

First Sunday of Advent Year A 1st December 2019

Parish of Derriaghy

(a parish within the Derriaghy-Colin Pastoral Community)

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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

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Parish Office Hours

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

Derriaghy Parish Pastoral Council

Contact: email-derriaghyppc@downandconnor.org **Website:** www.derriaghy catholicparish.org

Masses in the parishes of the Derriaghy-Colin Pastoral Community this week:

Normal Timetable applies during this week.

Mass will be celebrated in Saint Patrick's Church, Barnfield Road, this Thursday evening at 6.30pm

Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesday's 10am - 9pm, Fridays 10am - 6pm.

Parish Collections last week: Weekly offering £1529

Loose Plate £340

Parish Centre Maintenance £548

Second Collection

Monthly Stipend

Counters this week: Team 2

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

Recently Deceased

Kathleen O'Neill, Aileen McGeown

Anniversaries:

Malachy Eastwood, Don Canning, Frank Falvey

Eddie Bo Williams, Gordon McDonald, Margaret Carruthers

Patrick & Kathleen McAuley, Thomas & Molly McAuley, Mary Hillman

Thomas & Bridget Patty, Patrick Patty, Patrick Steen, Bridget Brady

Sarah & Patrick Hamill, Malcolm Sporrán, Kieran McWilliams

Do This In Memory Our Do This In Memory Programme continues on Gaudete Sunday 15 December 2019 at the 12 o'clock Mass. The parents and children will also be invited to bring the figurine of Jesus from their family crib to Mass so it can be blessed.

Saint Vincent de Paul Annual collection will take place the weekend 7th & 8th December.

Little Oaks Pre-school invite all children entering their final pre-school year in September 2020 to their open day on Wednesday 4th December 2019 12:30 – 13:30pm.

P1 September 2020: in a change this year and to coincide with the new EA admissions arrangements, we **will be having an Open Afternoon on Wednesday 8th January 2020**. Parents of prospective P1 pupils can contact the school office for an invitation. Invitations will be sent out early December with full details of times etc.

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.

Carol Service The seminarians of the Redemptoris Mater Seminary, Dundalk will visit St. Luke's parish on Sunday 8th December at 7pm to celebrate their annual Carol Service in Saint Luke's Church. We look forward to visit as they help us prepare for Christmas. Please come along and support the Seminarians as they prepare for priesthood.

Holy Father's Intentions For This Month During the month of December, the Holy Father, Pope Francis asks us to join him in prayer for the following intention: That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

We celebrate the beginning of a new Church year this weekend with the First Sunday of Advent. The season of Advent is a time of anticipation and expectation as we prepare for the return of Christ at the end of time. We also wait in anticipation as we prepare to celebrate his birth at Christmas time. During these days, we should seek to make our homes places of daily family prayer.

A Prayer for the Season Advent

Come, long-expected Jesus.

Excite in me a wonder at the wisdom and power of Your
Father and ours.

Receive my prayer as part of my service of the Lord
who enlists me in God's own work for justice.

Come, long-expected Jesus.

Excite in me a hunger for peace: peace in the world,
peace in my home, peace in myself.

Come, long-expected Jesus.

Excite in me a joy responsive to the Father's joy.
I seek His will so I can serve with gladness, singing and
love.

Come, long-expected Jesus.

Excite in me the joy and love and peace
it is right to bring to the manger of my Lord.
Raise in me, too,
sober reverence for the God who acted there,
hearty gratitude for the life begun there,
and spirited resolution to serve the Father and Son.

I pray in the name of Jesus Christ Amen.

Advent Penitential Service Derriaghly Parish will host an Advent Penitential Service on Sunday 15th December at 3.30pm in Saint Colman's Church. Priests from the parishes of the pastoral community will attend to help us prepare for Christmas as we celebrate the Sacrament of Confession.

Sacred Music for Mass

Vigil Hymns Be Still, Emmanuel

Advent Appeal – Lisburn Foodbank. A reminder of the last collection, this Sunday 1st December including the Vigil.

Towards Bethlehem: An Advent Journey with Mary and Joseph – Please come along to the second week of our **Advent Programme at 7pm on Thursday 5th December in the Parish Centre Lounge**, where we will be contemplating the **Annunciation to Joseph** through Scripture, art, poetry and discussion. *If you have the time, come along for a cuppa and a chat beforehand. Tea and coffee will be served in the Lounge from 6.30pm each evening of the course, for a prompt 7pm start. Everyone welcome!*

Preparing for Christmas - Bambinelli Sunday – 15 December 2019: Gaudete Sunday is the 3rd Sunday of Advent. Gaudete means “rejoice” and on this Feast Day we rejoice because we are almost at Christmas, the day where we celebrate the coming Jesus into the world, the greatest gift we have ever been given. This year to mark the Feast, our parish will join with parishes around the world, in celebrating the tradition of Bambinelli Sunday. We invite each family in the parish to bring the figurine of Jesus from their family crib to the Vigil or 12 o'clock Mass on **15 December**, where they will be blessed. Further information about the tradition of ‘Bambinelli Sunday’ is available from our parish website or the poster on the noticeboard.

Apostolic Work (Derriaghly) wish to acknowledge a further very large donation of £1000 from a very generous Parishioner. We are most grateful and have forwarded the amount to Xavier House for distribution of Mission needs

First Saturday Devotion of Reparation as requested by Our Lady of Fatima will take place in St Joseph's Church, Killough, Chapel Street, BT30 7QJ on **Saturday 7th December:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8.30am; Sacrament of Reconciliation from 8.30 to 9.45am; Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 9.00am; Meditation on the Mysteries of the Rosary at 9.30am, Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 10.00am.