



# St. Anne's Parish

*Pastoral Community of Derriaghy & Colin*

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*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

*29<sup>th</sup> April 2018 Year B Psalter 1*

*First Reading Acts 9:26-31*

Not surprisingly the disciples are slow to trust Saul. We're told that Barnabas stepped in and introduced Saul to the apostles and he then started to go around them and eased his acceptance into the community. But Saul runs into difficulty and under threat of death "the brothers sent him to Tarsus".

**Responsorial Psalm: 21**

**You, Lord are my praise in the great assembly -**

*Second Reading 1 John 2:18- 24*

Again we encounter the twin emphasis of 1 John: believing in Jesus as the Son of God and loving one another are inseparable. This theme calls loudly from the pages of the New Testament.

*Gospel Reading John 15:1- 8*

The vine and the branches is quite a startling image of the Church that is both dying and rising to new life, continuously: "every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away – every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to bear even more". But, and this is critical, all this cutting and pruning, painful as it may be, is not random – it's the work of the vinedresser.

**Recently Deceased**

*Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:*

Veenie Gillen, Vincent Connolly, Paul McAuley, Brendan Kelly,  
Alex Mitchell who died recently.

Maura O'Reilly, Catherine Quinn, Margaret Carruthers whose anniversaries are at this time and those whose names are in the Book of Remembrance.

**May they rest in peace. Amen**

## Celebrating the Liturgy

### Weekend Mass Times:

Sat. (Vigil) 6.30pm  
Sunday: 10.00am & 12 Noon

### Confessions:

Saturday after 10.00am Mass  
5.30 - 6.15pm

### Weekday:

Monday 7.30pm  
Tues - Sat. 10.00am

### Adoration of the Blessed

#### Sacrament:

Wed. & Thurs. 10.30am – 9.00pm  
Sat. 10.30am – 12.00 Noon

### Divine Office:

**Morning Prayer:** Mon. 10.00am  
(Followed by Rosary)

Thurs: 10am (followed by Mass)

### Marriage:

6 months' notice required  
Please contact Fr McGrady

### Baptism:

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month at 1.15pm

Contact the parish office to book – One month's notice is required.

## MASS for OUR CHILDREN WHO HAVE DIED AT THE DAWN OF LIFE

**MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> May - 7.30pm**

*Losing a loved one is the most excruciating pain, and the loss of a child is the most unexplainable pain ...*

*The journey through grief has many parts and one is to remember.*

*St Anne's parish family wish to remember with you.*

If you have lost a child before birth, just after birth or in early childhood - recently or in past years, we invite you to a special Mass to remember your child, see the book of remembrance and take the opportunity of placing a flower in our garden of remembrance.

There will be time afterwards for a cup of tea and to meet other families.

Members of the Bereavement Support Group will also be available.

If you wish to place a name or remembrance in the Book for our Children who died at the dawn of life, please call the parish office, or we can take details on the evening

## Dunmurry Presbyterian Spring Fair

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 10am – 12noon**

Admission £4 & children free, includes tea, coffee & refreshments. All welcome!

## Bereavement Support Group – Have you suffered the pain of Bereavement?

If you wish to talk in confidence – please ring the parish office 90610112 and a member of the Group will contact you.

## Parish Finance –

The **Weekly Collections** amounted to: **£2047.98**

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity.

Altar Society, Church Cleaners: **Group C this week.**

### ' St Anne's Eucharistic Adoration Committee

Are looking for new volunteers to cover the following hours on:  
Wednesdays at 2-3, 5-6 and 6-7pm and: Thursdays at 12-1.00 and 6-7pm.  
This is to help maintain Perpetual Adoration as it currently stands.  
If interested please contact David on: 07922481687

### Ministry of The Word

Would you like to become a Reader at the 6.30pm Saturday evening Mass,  
If so, please contact the parish office for further details.

