



# St. Anne's Parish

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5<sup>th</sup> July 2020

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year

**St. Anne's Mass: Tues , Wed & Thurs 10am  
Sunday 5pm Vigil & 11am.**

**We Remember them**

**Recently Deceased:** Joe Burns, Catherine Martin, Anne Graham.  
**Anniversary:** Artie Ferguson

**Our Church is reopening!!**

**Tues, Wed and Thurs 9.30am-12pm**

**Reopening of St. Anne's**



Over the past number of days we have been preparing for the reopening of the church. We have set up a Covid 19 Support Team to organise preparations and to oversee their implementation and verification.

Through the WhatsApp group I made an appeal for volunteers to help and I'm grateful to those who have expressed their willingness to assist.

Key to the reopening of the church for public masses is having **stewards and cleaners** - people who can help us all to stay safe when we come together as a faith community.

Sanitising the used areas of the church after each service will be very important, and with sufficient volunteers, that shouldn't take more than 15-20 mins!

**I would like to renew that appeal and in particular to ask for younger members of our parish to help out. Maybe your son or daughter would be available? Get in touch with me through a personal message or phone call and let me know.**

I'm hoping that we can reopen for mass **this Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July** and to that end I would ask those who would volunteer their services to come along to the church on **Monday evening at 7pm** for the necessary training and induction.

Can I remind you that the **Obligation to attend mass is still suspended** and I would encourage our older parishioners and those who would feel more vulnerable, to come along to one of our weekday celebrations, as it may be less busy!

We'll have a **OneWay System** in place, coming in the front door and exiting by the side doors. The doors will be left open. There'll be hand sanitizers at the entrance and the seats that are available for use, while we maintain social distancing, will be clearly marked. In each of the available seats households of course can sit together.

**Holy Communion will be distributed in the hand only**, ministers and myself will **wear face masks** and sanitise our hands before and after the distribution. In order to facilitate our safety, **we will distribute Communion at the end of mass**, as you are leaving the church.

The number of parishioners that our church can accommodate safely will be reduced somewhat because of the need for social distancing and to facilitate those who cannot enter, we are having **speakers installed outside the church** and we will put in place arrangements for the distribution of Holy Communion for those outside.

**It will be "our new normal" - a different way of interacting with each other and a different way of coming together to worship.....but it will be good ..... and we will keep each other safe.....**

and the measures we take will mitigate against the transmission of the virus, which is still very present within our community and will continue to be for some time!

**So Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July is our planned reopening day for public mass.....we have missed you! See you soon! God bless!**

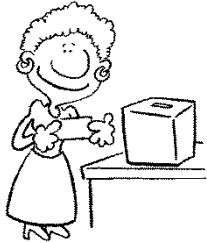
### **Readings**

**The First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10** This prophetic text is applied to Jesus, at his triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The paradox of God's ways is evident: the king who comes is victorious yet humble; riding on a donkey yet banishing chariots.

**The Second Reading: Rom 8:9, 11-13** In Paul's terminology, 'misdeeds of the body' refers not only to 'sins of the flesh,' but to every action and attitude that ignores, or is at odds with, the reality of God.

**The Gospel: Mt:11:25-30** Jesus is not opposed to learning and cleverness. He wants his followers to use all their abilities in the service of his kingdom. But leaning and cleverness alone will not avail, without the attitude of childlike humility which looks to God in all circumstances and for everything.

### **Your Giving:**



This w/end - **Weekly Offering  
& Monthly Offering for Priests**

- You may wish to set up a **Standing Order** and if so, call the parish office on 028 90610112 and leave your details or email us on [stannes@downandconnor.org](mailto:stannes@downandconnor.org)

**OR Donate online** to St. Annes Parish

**A/C No. 07707787 Sort Code 93 83 00**

**OR Envelopes**  
Your continued helpful generosity is very much appreciated.

**OR** Use the "**Donate**" button on our home page of this website.

Thank you in anticipation

### **Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel: Mt: 10:37-42**

1. For Jesus, the key to a personal knowledge of God and relationship with God is not primarily through academic study but through a mind and heart open to learn. Recall moments when you had a sense that your relationship with God took a significant step forward. What kind of dispositions prepared you for that growth?
2. Jesus lived in a society in which people were very conscious of status, dignity and external appearances. He wanted to break down the barriers this created, so that all would be aware of their worth and dignity. Perhaps you can recall someone who was not highly thought of in human terms, but who was a light to you.
3. In v. 27, Jesus lets us into the secret of his relationship with his Father, one of total trust. This trust freed him from anxiety and worry about himself. As a result, he was a person of gentle and humble heart and was able to bring rest to those who were overburdened. Recall people whose trust in God enabled them to be supportive to others who were stressed or burdened. Perhaps you have experienced this yourself?
4. Recall and give thanks for people who, like Jesus in the story, were able to combine challenge with sympathetic support and understanding. Perhaps you have been able to do this for others at times also.

