

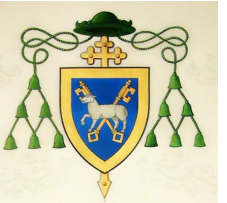


Parish of Derriaghy

(a parish within the Derriaghy-Colin Pastoral Community)



Sunday 12th December 2020
Third Sunday of Advent
'Gaudete Sunday.'
Year B



GAUDETE SUNDAY

The Third Sunday of Advent has been regarded as a day of particular joy. This Sunday is a bit unique among the Sundays of Advent. The priest may wear rose, rather than purple, vestments. We light the rose coloured candle on the Advent wreath. The Third Sunday of Advent is called "Gaudete" Sunday. "Gaudete" is a Latin word meaning "rejoice." This word is used for this Sunday because the Introit or Entrance Antiphon at Mass on the Third Sunday of Advent has the following words from the letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near" (4: 4-5).

In the Collect (the Opening Prayer) at Mass on Gaudete Sunday, we will hear the priest praying:

*"Lord God, may we, your people,
who look forward to the birthday of Christ
experience the joy of salvation*

and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving"

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah writes that "the desert and the parched land will exult; rejoice and bloom"

The theme of joy and rejoicing pervades the liturgy on the Third Sunday of Advent.

Weekday Masses within the parishes of the Derriaghy-Colin Pastoral Community during this week:

Monday

Christ the Redeemer 10am
Saint Luke's 6.30pm

Tuesday

Saint Colman's 10am
Our Lady Queen of Peace 6.30pm

Wednesday

Our Lady Queen of Peace 10am

Thursday

Saint Luke's 10am
Nativity 10am

Friday

Saint Colman's 10am
Christ the Redeemer 6.30pm

YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

Pope Francis on Tuesday last, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, issued a decree launching a special year dedicated to St. Joseph coinciding the anniversary of his declaration as Patron of the Catholic Church, hailing him as a model of fatherhood and a key intercessor in modern times.

Published Dec. 8, on the 150th anniversary of *Quemadmodum Deus* by Pope Pius IX which declared St. Joseph patron of the Catholic Church, the decree formally instituted a year for St. Joseph, which will run until Dec. 8, 2021.

"All the faithful will thus have the opportunity to commit themselves, with the help of St. Joseph, head of the heavenly Family of Nazareth, comfort and relief from the serious human and social tribulations which today afflict the contemporary world," it said.

In an Apostolic letter to coincide with the launch of the Year of St. Joseph, Pope Francis recalled Joseph's actions in the bible, noting that after the Virgin Mary, no other saint has been mentioned as frequently by popes.

Francis said the figure of St. Joseph has been on his mind in a particular way during the coronavirus pandemic, a crisis he said showed how "our lives are woven together and sustained by ordinary people, people often overlooked. People who do not appear in newspaper and magazine headlines, or on the latest television show, yet in these very days are surely shaping the decisive events of our history."

NINE BELLS TO BETHLEHEM Down & Connor Diocesan Novena

Wednesday 16th December-Thursday 24th December
Broadcasting live each evening at 7pm
via the Cathedral Webcam

This is a short time of prayer for us to come together to prepare our hearts and homes to celebrate the Birth of Our Lord

To view: visit-www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral

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USEFUL LINKS

www.ewtn.com-a Catholic TV channel offering daily Mass, Rosary, devotions and more.
www.vatican.va- The Vatican website featuring Pope Francis' Daily Mass and messages.
www.downandconnor.org-Diocesan website, featuring Bishop's messages and many links

Radio Maria Ireland- is an Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station. Prayer, Catechesis, Uplifting music, Talks, Interviews and Testimonies – all commercial free – Listen via TV on Saorview - Channel 210 and Freeview - Channel 826;

SUPPORTING YOUR PRIESTS

Please take home the information letter concerning the Priests Welfare Fund. Your priests depend on your support as parishioners in order to have the means to live. In recent months the priests welfare fund has experienced a devastating decline in income as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

For those who are envelope box users, the Christmas Voluntary Offering is taken up at the Christmas Masses. This year, the Christmas Voluntary Offering envelopes can be returned at any time during the Christmas Season. In the light of the impact of Covid-19 pandemic on the Priests Welfare Fund, please consider the upkeep of your priests this Christmas, and in the year ahead.. Thanks to those who are very mindful of their priest and donate on a regular basis.

UPDATES -r

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Churches have now re-opened for public worship as of Friday 11th December
Attendance at funerals and weddings is now determined by the seating arrangements and maximum capacity of each church building

It is crucial that we all continue to follow the public health advice in pursuit of protecting our own health and the health of others.

PRAYER FOR THE SEASON OF ADVENT

On the Sunday evenings of Advent, prayer and reflection will be transmitted from Saint Colman's Church

Why not join in the transmission to prepare prayerfully for Christmas?

The time of prayer will continue this evening at 7pm and next Sunday evening (19th December) also at 7pm

To follow the transmission:

visit www.derriaghy catholicparish.org and follow the live-stream facility

FAMILY RESOURCES FOR THE SEASON OF ADVENT

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

Visit-www.derriaghy catholicparish.org

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

The Saint Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal Collection will be taken up at Mass today (Sunday 13th December) in Saint Colman's. Please give generously to assist needy families this Christmas.

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
Obviously, a congregation will be present at each of the Masses above.

Divine Office

Morning Prayer of the Church Monday to Friday 9.30 am
Evening Prayer of the Church Monday to Friday 6.00pm
Visit www.derriaghy catholicparish.org and follow live-stream facility.

Requiescant in Pace

Recently Deceased-

Kieran Flynn, Anne McLaughlin, Mary Fox

Anniversaries:

Noreen Kerr, Elizabeth Shields, Paul Connolly, Frances Fitzpatrick (1st), Rosaleen Cullen(1st,) Gregory Fox, Ruby Larmour, Hugh Faloon, Anne Smyth, Maureen Brady, Sally Laverty, Sally Creighton, Mary Mervyn, Maura Gillen, Noel Compil-son, Michael McGinnity, Eileen McElkerney, Patrick McElkerney,