

Parish of Derriaghy

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Permanent Deacon: Reverend Kevin Webb

Confessions:

Saturday 5.15-5.45pm

Baptisms:

First Sunday of Month at 1.00pm
Celebrant: Deacon Kevin Webb
Please contact the Parish Office to
book preparation course and baptism

Funerals:

By Arrangement
Contact parish office or Fr. Brian

Marriages:

By Arrangement.
Six months notice must be given
Please contact Parish Office or Fr. Brian

Contacting a Priest in an Emergency

Contact the Parish Office on 02892 660073
or Father Brian on 02890 619459

Parish Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9.00am-12noon

Derriaghy Parish Pastoral Council

Contact: email-derriaghyppc@downandconnor.org

MASSES DURING THIS WEEK:

All Masses at usual times in all parishes of the Pastoral Community
The Sunday evening 5pm Mass in Christ the Redeemer Church has resumed.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Wednesday's 10am - 9pm, Fridays 10am - 6pm.

Parish Collections last week: Weekly offering **£845.00** Loose Plate **£452.00**

Second Collection: In Support of the Church on the Mission Fields

The Annual Mission Sunday Collection will be taken up at Masses this weekend.

Counters this week: *Team 4*

We pray for our beloved dead: May they rest in peace.

Recently Deceased: Months Mind:

Anniversaries:

Edward Burns, Catherine Burns, John Donnelly

Teresa Graham, Patrick & Kathleen Grant, Eileen Scott , Sally McCartney

MISSION SUNDAY

It is World Mission Sunday, a day when the entire Church comes together for a truly incredible celebration of solidarity, Today, every single parish around the world shares what they can, so that the vital work of the Church and our missionaries can continue. Since its declaration as a Papal Collection in 1926, the Mission Sunday Collection for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith has helped build thousands of Churches, supported missionaries, helped build schools, train catechists, provide catechetical materials, vestments, sacred vessels and many other necessities for use on the mission fields. Through your extra generosity, you are offering much needed financial help to missionaries who dedicate their lives to this who are suffering and neglected. As we continue to celebrate this *Extraordinary Month of Mission*, we are reminded that everyone has a part to play in this missionary work. In fact, we are called to make Christ Jesus known in our world. We are 'baptised and sent' into the world. In future generations, will there be family members of ours who will give thanks for the efforts that we made to pass on the precious gift of faith to them?

HARVEST THANKSGIVING-During the weekend of 26th/27th October, we intend to celebrate the harvest, giving thanks to God for all that we have received, especially the fruits of the earth. During the preceding week, parishioners are asked to donate fruit, vegetables and flowers to decorate the Church. As the items will be 'perishable,' it is important that fruit and vegetables are fresh. It is recommended that they be deposited in St. Colman's Church on the Friday afternoon or Saturday morning. Volunteers are required to help decorate the Church at 2pm on Saturday 27th October! Please come along if you wish to decorate the Church with the donated produce. Flower-arrangers and those with a flair for decoration are particularly welcome. After

the weekend celebration, the food items donated will be in turn donated to the Lisburn Food Bank. This initiative will 'kick-start' the pre-Christmas campaign in Derriaghry parish, cooperating with the Lisburn Food Bank to provide sustenance for those most in need.

HELPING CHILDREN GROW IN FAITH The ministry of Children's Liturgy has been an important part of the fabric of life and the faith formation of the children in our parish for many years. We are at risk of losing this ministry within our parish for want of volunteers. We would be losing an important tool of evangelisation and valuable part of the faith formation of our children, if this ministry were to cease in our parish. Children grow in faith through the efforts of family, parish and school, who together pass the light of our Christian faith on to them, the leader of Children's Liturgy of the Word plays an important role in helping our children to hear what God is saying to them. Other skills needed can be developed through time. . The Living Church office provides ongoing development to Children's Liturgy Leaders every year, as well support to individual groups where required. At present, we are seeking a co-ordinator and a team of volunteers to lead this ministry in Derriaghry Parish. The larger the number of volunteers the better, as a rota could be developed, sharing the responsibilities fairly and ensuring space between sessions for each leader. Young people may link it to their John Paul II award, a retired person with a bit of time to spare, or anyone else in between. If you think you would like to come forward to save this ministry in our parish, please contact the parish office on 02892660073 or email the Parish Pastoral Council at derriaghyppc@downandconnor.org

RECEPTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT For those who have a gluten intolerance, low-gluten hosts are available to be consecrated at Masses. For those who have absolute intolerance, there is also the opportunity to receive the Precious Blood from the chalice. Please inform Tony the sacristan before Mass.

PRAYER FOR THE CHILD IN THE WOMB

Lord Jesus, you are the source and lover of life.

Reawaken in us respect for every human life.

Help us to see in each child the marvellous work of our Creator.

Open our hearts to welcome every child as a unique and wonderful gift.

Guide the work of doctors, nurses and midwives.

May the life of a mother and her baby in the womb be equally cherished and respected.

Help those who make our laws to uphold the uniqueness and sacredness of every human life, from the first moment of conception to natural death.

Give us wisdom and generosity to build a society that cares for all.

Together with Mary, your Mother, in whose womb you took on our human nature, help us to choose life in every decision we take.

We ask this in the joyful hope of eternal life with you, and in the communion of the Blessed Trinity. Amen.

OUR CHRISTIAN DUTY TO PROTECT HUMAN LIFE The Northern Ireland Bishops remind us of our duty to protect and promote human life. Pro-Life Packs are available to take home after Masses this weekend. Please take home and send the postcards contained in the packs directly to your local MLA. All the information required to do this is contained within the packs. It is important that the voices of Christians be heard in public debate at this critical time. Time is of the essence as the deadline for the restoration of the power-sharing executive at Stormont looms! We must also intensify our prayer for this very important issue; we pray that the lives of unborn babies will be spared that politicians discover a profound respect for the precious dignity of human life. The pro-life packs are available for collection in both Church porches.

November Dead Lists As the month of November approaches, please take home a November Dead List to record the names of your loved ones. Once completed, please return and place the envelope containing the list and the offering in the November Dead Box in the Church.

Do This In Memory Programme 2019-2020 Our parish based programme "Do This In Memory" for P4 children preparing for First Eucharist will start on **Sunday 3 November 2019** at the 12 Noon Mass in St Colman's Church. If you were unable to attend the recent information evening **you can still register your child for the programme** by collecting a registration form at the front porch. **Completed registration forms should be handed in at the Sacristy.**

October Month Of The Rosary the Fatima Statue is available to anyone wishing to promote family prayer in the home especially the Rosary. If you are interested in having the statue in your home please leave your name, address and telephone number in the Church or parish office.

Parish Bethany Support Group: providing a listening ear to the bereaved. Drop-in facility in parish centre lounge Centre last Thursday of each month 7:00 -8:00pm. Home visits can also be arranged. Contact 07555194939.

PARISH MINISTRIES the list of our existing Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion is being refreshed to ensure it is complete. It would be appreciated if you could email your contact details to arthurscott.scott@btinternet.com and also indicate your preference for either the Vigil or 12 Noon Mass or both. The list of our existing Ministers of the Word is also being refreshed to ensure it is complete. It would be appreciated if you could email your contact details to arthurscott.scott@btinternet.com and also indicate your preference for either the Vigil or 12 Noon Mass or both. Other parishioners who are interested in becoming Ministers of the Word should send their name and contact details to the parish office.