



# DERRIAGHY-COLIN FAMILY OF PARISHES

Churches within the Family of Parishes: Nativity, Christ the Redeemer, St Colman's, St Patrick's, Our Lady Queen of Peace, St Luke's



Sunday 1st December 2024  
First Sunday of Advent  
Year B



**CLERGY WITHIN OUR FAMILY OF PARISHES**  
**Priests:**  
 Fr Brian McCann-resides at St Luke's  
 Fr Rory Sheehan-resides at Our Lady Queen of Peace  
 Fr Robert McMahon resides at Christ the Redeemer.  
**Permanent Deacons within the Family of Parishes:**  
 Rev Kevin Webb, Rev Patrick McNeill, Rev John Downey.

**PARISH OFFICES WITHIN OUR FAMILY OF PARISHES**

**Christ the Redeemer Parish Office**  
 12 Lagmore Drive, BT17 OTG  
 Tel: 02890309011  
 Email: christtheredeemer@downandconnor.org  
 Hours Monday to Thursday 9am-2pm  
 Friday 9am-1pm

**Derriaghy Parish Office**  
 111 Queensway, Lambeg, BT27 4QS  
 Tel: 02892 660073  
 Email: derriaghy@downandconnor.org  
 Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9am-12noon

**Nativity Parish Office**  
 Located at St Luke's Church, Twinbrook Road, BT17 ORP Tel: 02890625739  
 Email: nativity@downandconnor.org  
 Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10am-1pm

**Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish Office**  
 130 Upper Dunmurry Lane, BT17 0EW  
 Tel: 02890616300  
 Email: ourladyqueenofpeace@downandconnor.org  
 Hours: Tuesday to Friday 9.30am-1pm

**Saint Luke's Parish Office**  
 Located at St Luke's Church, Twinbrook Road, BT17 ORP  
 Tel: 02890625739  
 Email: stlukes@downandconnor.org  
 Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10am-1pm

**SUPPORTING YOUR CHURCH**  
 There are two collections at Mass this weekend:  
**1. Weekly Offering in support of your parish.**  
**2. Weekly Offering in support of your priests.**

Thanks for your generosity to recent parish and diocesan collections and

**FOR THOSE WHO USE PARISH ENVELOPES**

For those who use Offertory Promise Envelopes (parish envelope boxes,) it would be helpful to the parish counters if you kindly used the 'amount enclosed' box on the front of the envelopes. It greatly speeds up the counting process!  
 Thank you.

**CONTACTING YOUR PRIESTS**  
 To make contact with a priest in an emergency, or to report a death of a parishioner, please contact the following parish offices/presbyteries:

Nativity Parish Office 90625739  
 St Luke's Parish Office 90625739  
 Christ the Redeemer Parish Office 90309011  
 Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish Office 90616300  
 Derriaghy Parish Office 92660073

**MASS TIMETABLE FOR THE DERRIAGHY-COLIN FAMILY OF PARISHES**

**Sunday Mass Times**

Saint Luke's Saturday Evening Vigil	Saturday	6pm
Nativity	Sunday	10am
Our Lady Queen of Peace	Sunday	10.30am
Christ the Redeemer	Sunday	11am
Saint Colman's	Sunday	12 noon

**Weekday Mass Times**

**Mondays**

Christ the Redeemer	10am
Saint Luke's	6.30pm

**Tuesdays**

Saint Colman's	10am
Our Lady Queen of Peace	6.30pm

**Wednesdays**

Our Lady Queen of Peace	10am
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**Thursdays**

Nativity	10am
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**Fridays**

Saint Luke's	10am
Christ the Redeemer	6.30pm

**PRAYER IN OUR CHURCHES— EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
 You are very welcome to come along to pray in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament:

**Monday**  
 11.30am-6pm in the Adoration Room at St Luke's (please note: after 3pm access obtained through door at back of the church which is clearly sign-posted)

**Wednesday**  
 10.30am-12noon Our Lady Queen of Peace (private prayer)  
 10am-11am Nativity  
 2pm-4pm Christ the Redeemer

**Friday**  
 10am-11am Nativity  
 10.30am-11.30am St Luke's  
 St Colman's 10.30am-6pm

St Luke's Church is also open for private prayer at the following times:  
 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10am-3pm  
 Christ the Redeemer Church is open for private prayer Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 10am-1pm

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION**  
 Within our Family of Parishes, the Sacrament of Confession is available:

**Monday**  
 Christ the Redeemer after 10am Mass  
 St Luke's after 6.30pm Mass

**Tuesday**  
 St Colman's-After 10am Mass  
 Our Lady Queen of Peace after 6.30pm Mass

**Thursday**  
 Last Thursday of each month during the celebration of the Divine Mercy Holy Hour in Church of Nativity 7-8pm

**Friday**  
 St Luke's after 10am Mass  
 Christ the Redeemer after 6.30pm Mass

**PRAYER GROUPS**

*Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle*  
 St Colman's Church on Tuesdays after 10am Mass

**IN SUPPORT OF HUMAN LIFE**  
 We pray especially for those contemplating having an abortion, that they would be reminded of the hope God brings and His fundamental desire for our good. We pray also that as a society we would become channels of God's hope, providing support to all pregnant women.

**Saint Mary's Pro-Life Group**  
 Praying for the child in the womb, mothers and families.  
 The Prayer Group meets monthly St Mary's Chapel Lane at 7pm in a welcoming atmosphere with tea/coffee provided.  
 Come along and join us in prayer and friendship (entry via Marquis Street.)

**ADVENT-A SEASON FOR NEW BEGINNINGS**

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. Amen.