### Important Notice

We are updating our parish register and would ask parishioners to let us know if you have moved house within the parish or if you are registered for Offertory Envelopes and have not received your box as yet. If you are not registered and would like to do so and also contribute to the upkeep of the parish through weekly envelopes please contact the office. We would also like to ask the parishioner who is contributing the envelope number 577 to contact the parish office in order that we can update our records.

An accurate parish register helps us in planning for the future. Many thanks.

### Invitation to Baptism Sunday

The Parish Baptismal Team, are having a little Prayer Service and Blessing for parents and families who have had a child baptised in the past year.  
Fr Feargal will preside and the Service will be followed by light refreshments in the Parish Centre and will last no more than an hour.

We hope you and your family will join us for this special occasion on:  
**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 3 pm in St Anne's Church.**

As the World Meeting of Families is taking place in Dublin in August and Pope Francis will be present, it would be great if you would consider this Baptism Prayer Service as an important occasion for your family to celebrate the Gift of Family. All your family will be most welcome.  
To help us with catering we ask that you contact the Parish Office or Sacristy or by email : [office@saintannesparish.net](mailto:office@saintannesparish.net)

### Fatima Statue Apostolate

(organised by the Legion of Mary St Anne's & Derriaghy Parishes)  
May, being the month of Mary, the Legion of Mary are offering the statue of Our Lady of Fatima to be brought to homes within the parish, perhaps you have a special intention!

To promote family prayer in the home.

The statue will be used as a focal point to recite some or all of the Rosary with family, friends or neighbours

The power of prayer can change and enhance our lives.

*If you would like to bring the Fatima Statue to your home details on the cards in the porch.*

### STAND UP FOR LIFE

The FINAL rally to show our support for the 8th Amendment will take place on 12th May in Merrion Square in Dublin at 2pm. The event will be preceded by a large canvass event across Dublin from 11-1pm. The 8th Amendment has saved tens of thousands of lives. With a referendum taking place on 25th May to remove protection from unborn babies, please make every effort to attend the Stand Up For Life Rally and encourage others to do likewise. The Rally will demonstrate all that is great about Ireland's 8th Amendment and showcase the many reasons why we should vote No to abortion on 25th May. Your presence is vital.

### CHOOSE LIFE:PRAYER FOR THE CHILD IN THE WOMB

Lord Jesus, you are the source and lover of life.

Reawaken in us respect for every human life.

Help us to see in each child the marvellous work of our Creator.

Open our hearts to welcome every child as a unique and wonderful gift.

Guide the work of doctors, nurses and midwives.

May the life of a mother and her baby in the womb be equally cherished and respected.

Help those who make our laws to uphold the uniqueness and sacredness of every human life,

from the first moment of conception to natural death.

Give us wisdom and generosity to build a society that cares for all.

Together with Mary, your Mother, in whose womb you took on our human nature,

Help us to choose life in every decision we take.

We ask this in the joyful hope of eternal life with you,  
and in the communion of the Blessed Trinity. Amen

### One World Fairtrade Stall

Will take place in the Parish Centre this weekend after all Masses 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> April

### Community Dementia Care NI

A social activity group run by Volunteers is held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month from 1pm – 3pm in the Coffee Bar, Christ Church, Lisburn  
The person with dementia must be accompanied. For further information contact:  
Maureen 07867525453 or Una 07752149913

### Living Church Down & Connor Lough Derg Pilgrimage

The *sixth* Living Church Lough Derg 3 day Pilgrimage will take place this year from **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June to Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018**. The pilgrimage will be the traditional three day format. Those who took part in the pilgrimage over the last few years spoke of the many blessings they received from being on the island of Lough Derg, as countless people have throughout the years. There is quietness and deep spirituality to be found there that is very special. Please consider coming along. The cost of the pilgrimage is **£65**.

*We are now offering two departure points Belfast and Ballycastle.*

For details of travel arrangements and to book a place please call the **Living Church Office on 02890690920** or email [livingchurch@downandconnor.org](mailto:livingchurch@downandconnor.org) by **15<sup>th</sup> June**.  
**Registration forms on request from Living Church Office or your Parish Office**