Holy Souls may be obtained:

- The Plenary Indulgence for those who visit a Cemetery** and pray for the dead, even if only mentally, can be carried out on any 8 days in November. The days also can be separated from each other, i.e. this year, they don't need to be 8 consecutive days.
- The Plenary Indulgence of November 2nd (Feast of All Souls)** carried out by those who visit a church to pray for the dead, can be carried out on any particular day of November. The sick and housebound, the elderly, and for those who for serious reasons cannot leave the house, for example due to the coronavirus restrictions can also gain the plenary indulgence for the holy souls while praying at home in front of an image of Jesus or the Blessed Virgin Mary, or meditate non one of the Gospel passages or carry out a work of mercy. Traditionally, we are encouraged to pray for the dead during the particular days, including reciting the 'Our Father' and the Creed, as well as praying for the Holy Father's intentions. We need to be in the state of grace, that is, we must have attended the Sacrament of Confession and received Holy Communion recently.

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PRAYER COMPOSED BY POPE FRANCIS FOR PROTECTION FROM CORONAVIRUS

Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.
You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.
We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us:
He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.
We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.
Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

Come, O Long expected Jesus, born to set your people free;
From our fears and sins release us, Christ in whom our rest shall be.

Israel's strength and consolation, born salvation to impart,
Dear desire of every nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born your people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us forever, now your gracious kingdom bring.

By you own eternal Spirit, rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all sufficient merit, raise us to your glorious throne.