**THE JUBILEE YEAR IS FAST APPROACHING!!**  
*-praying with the Gospels-*

The Church's Jubilee Year 2025 begins in four and a half weeks time with the opening of the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica in Rome by Pope Francis at the Christmas Eve Mass. The Jubilee Year, occurring every 25 years will continue until the celebration of the Epiphany of Our Lord, 6th January 2026. The theme, chosen by Pope Francis is 'Pilgrims of Hope.' Visit [www.jubilee2025](http://www.jubilee2025) to find out the latest news about it.

To prepare for the Jubilee Year, we are offering something novel during the Season of Advent this year: Advent Devotions will take place across the churches of our Family of Parishes on the Sunday Evenings of Advent at 7pm. The dates and locations are as follows:

**Sunday 1st December-First Sunday of Advent**  
 Saint Colman's 7pm

**Sunday 8th December-Second Sunday of Advent**  
 Our Lady Queen of Peace Church 7pm

**Sunday 15th December-Third Sunday of Advent**  
 Nativity Church 7pm

**Sunday 22nd December-Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
 Christ the Redeemer Church 7pm

The time of prayer will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Prayerful Reflection on the Gospel of the particular Sunday focussing on the approaching Jubilee Year. The Jubilee Year Prayer composed by Pope Francis will also be prayed with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**  
 -Holy Day of Obligation-  
 This year as 8th December falls on a Sunday, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception will transferred to Monday 9th December.

*Masses within our Family of Parishes:*

10am in Christ the Redeemer  
 6.30pm in St Luke's

**DOWN & CONNOR DIOCESAN TRUST**  
**Derriaghy Parish**  
**Vacancy: Caretaker**  
 Responsibilities will include:  
 Maintenance, cleaning and upkeep of Parish Buildings and grounds area  
 Ensuring inside and outside of buildings are presentable at all times  
 Acting as the first line response to reactive repairs, carry out minor repairs.  
 Terms: 15 hours p.w. Work pattern to be agreed with Administrator of the Parish. Availability to work flexible hours is required including evenings, weekends and occasional anti-social hours.  
 Rate of pay-£11.44 gross per hour  
 For full details visit [www.downandconnor.org](http://www.downandconnor.org)-JOB VACANCIES  
 Closing date 12noon on 10th December 2023

**POPE'S INTENTIONS**  
 During the month of December, the Holy Father invites us to join with him in prayer for the following intention:  
*-Let us pray that the coming Church Jubilee Year 2025 strengthens us in our faith; helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.*

*Requiescant in Pace*  
**Recently Deceased:**  
 Fr Brendan McMullan P.E. Colin Loughlin, Eileen McConville, Collette McAlister, Maria Keenan, Molly Morgan.

**Months Mind:**  
 Carolyn McAteer, Maire Bethel

**Anniversaries:**  
 Patrick McAteer, Eileen McGonigle, Lena Taylor, Kathleen Weir, Frank Bracken, Joseph Burke Mary Dunlop

**INTER-CHURCH ADVENT SERVICE**  
 In Saint Colman's Church of Ireland, Church Avenue, Dunmurry at 6.30pm. Come along and pray with fellow Christians as we celebrate the beginning of this holy season. For those who wish to partake of a choir practice prior to the service, please come along for 5.15pm

**CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS CONCERT**  
 Sunday 15th December  
 7.30pm in Our Lady Queen of Peace Church  
 Featuring: Margaret Keys-international award winning soprano  
 Also featuring the choirs of Our Lady Queen of Peace Primary School, St Clare's Primary School and Dunmurry Primary School  
 Scala String Orchestra, pianist: Cathal O'Doherty & Queen's University Orchestral Players  
 Tickets £15 available on 02890 616300 or eventbrite.ie

**HELPING THE NEEDY THIS CHRISTMAS**  
**Saint Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal** will take place in all of the churches of our family of parishes on Saturday 7th/Sunday 8th December.

**Christmas Fayre** will take place after 11am Sunday Mass and after 10am Mass on Sunday 1st/ Monday 2nd December in the foyer of Christ the Redeemer church. Organised by Marie Lavery-all proceeds to Saint Vincent de Paul.

**Christmas Cards** on sale of the foyer of Nativity Church in support of the St Vincent de Paul.

**Christmas Cards** on sale in the foyer of St Luke's Church after Mass including images from the church crib and the stained glass featuring the birth of Our Lord. Pack assorted cards priced at £1.50 in aid of parish funds.

**Christmas Cards** on sale in St. Colman's Church featuring religious images in support of Saint Vincent de Paul.

**Food Bank-** Consider those who will be hungry this Christmas by donating food items. Deposit point for foodbank is at Christ the Redeemer Church.

**In support of the Missions-** beautiful hand-crafted crib set created by the members of the Knit 'n' Natter group at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church. Ballot tickets £1. All proceeds to the Apostolic Work Society.

**Appeal on Behalf of Cenacolo Addiction Community.**  
 The Cenacolo Addiction Community is totally dependant on divine intervention, and is totally reliant on donations from the community. Items which you could donate include: Washing powder, bleach, pasta, pasta sauces, breakfast cereals, socks, underwear, shaving foam, deodorant, shaving blades, toothpaste & soap. Many thanks in anticipation.

**RADIO MARIA IRELAND**  
 Christmas Fundraiser! Join us on Thursday 5th December in the Balmoral Hotel, Belfast. Doors open on the night at 6pm followed by a four course meal, live music information about Radio Maria and its Mission, Vision and how it can help support the faithful across the island of Ireland today. Why not come along and enjoy a great night and help a charity! To book your ticket (recommended £60/€65 per person) go to [Eventbrite.ie](http://Eventbrite.ie) or to book over the phone or for more information, call the studio on 00353 1 4 123456 or more info (inc. the other Fundraisers) on [www.radiomaria.ie](http://www.radiomaria.ie)

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