



Parish of Derriaghy

(a parish within the Derriaghy-Colin Pastoral Community)



Sunday 7th February 2021
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B



CURRENT REGULATIONS CONCERNING PARISH OUTREACH

As a result of current restrictions to curb the spread of Covid-19, the following regulations are in place concerning parish celebrations:

Sacrament of Baptism:

Please contact the Parish Office on 92660073. At the present time, numbers at Baptisms are limited to 6 family members for the health and safety of all concerned.

Sacrament of Matrimony:

The number of people attending is currently limited to 25 persons. To book a wedding, telephone the Parish Office on 92660073

Funeral Services and Requiem Mass

- numbers limited to 25 persons at present.

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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: Michael Kerr, Bernadette Press, Lena Kane, Stephen Heuston

Months Mind:

Mary McIlhone, Martin McCann,
Stephen Heuston

Anniversaries:

Moya Doudican, Annie Thompson, Patrick Hunter, Frank Casey, Jean McDermott, Ryan Hunter, Brendan Doherty, Brendan McGrath, Robert McAlea, Gerard O'Neill, Madeleine Collins, Gerard McGarry, Madeline Murray, Teresa Casey, Nora Hoey, Pat Brannigan, William Ward, Noel Worring, Tom & Patricia Largan

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES

This Friday, 11th February we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. It is also World Day of Prayer for the Sick. We ask for the prayers of Our Lady for all those who are sick, especially those suffering the ill-effects of Covid-19 and many other conditions. We pray for health-care staff and family members, and all who carry out the corporal work of mercy of tending to the sick.

O ever-Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy,
health of the sick, refuge of sinners,
comforter of the afflicted,
you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings;
look with mercy on me.

By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes,
you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary,
whence you dispense your favours;
and already many sufferers have obtained
the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal.

I come, therefore, with complete confidence
to implore your maternal intercession.

Obtain, O loving Mother, the grant of my requests.
(mention your petition)

Through gratitude for your favours,
I will endeavour to imitate your virtues,
that I may one day share your glory.
Amen.

PARISH DRAW MEMBERS

Thanks to those parishioners who are regular members of Derriaghy Parish Draw. It is an important source of income for the parish. If members change address, please notify the parish office so that our records can be updated, and so that that your winnings can arrive at the correct address!!!!

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

CELEBRATING THE SEASON OF LENT

On the Sunday Evenings of Lent,
beginning 21st February.

Sunday Evening Devotions

will be broadcast from Saint Colman's Church
at 7pm each week.

Comprising: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament,
Evening Prayer of the Church, a Meditation for the
Season of Lent and Benediction of
the Blessed Sacrament

SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH

A sincere word of thanks to those who regularly donate to their parish, either by means of the standing-order facility, or alternatively by using the 'Donate-Button' on the parish website. Your contributions ensure a regular income for the parish, particularly during this period of lockdown.

Fr Brian

Administrator of Derriaghy Parish