

Parish of Derriaghy

St. Patrick's Church



Sunday Mass
11.00am

St. Colman's Church



Sunday Mass
Vigil 6.30pm. 10.00am & 12noon

Weekday Masses: See inside bulletin.

Holy Days: Vigil 7.30pm. 10.00am in St. Colman's Church.

Confessions St. Colman's Church on Saturday 5.45pm – 6.15pm.

Baptisms: 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month. One month's notice required

Marriages: Three months notice is required – six months is preferable.

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5th September 2010

23rd Sunday of the Year

You hear them in the street, on buses and on trains: mobile phone conversations. They can be annoying; for two reasons at least. First, some users of phones seem to think it necessary to shout into them presumably because of the distance between themselves and those at the other end.

Second, you get only a 'halfalogue' – one side of the conversation.

Scientists at Cornell University, New York, claim that hearing only one half of a conversation is more draining on one's attention than hearing all of it.

They experimented with students who were given concentration exercises while hearing one or two speakers on mobile phones. Their conclusion: people are less able to divert their attention from a half-heard conversation than from a fully heard one.

Half of anything rarely satisfies. It can even be irksome. It's the whole hog or nothing. The same can be said for half-hearted effort. Take today's Gospel reading for example. It ends on a note that could be sombre, or joyful, depending on the generosity of one's response to it: 'None of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.' What a prospect! You can't follow Jesus half-heartedly. It's total commitment, or no commitment. To put flesh on that, it means there can be no Jesus-free zones in my life; that nothing in life is more important than the values he holds out to me.

Therefore, I don't sacrifice these, ever, for anything else.

I wonder how many of us get that part of the conversation.

Masses for this Week: 9.30am Tues. Wed. Friday. 7.30pm Thurs. 10.00am Saturday.



Rest in Peace

We pray for all recently deceased,
and for those whose anniversaries are at this time,
Seamus Nelson, Patrick Quigley
Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them O Lord.

Parish Collections Last Week: Weekly Collection £986. Parish Centre Fund £557.
Trócaire Collection for Pakistan £3128. *Sincere thanks for your generosity.*
This week counters: Team 7

Parish Sacramental Courses 2010/2011 for children who do not attend parish schools.
Parishioners wishing to enrol their children should register now for the course beginning
in September by contacting the parish office on 9266 0073.

Derriagh Apostolic Work Annual Collection in Aid of the Missions. Envelopes will
be distributed this weekend and may be returned today or next weekend after all the
Masses. Thank you for your continued generosity to this worthy charity.

Altar Society. A new rota for Altar Society members is now displayed on the Church
notice board. We appreciate the efforts of those who give of their time to keep God's
house tidy. *Thank you.* If any parishioner would like to help in this service to our
parish, please contact the parish office.

Ladies Craft Class will recommence on Monday 6th September 10.30/12.30pm. New
members are very welcome.

St. Colman's Lambeg Indoor Bowling Club will re-commence on Monday 6th
September at 7.30pm in the parish hall. New members will be made most welcome.

Parish Walking Group Some interest has been shown in forming a Parish Walking
Group which it is hoped can cater for various levels of recreational walking. Any
parishioner interested is invited to attend an information evening on Wednesday 8th
September in the parish centre at 7.30pm.

Project 2030 Friends & Faith Group- End of Summer Reflection.

Sunday 19th September 2010. Are you in your thirties or forties?
Interested in meeting others from parishes in and around Down and Connor ?
Everyone is invited to our End of Summer Reflection, for time out to relax from their
busy lifestyles, and make new friends, at the Poor Clare Monastery Retreat Centre,
Belfast at 2.00pm . Further information, 07751347559 Mon – Fri 6.00-7pm.9043 1381.

St. Patrick's Academy, Lisburn. A limited number places are available in our Post 16
A Level courses. Anyone interested please contact the school 9266 4877

Gift Aid. Our Parish Inland Revenue claim for April 2010 was:
£14,487.76 from envelope donations, and £5,938.59 from donations made to St.
Patrick's Restoration A total payment of £20,426.34.
Our sincere thanks to all those parishioners who have made this claim possible.
Help boost the Parish income by signing a Gift Aid form today, copies available in
the porch. Both Gift Aid forms and boxes of envelopes are available anytime from
the parish office.

Gift Aid Scheme - What is it?

Gift Aid is a simple, Government Initiative which allows us to increase the value of
your donations – at no extra cost to you!! For every £1 you give us, we can claim
another 28p back from the Tax Man. So in fact your donation increases to £1.28.

Can You Gift Aid? If you are a UK Taxpayer and pay Income Tax/Capital Gains
on your wages, occupational pension or investments then you can Gift Aid.

Don't want the Tax Man looking at your affairs? He is already looking, simply
because you pay tax. The money you donate via Gift Aid is the same as us taking
back some of what you paid in Income Tax.

Our Faith : Our Church: Do you want to grow in relationship with God and in an
understanding of your faith? Why not join us for a 12-week course on Monday
evenings in St Mary's University College? Good teaching in plain English.

The course is designed to help us to deepen our relationship with God and to grow
in our understanding of our faith and its place in our daily lives. Please contact
Claire, Family Ministry Office 90492777 or familyministry.dc@btconnect.com

PATHWAYS Adult Faith Development Programme at Drumalis

The principal purpose of this programme is to offer a space for reflection and
discussion about Life, Faith and Ministry. The course also offers participants
spiritual and theological formation, which will enable them to explore their faith
with greater confidence. No academic qualifications are necessary.

This two-year programme supported by the Diocese of Down and Connor and the
Koch Foundation runs from September to May each year and will be held on nine
Saturdays from 10:00 am - 4:30 pm at Drumalis. For further information and
application form, contact Drumalis – 028 2827 2196/2827 6455 (during office
hours) or email maura@drumalis.co.uk

Application forms are also available online www.drumalis.co.uk

National Grandparents Pilgrimage Sunday 12th September at Our Lady of Knock
Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo. Chief Celebrant: Bishop John McAreavey, Bishop of
Dromore. Further details on church notice board.

Feast Days This Week:

Wednesday 8 th September	Birthday of Our Lady.
Thursday 9 th September	St. Peter Claver.