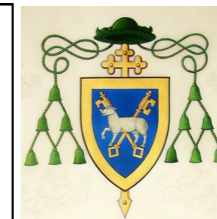




# Parish of Derriaghy

(a parish within the Derriaghy-Colin Pastoral Community)



Seventh Sunday of Ordinary time Year A



Fr. Brian McCann Administrator of Derriaghy Parish  
 Parish Priest of Saint Luke's, Twinbrook  
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 Derriaghy Parish is served by the five priests of the Pastoral Community  
 Permanent Deacon: Reverend Kevin Webb

**Mass Times: in Saint Colman's**  
 Saturday evening Vigil 6pm  
 Sunday 12noon  
 Tuesday 9.30am, Wednesday 9.30am, Friday 9.30am

**Mass Times in Saint Patrick's**  
 First Thursday of Month 6.30pm  
 Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion remaining Thursdays at 6.30pm

**Confessions:**  
 Saint Colman's Saturday 5.15-5.45pm  
 Fridays: after 9.30am Mass

**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-derriaghy@downandconnor.org](mailto:email-derriaghy@downandconnor.org)  
 Website: [www.derriaghycatholicparish.org](http://www.derriaghycatholicparish.org)

**UNITED IN PRAYER IN THE COMMON PURPOSE OF CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE**

The liturgical season of Lent helps us prepare for the great feast of Easter, and for the forty days of Lent, we commit ourselves in a special way to prayer, almsgiving, denial of self and ego, and acts of penance. It is, essentially, an act of prayer extended for forty consecutive days that takes us on a spiritual journey that, hopefully, will bring us closer to God. The number 'forty' is mentioned well over a hundred times in the Bible as it held special spiritual relevance in both the Old and the New Testaments with regard to periods of preparation, testing or probation. Think of the forty days and nights Moses spent on Mount Sinai before God gave him the Ten Commandments and, in the New Testament, the forty days that Jesus spent in the desert before He began His public ministry. Aside from the fast and abstinence days of Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, anything we give up or taken on to do during Lent may be considered self-disciplinary in nature and are often more effective if we see them through. As part of its apostolate, the Pioneer Association has a Short-Term Pledge section for adults over the age of eighteen years. This enables a person who does not wish to make a life commitment to total abstinence to take a pledge for a limited period of time. Many people who have problems with alcohol over-consumption have used this pledge to help them, while others want to do something uplifting or challenging for themselves or for others for a particular season of the year, i.e., for Lent, for the month of the Holy Souls in November or for Advent, in preparation for Christmas. Many of these 'Short-Term Pledgers' have gone on to become longer-term and frequent members. Many have used it to buttress their resolution to stay 'dry' for a particular month for their own personal reasons. If you feel that you can and would like to take the pledge for the six weeks of Lent, please go online at [www.pioneerassociation.ie](http://www.pioneerassociation.ie) and follow the links to join. A small fee applies if you wish to have the Pioneer emblem and the registration card.

**MASSES IN THE DERRIAGHY-COLIN PASTORAL COMMUNITY DURING THIS WEEK**  
 All weekday Mass-times as usual.  
 Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion in St. Patrick's Church, Barnfield Road on Thursday evening at 6.30pm  
 Please note: no 9.30am Mass in St. Colman's on Wednesday morning as evening Mass will be celebrated at 7pm

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASS-TIMES IN THE PARISHES OF THE PASTORAL COMMUNITY**  
 Saint Luke's 10am & 7pm Christ the Redeemer 10am  
 Nativity 10am Our Lady Queen of Peace 9.30am  
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**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Saint Colman's**  
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**Requiescant in Pace**

**Recently deceased**

**Anniversaries:**  
 Alison Slater (1st anniversary) 6:00pm  
 Gerry Keelan, Teddy O'Neill (12:00)  
 Terence & Brigid Doran, Mary Carr  
 Mary Josephine Falvey, Evelyn Nulty, Gerard Phillips  
 Sadie Kerr, Dominic Kerr, Elizabeth Teresa Jerrett  
 Catherine Largan, Tom Largan, Joan Coggan

**PARISH CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS**

**Sacrament of Confirmation**  
 Tuesday 24th March 11am  
**Sacrament of First Confession**  
 Wednesday 4th March 1.15pm  
**Sacrament of First Holy Communion**  
 Saturday 16th May 10am

Please keep the children, their parents, sponsors, teachers and school-staff in your prayers in the coming weeks.

