



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



Sunday 24th January 2021
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B



PRAYING FOR CHURCH UNITY

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed from the 18th to the 25th January – the octave of St. Peter and St. Paul

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2021 has been prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland. The theme that was chosen, “Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit”, is based on John 15:1-17 and expresses Grandchamp Community’s vocation to prayer, reconciliation and unity in the Church and the human family.

Today the community has fifty sisters, all women from different generations, Church traditions, countries and continents. In their diversity the sisters are a living parable of communion. They remain faithful to a life of prayer, life in community and the welcoming of guests. The sisters share the grace of their monastic life with visitors and volunteers who go to Grandchamp for a time of retreat, silence, healing or in search of meaning.

For 2021, the sisters are inviting churches across the world to enter into their tradition of prayer and silence that is rooted in the ancient traditions of the Church catholic.

PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH.

As the Church continues to celebrate this year dedicated to Saint Joseph, you may like to pray the prayer below each day

O Saint Joseph,
do assist me by your powerful intercession,
and obtain for me from your Divine Son
all spiritual blessings,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
so that, having engaged here below
your heavenly power, I may offer
my thanksgiving and homage
to the most Loving of Fathers.
Amen.

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WEBCAM TRANSMISSION

Following on from the recent suspension of public liturgies (January 8th to March 5th) Mass will continue to be celebrated and transmitted from Saint Colman’s Church, by means of the web-cam facility

The timetable is as follows:

Masses
Sunday 10am
Monday to 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

Visit- www.derriaghy catholicparish.org
and follow the livestream facility

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;

Requiescant in Pace

Recently Deceased:

Patricia Burns, Margaret McNally,
Catherine Hutchinson, Jim Callaghan, John Leonard,
Archbishop Philip Tartaglia, Bishop Vincent Logan,
Frances Smyth, Charlie O’Halloran

Anniversaries:

Michael Brennan, Eugene & Helena Casey, Gerry Haughey, Fr Gregory Cormican, Ellen Phillips, Mary Osbourne, Dorothy Hanna, Frank Maguire, Patrick Brannigan, Gerry Robinson, Anne Maguire, Etna Walsh, Dolores Boylan, Gerard Boyle, Deirdre Napier, Patricia Thompson, Elizabeth Mahon, Rita Collins, Mark Caffrey, Annie Maguire, Eldred Alfred, Alex & Mary Bailie, Greoge & Lily Fleeton, Kathleen Brolly, Brendan Byrne, George Presley, Margaret Smyth, Mary Smyth, Patrick & Ellen Herrity, Frank & Betty McCardle, Frank Slevin, Hugh Green, Mary Gallagher, Desmond Gallagher, Patrick Kelly, Alan Hill

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.

Statement by the Northern Catholic Bishops Re extension of the Covid-19 Shut-down by the Northern Ireland Executive to 5th March 2021.

Yesterday afternoon the Northern Ireland Executive took the unanimous decision to extend the current Covid-19 restrictions until Friday 5th March 2021. This decision was based on the strong recommendation of the Chief Medical Officer and the Chief Scientific Advisor, as a result of the continued extremely high level of transmission of the Covid-19 virus throughout the community (which over these last four weeks had not reduced to the level that had been hoped for), along with the increasing numbers in hospital and intensive care.

In the light of this decision, and on the basis of the clear and unequivocal public health advice that people should continue to *stay at home*, the Northern Catholic Bishops have decided that, until 5 March (but subject to ongoing review in line with any change to the public health advice), the celebration of the Eucharist and other liturgies should continue to take place without the physical presence of the faithful. Marriage, funeral, baptismal liturgies and drive-in services may continue (subject to strict safety guidelines and regulations). Arrangements for recording and/or livestreaming and making individual visits for private prayer are also permissible in accordance with regulations. We encourage parishes, where possible, to continue to broadcast the celebration of Mass - and other devotions and prayer services - online and on other media, knowing that faith and prayer can be a tremendous support to individuals and society during these difficult times.

We once more make this decision reluctantly, conscious of the pain that not being able to gather for public worship causes for all the faithful, but in the hope that this period of sacrifice is inspired by the command of Jesus to love our neighbours and undertaken for the protection of life and health and for the Common Good.

We continue to ask for prayers for the sick, the bereaved and all those whose livelihoods have been particularly impacted by the pandemic. We keep especially in mind all health workers, carers, chaplains and other essential workers. We welcome the announcement that a similar position is being taken by the leaders of the Church of Ireland, the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, the Methodist Church in Ireland and many other denominations and faith communities in response to the unequivocal message from public health authorities that as many people as possible stay at home at this time.

Most Rev Eamon Martin DD
Archbishop of Armagh & Primate of All-Ireland
Most Rev Noel Treanor DD
Bishop of Down and Connor