

CHRISTMAS MASSES IN OUR PARISHES

Christmas Eve

A Christmas Eve Vigil Mass for the parishes of the Pastoral Community will be celebrated in Saint Colman's Church at 7pm. This Mass will be celebrated without a congregation present.

Please encourage your family and children to view the transmission of the Mass; to view, visit www.derriaghycatholicparish.org and follow the live-stream facility.

Christmas Day

A Christmas Day Mass will be celebrated in each of the parishes of the pastoral community. Parishioners can attend the Mass, but only for as many parishioners as the church can legally accommodate

Saint Luke's Church	10am
Church of the Nativity	10.30am
Our Lady Queen of Peace Church	10.30am
Christ the Redeemer Church	11am
Saint Colman's Church	11am

Please note: When the maximum capacity is reached in a particular church, it will not be possible to admit any one else. **The maximum capacity in OLQP Church is 66**

It is important that if parishioners are considering attending Mass on Christmas Day, they not travel to other parishes. This will simply lead to greater risk of over-capacity in those parishes.

Masses during the Christmas Season

26th December Saint Colman's 1pm-by webcam(not a public Mass) visit www.derriaghycatholicparish.org to follow live stream

Sunday 27th December

Saint Luke's 10am Nativity 10.30am Queen of Peace 10.30am Christ the Redeemer 11am Saint Colman's 12noon

Monday 28th Christ the Redeemer 10am

Saint Luke's 6.30pm

Tuesday 29th Nativity 10am

Queen of Peace 6.30pm

Wednesday 30th Queen of Peace 10am

Saint Colman's 6.30pm

Thursday 31st St Luke's 10am

Nativity 6.30pm

Friday 1st January

Saint Colman's 12noon

Christ the Redeemer 6.30pm

Sunday 3rd January

Saint Luke's 10am Nativity 10.30am Queen of Peace 10.30am

Christ the Redeemer 11am Saint Colman's 12noon

Diocesan Guidelines in pursuit of protecting Health at this time

Persons displaying symptoms should not attend Church

The frail and vulnerable are advised to not attend church at this time

Those attending church should rigorously follow public health advice in relation to hand and respiratory hygiene– hand sanitiser is available in churches.

Face coverings must be worn in church.

Parishioners are strongly advised to consider attending Mass on any particular day during the Christmas Season in order to prevent over-crowding at Mass on Christmas Day,

Parish stewarding teams will be in place to help ensure the welfare and safety of those attending Mass over the Christmas Season.

An important aspect of their role is to ensure that the maximum capacity of the church is adhered to,

All Masses celebrated in Saint Colman's Church, Lambeg are live-streamed. Please consult the timetable of Masses in Saint Colman's is you wish to avail of the webcam facility or visit www.derriaghycatholicparish.org

NINE BELLS TO BETHLEHEM

Down & Connor Diocesan Novena

Wednesday 16th December-Thursday 24th December

Broadcasting live each evening at 7pm

via the Cathedral Webcam

This is a short time of prayer for us to come together to prepare our hearts and homes to celebrate the
Birth of Our Lord

To view: visit-www.churchsrvices.tv/stpeterscathedral

PRAYER FOR THE SEASON OF ADVENT

On the Sunday evenings of Advent, prayer and reflection will be transmitted from Saint Colman's Church

Why not join in the transmission to prepare prayerfully for Christmas?

The time of prayer will continue this evening at 7pm and

Sunday 19th December at 7pm

To follow the transmission:

visit www.derriaghycatholicparish.org

and follow the live-stream facility

CHRISTMAS WISHES

The priests of the parishes of the Derriaghy-Colin Pastoral Community wish all parishioners a happy and holy Christmas, and God's blessing on your families. Please continue to keep Father Aidan in your prayers at this time.

FAMILY RESOURCES FOR ADVENT

As families, why not consider using some of the Advent Prayer Resources on the diocesan website. They can be used for family prayer, and in so doing, families can prepare prayerfully for Christmas.

Visit downandconnor.org or alternatively -www.derriaghycatholicparish.org

SUPPORTING YOUR PRIESTS

Please take home the information letter concerning the Priests Welfare Fund. Your priests depend on your support as parishioners in order to have the means to live. In recent months the priests welfare fund has experienced a devastating decline in income as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

For those who are envelope box users, the Christmas Voluntary Offering is taken up at the Christmas Masses. This year, the Christmas Voluntary Offering envelopes can be returned at any time during the Christmas Season. In the light of the impact of Covid-19 pandemic on the Priests Welfare Fund, please consider the upkeep of your priests this Christmas, and in the year ahead.. Thanks to those who are very mindful of their priest and donate on a regular basis.