

Second Sunday of Advent Year A 8th December 2019

Parish of Derriaghly

(a parish within the Derriaghly-Colin Pastoral Community)

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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

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Parish Office Hours

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

Derriaghly Parish Pastoral Council

Contact: email-derriaghlyppc@downandconnor.org

Website: www.derriaghlycatholicparish.org

Masses in the parishes of the Derriagh-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: will end on Wednesday 18th January at 9pm, it will resume on Wednesday the 8th of January after 9:30 Mass

Parish Collections last week: Weekly offering £670.94 Loose Plate £354.96

Monthly Stipend £769.36

Second Collection

St. Vincent de Paul annual collection

Counters this week: Team 3

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

Recently Deceased

Irene Doherty

Anniversaries:

Sarah White, Mary Hillman, Patricia Steen

Mary Carton, Brigid Presley, Marie McGrath

Paula Grant, Raymond Phillips, Molly Fitzpatrick

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 this weekend 7th & 8th December.

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.

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.

News Items for more news please visit our website. www.derriaghcatholicparish.org

Carol Service The seminarians of the Redemptoris Mater Seminary, Dundalk will visit St. Luke's parish this 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.

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 Derriaghy 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.

The annual Christmas Carol Service organised by St. Dominic's Past pupils' Union will take place at **7.30pm on MONDAY 16th DECEMBER** in St. Dominic's Grammar School. Donations to St. Vincent de Paul.

Sacred Music for Mass

Vigil Hymns Emmanuel, The Lord's my Shepherd

Towards Bethlehem: An Advent Journey with Mary and Joseph – Please come along to the third week of our **Advent Programme at 7pm on Thursday 12th December in the Parish Centre Lounge**, where we will be contemplating the **Visitation** through Scripture, 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.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES I **in the parishes of the Derriaghy-Colin Pastoral Community**

Sunday 15th December

Saint Colman's 3.30pm

Monday 16th December

Saint Luke's 7pm

Tuesday 17th December

Our Lady Queen of Peace 7pm

Wednesday 18th December

Saint Anne's 7.30pm

Thursday 19th December

Nativity 7pm

Friday 20th December

Christ the Redeemer 7pm

Priests from the parishes of the Pastoral Community will visit each parish on the respective evenings to help us prepare for Christmas as we attend the Sacrament of Confession.