John Byrne OSA

**Parish WhatsApp Group** – Keep up to date with what is happening in our parish community .....text your name and number to 07714691281 to be added to our WhatsApp group.

**Bereavement Support Group**: Have you suffered the pain of loss and bereavement? Talk in confidence – call 90610112 and a member of the Group will contact you.

**Pope's Intention for July**: We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

**Please.....I need a little help!**

Do you need a helping hand...at this difficult time? Do you need some medicine picked up from the chemist? Do you require some food items to be delivered to you? Would you like someone to take the dog out for a walk? Or would you just like someone to have a wee chat with? Then please don't hesitate or be afraid to call us on 02890 610112 or send an email to [stannes@downandconnor.org](mailto:stannes@downandconnor.org) or use the contact form on the parish website.



***“Abiding Memories: Mary Magdalene”***

**Short Online Course by Zoom led by Sr Pam Thimmes OSC hosted by Drumalis over 2 sessions, Sat, 1 & Sat, 8 August (10:00 am – 12:30 pm)**

For further information or to book a place (£25 per person or £40 per household), please contact 028 28276455/28272196 during office hours (Mon-Fri, 9 am – 5 pm). Details are also available on the Drumalis website - <http://www.drumalis.co.uk>

## URGENT APPEAL TO RETURN TRÓCAIRE BOXES



*Habiba Mohamed, one of Trócaire's health workers, checks the temperature of Mohamed Abdi Ali at Luuq hospital, in the Gedo region of Somalia. Photo Trócaire*

Trócaire has launched an [urgent appeal](#) for supporters to return donations from their Trócaire boxes online or over the phone, warning that a 60% decline in donations to its Lenten Appeal has put many of its life-saving programmes at risk.

The charity's biggest fundraising campaign has been severely affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, with many supporters unable to return their Trócaire boxes due to ongoing restrictions.

Trócaire's Lenten Appeal raises approximately €8m each year. Two-thirds of this money comes from Trócaire boxes distributed through schools and parishes. Travel and social restrictions – including the closure of schools and parishes – means most boxes have not been returned this year.

Trócaire today warned that unless donations from the boxes are returned, it is facing a massive funding crisis that will impact directly on the 3 million people who rely on its work overseas.



*Information and awareness is important to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Here in Kenya, Clinical Health care workers supported by Trcaire are sensitising the community on COVID-19. Photo Victoria Nthenge*

Trócaire CEO Caoimhe de Barra said:

“People all over Ireland fill their Trócaire boxes to support the world’s poorest people, but the closure of schools and churches means that support is not getting through.

“Thousands of boxes are sitting in homes across Ireland. Unless these generous donations are returned, we won’t be able to provide life-saving support to some of the poorest people in the world.

“We are asking our supporters to please ‘make your Trócaire box count’. Please count or estimate what is in your box and donate the equivalent amount online, over the phone or via post. Many parishes have their own local arrangements in place for collecting Trócaire boxes, so people can also contact their local parish to see if it is possible to return their box within social distancing guidelines.”

*In addition to its vital ongoing programmes, Trócaire is also responding to the Covid-19 crisis. The virus is present in all 20 countries where Trócaire provides support. The charity is responding by providing support in all regions, including 11 countries in Africa - approx 100,000 Coronavirus cases have been confirmed on the continent so far.*

*Trócaire’s response includes providing soap, water and hand-washing stations, supporting quarantine facilities and funding expert medical care.*

*Trócaire CEO Caoimhe de Barra said: “The funding crisis comes at a time when we are working to reduce the spread of the Coronavirus in all 20 countries where we provide support. People in countries like Somalia and South Sudan are incredibly vulnerable to this virus, while lockdowns and travel restrictions have plunged millions more into extreme poverty.*

*“The contents of each and every Trócaire box, no matter how small, come together to make a significant difference to the lives of the people we help. We have done – and continue to do – so much to protect each other. Now it is time to protect the world’s most vulnerable.”*

## **HOW TO RETURN YOUR TRÓCAIRE BOX DONATION**

*Simply count or estimate what is in your box and donate now in one of these four easy ways:*

1. **Online at [trocaire.org](https://trocaire.org)**
2. **Over the phone at 1850 408 408 (ROI) or 0800 912 1200 (NI)**
3. **By post to Trócaire, Freepost, Maynooth, Co. Kildare (ROI) or Trócaire, King Street, Belfast (NI)**
4. **Check with your local parish if it is possible to arrange a safe drop-off.**

