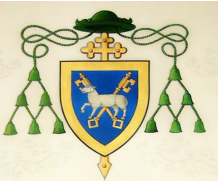




Parish of Derriaghy (a parish within the Derriaghy-Colin Pastoral Community)



Sunday 3rd January 2021
Second Sunday of the Christmas Season—Year B



A PRAYER AT THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW YEAR

God of all time, help us enter the New Year quietly,
thoughtful of who we are to ourselves and to others,
mindful that our steps make an impact and our words carry power.
May we walk gently.
May we speak only after we have listened well.
Creator of all life,
help us enter the New Year reverently,
aware that you have endowed every creature and plant, every person and habitat
with beauty and purpose.
May we regard the world with tenderness.
May we honour rather than destroy.
Lover of all souls,
help us enter the New Year joyfully,
willing to laugh and dance and dream,
remembering our many gifts with thanks and looking forward to blessings yet to come.
May we welcome your lavish love.
In this new year, may the grace and peace of Christ
bless us now and in the days ahead..
Amen

WEBCAM TRANSMISSIONS

All Masses celebrated in Saint Colman's Church are transmitted by means of the webcam facility at the following times:

Sunday 12noon
Tuesday 10am
Friday 10am

Divine Office
Prayer from the Divine Office is also celebrated in Saint Colman's and transmitted at the following times:

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.derriaghy catholic parish.org and follow the live-stream facility.

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 10m

Thursday
Saint Luke's 10am
Nativity 10am

Friday
Saint Colman's 10am
Christ the Redeemer 6.30pm

SUPPORTING YOUR PRIESTS

The priests of the diocese 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* envelopes can be returned at any time during the Christmas Season. If you are not an envelope box user, you can still donate to the collection using a standard envelope marking on it '*Christmas Voluntary Collection*.' In the light of the impact of Covid-19 pandemic on the Priests Welfare Fund, please consider the upkeep of your priests this Christmas Season, and in the year ahead.. Thanks to those who are very mindful of their priest and donate on a regular basis.
The Monthly Stipend Collection in support of the priests of the diocese will be taken up at Masses this weekend.

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS During the month of January, Pope Francis invites us to join him in prayer for the following intention:

-that the Lord may give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, and open to all.

DERRIAGHY PARISH

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Requiescant in Pace

Recently Deceased: Gerard Boyle, Anne-Marie Kirk, Rose Walsh

Months Mind: Sam Gibson
Anniversaries:

Father Liam Mullan, Tony McCrory, James Hoare, Angela Bradley, Kathleen Brolly, Joseph Osbourne, Rose Treanor, Paddy Byrne, Terry O'Neill, Liz Kennedy, Alec Doodall, Vera McKenna, Godfrey Hayes, Margaret McVeigh, Cornelius Fitzpatrick, Alex Bailie, Philip Campbell, Charles Flanagan, Cecelia Sally, Mick Hoey, Veronica Belshaw, Aidan Colgan, Mary Walker, Gerard Whitehead.

Diocesan Guidelines in pursuit of protecting Health at this time

Persons displaying Covid-19 symptoms should not attend Church-symptoms include temperature, persistent cough, loss or change in sense of taste and smell.

The frail and vulnerable are advised to not attend church at this time

Those attending church should rigorously follow public health advice in relation to hand and respiratory hygiene- hand sanitiser is available in churches.

Face coverings must be worn in church.

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;

Bishop Noel Treanor's New Year's Message 2021 World Day of Peace

"The path of peace and reconciliation will require new acts of courage and prophetic witness to help us navigate the residual undercurrent of fear that continues to influence our society."

Each year, Pope Francis publishes a Peace Message drawing attention to the project of reconciliation and justice at the heart of Catholic Social Teaching. In his 2021 Message entitled "A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace", Pope Francis encourages us all to re-calibrate our 'compass of social principles'.^[1] Realigning our values to the values of the Gospel draws us closer to Christ and his people. Recognising the dignity of the human person and caring for the other is the beating heart of all Catholic Social Teaching.

2020 has been an extremely difficult year as we have faced together the Covid-19 crisis. This global pandemic has revealed how interconnected we and the entire human family are. The virus has indiscriminately affected persons across all territorial borders and all sectors of society. This health crisis has also aggravated already existent inequalities, poverty, migration, and economic adversity. Many have experienced hardship and suffering. We especially remember all those who have lost family members or loved ones.

The experience of the past year has made it clear, sometimes painfully, that the decisions and actions of individuals affect the lives of everyone. It is not possible to fully anticipate the legacy of this global pandemic upon society at large and upon families and individuals, businesses and charitable agencies closer to home.

On behalf of the local Church, I pay tribute to all the medical personnel, doctors and nurses, pharmacists, chaplains and all frontline workers who have sacrificed much to alleviate suffering and to save lives. While we are still in the midst of a global pandemic and need to remain ever vigilant to the contagious threat of the virus, the seedlings of hope are emerging with the roll out of vaccination programmes.

The resilience of the human spirit, grounded in our ability to adapt and respond to the changing circumstances of our time and supported by those who love us, provides the foundations to move forward with hope and a greater sense of security.

The year ahead 2021 in Northern Ireland will also be marked by tremendous uncertainty as we withdraw from the European Union and as we reflect upon the Centenary foundations of the Partition of Ireland. This context generates discussion and reflection on identity and identities, on cultural heritage and on the foundations and societal structures of Northern Ireland. We are all aware that the combination of such circumstances creates uncertainty. Fuelled by fear, this uncertainty can also amplify fault lines and create tension across communities.

For these reasons, more than ever, a culture of care as a pathway to peace is necessary. All of us, political leaders, educators, citizens and faith leaders should make a concerted effort to build upon the legacy of peace, achieved through sacrifice and constructive dialogue. The path of peace and reconciliation will require new acts of courage and prophetic witness to help us navigate the residual undercurrent of fear that continues to influence our society.

I extend my heartfelt blessing to all across the Diocese of Down and Connor and beyond and I pray that the coming year may build upon and nurture the foundations of peace and reconciliation.

**+Noel Treanor
Bishop of Down & Connor.**