**Rev Fr Paul Byrne Celebration of Service to Derriaghy Parish** As part of our Celebration event on 29<sup>th</sup> February and we want to recognise his service to our Community. It would be great if any Parishioner could share some of their memories of Fr Paul in photos from Weddings, Baptisms etc. We would like to put together a montage to share on the night. So, if you have any photos that you are happy to share, could we ask you to email to the Pastoral Council by Saturday 22nd February.  
[derriaghyppc@downandconnor.org](mailto:derriaghyppc@downandconnor.org)

**GREETINGS FOR FATHER PAUL**  
 Parishioners are invited to record their personal greetings and appreciation to Father Paul in advance of the Mass and presentation on 29<sup>th</sup> February A Book of Greetings is located on tables in both church porches for this purpose. You may like to record thanks in your own words on behalf of yourself or your family. Please do so either before or after Mass this weekend. The Book of Greetings will then be presented to Father Paul.

**What are you doing for Lent?**  
 'No Greater Lover' is a 5 week Lenten Programme that will help us prepare for the celebration of Easter. Across the 5 weekly sessions we will have the opportunity to walk step-by-step with Jesus, from his agony in the garden of Gethsemane to his Crucifixion. To help us on our journey we will watch a series of short informative video presentations, filmed on location in the Holy Land. Each session will last 90 minutes. During this time we will have the opportunity to pray together and to share our thoughts with other parishioners from the 6 parishes within our Pastoral Community. Coffee and tea will be provided. Each session will be presented twice during each week, commencing: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 7.30pm in St Anne's Parish Church Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am to noon in Christ the Redeemer Parish Church. (other sessions in our Pastoral Area to follow)

**Church Banners –**  
 Simple felt banners have added a much needed splash of colour to the interior of our church of late, and more banners need to be made for various times in the Liturgical Cycle. If you feel you could be of assistance in any way; from design, to cutting out materials, to machine or hand stitching, please email the Parish Pastoral Council at [derriaghyppc@downandconnor.org](mailto:derriaghyppc@downandconnor.org), or give your details to a member of the Parish Pastoral Council or to Celine in the office.

**Special Belfast Christmas Pilgrimage to the Holy Land €1,899 and 20<sup>th</sup> July for 8 nights €1,725** Taking in Bethlehem, Jerusalem Mount Tabor, Cana, Nazareth, Jericho, River Jordan, Dead Sea and Sea of Galilee. Contact James Treacy 00353860572216 or 0035361921470 or office 0035318783111

**SAINT COLMAN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
 109 Queensway, Lambeg Principal: Mr Stephen Baine tel; 02892678908

**LITTLE OAKS PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP**  
 111 Queensway Lambeg Principal: Ms Denise Ui Chathmhaoi tel: 02892605090

**REGISTRATION FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY**  
 Children's Liturgy within the parish will recommence on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March at the 12pm Mass. Children from Primary 1 to Primary 4 are welcome to attend. In order to comply with Diocesan safeguarding requirements, parents who would like their children to attend will need to complete a registration form which can be found in the front porch of the church or downloaded from the parish website.

**The Parish Safeguarding Committee:**  
 Since 2006 the Parish Safeguarding Committee (PSC) has been active within our Parish. The main role of the PSC is to create a **SAFE ENVIRONMENT** for children, young people, vulnerable adults, volunteers and church personnel within the Parish. To this end all volunteers must undergo vetting and regular safeguarding training appropriate to their role. The Diocese of Down and Connor takes seriously all concerns, suspicions and allegations of child or vulnerable adult abuse made against any member of the clergy, staff or volunteers. If you have a concern or suspicion that you wish to raise or if you wish to make an allegation of abuse you may do so by contacting one or other of the following agencies - The PSNI, Social Services, the NSPCC or the Church, through the Diocesan Designated Liaison Person. Further information about the protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults within the Parish and the Diocese along with contact details for the above agencies can be found in the safeguarding leaflets now available in the front porch of the Church.

**Parish Finance**  
 Last weekend's **Offertory Promise Collection** came to **£949.36** (envelopes £689.85), (loose plate £259.51)  
 Sincere thanks to those who support their parish!  
 Sick & Retired Priest collection £604.87

Parish Centre Maintenance Collection will be taken up at Masses this weekend

Counters for this coming week: **Team 6**

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**BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**  
 Members of the Bethany Group attend funerals, visit the homes of the bereaved, pray for and with families, and offer a listening ear to those who are experiencing a bereavement  
 A 'drop-in' facility operates on the last Thursday of each month 7-8pm in the lounge of the Parish Centre.  
 Alternatively you can contact Bethany Group on 07555194939