



St. Anne's Parish

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20th Sunday of the Year

W/end Masses: Saturday 5pm Vigil & 11am Sunday

Masses this week: No mass this week

YouTube –All our masses continue to be uploaded onto our parish YouTube channel.

Outside Speakers! – As our available seating inside the church is reduced due to social distancing, we have our mass relayed outside to the carpark. Communion will be distributed at the door of the church. Bring a chair, a cushion (we have some available!) or just sit in your car and listen!.....you will still be part of our parish celebration! All are welcome!

We Remember them

Recently Deceased: Patsy Magee (Mayobridge)

Month's Mind: John McGurran

Anniversary: Aidan McConnell, Ryan Baker, Dorothy Family, Cummings Family.

Our Church is open!!

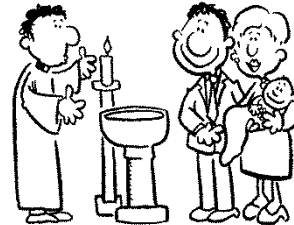
Tues, Wed and Thurs 10am -12pm



Our church is open for public masses – this is possible because of our volunteer **stewards and cleaners** - people who can help us all to stay safe when we come together as a faith community.

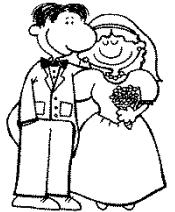
The **Obligation to attend mass is still suspended** and I would encourage our older parishioners and those who would feel more vulnerable, to come along to one of our weekday celebrations, as it may be less busy!

Moving out of Lockdown.....celebrating the Sacraments

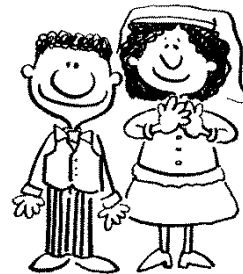


Baptisms: We have resumed baptisms one at a time. Please email the parish office with your request for baptism and we will be in touch. Thank you for your patience at this difficult time.

Weddings: If you have had to re schedule a previously planned wedding, please email the parish office to update the arrangements.



First Confession & First Holy Communion



Following discussions with the St. Anne's PS staff, we are making arrangements for the celebration of these two important sacraments as soon as possible.

Readings

Isaiah 56:1,6-7 This short reading sums up a great deal of the concern of the biblical prophets: We are to 'have a care for justice,' and in so doing, we can be confident that our sacrifices will be accepted on God's altar.

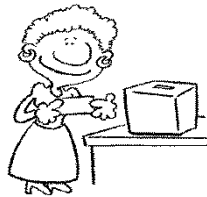
Romans 11:13-15,29-32 St Paul is perhaps history's most striking case-study in the workings of God's providence: originally a zealous Pharisee who despised pagans and persecuted Christians, he is now proud to be a Christian missionary to pagans.

Matthew 15:21-28 We cannot know the tone with which Jesus spoke his apparently harsh words to the pagan woman, but the outcome is clear: Jesus is impressed by her great faith and grants the healing she asked for.

• **Your Giving**

This w/end - **Weekly Offering & Cathedral Fund**

- We would recommend that you set up a **Standing Order**. Call the parish office on 028 90610112 and leave your details or email us on stannes@downandconnor.org



OR **Donate online** to St. Annes Parish
A/C No. 07707787 Sort Code 93 83 00

OR **Envelopes – a collection box available at mass**
Your continued helpful generosity is much appreciated.

OR Use the "**Donate**" button on our home page



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

Do you need a helping hand...at this difficult time. Do you require some food items to be delivered to you? 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 or use the contact form on the parish website.

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel: Mt: 15:21-28

- 1.** Having met with rejection from the Pharisees, Jesus goes to Gentile territory and encounters unexpected faith in the Canaanite woman. His mission had previously been to his own people, so this now adds a new dimension to his mission. Have you had occasions when a chance encounter set your life off in a new direction?
- 2.** The initial reaction of Jesus to the woman was one of rejection, but her persistence won a response from him. When have you found that persistence was needed to gain what you sought? What did that experience teach you?
- 3.** In our days, welcoming the stranger is a challenge – we are more comfortable with our own. What difference has it made when you were able to offer a friendly, welcoming face to a stranger?
- 4.** Who are the 'Canaanite women' who call out for attention today – people in Church or State whose needs are not being attended to?

John Byrne OSA

Preparation for Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

The *Catechetics Council of the Irish Bishops Conference* are producing a series of resources which would be very useful in the preparation of children for First Holy Communion. They will consist of three movie episodes (30mins each) with an accompanying worksheet. Episode 1 has already been uploaded and the remaining episodes will be uploaded as they become available.

Episode 1: Preparing to Celebrate the Eucharist – Sacrament of Reconciliation

The sacrament of Reconciliation (or as some call it 'Confession') is the focus for this first lesson.

These series of resources could be used by parents, schools or parishes in preparing children for First Holy Communion and could form the foundation for a short refresher programme for children who will be making their First Holy Communion over the next few weeks.

All episodes and resources are being made available and delivered through the iCatholic player.

<https://www.icatholic.ie/category/sacraments/>

They will also be placed on the Diocesan Website and our parish website www.saintannesparish.net for ease of access.

Parish Office: Opening Hours: 9am to 1pm Mon to Fri.
Parish WhatsApp Group – Keep up to date with what is happening in our parish communitytext 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.



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• **3-Minute Retreats** invite you to take a short prayer break right at your computer. Spend some quiet time reflecting on a Scripture passage.

Knowing that not everyone prays at the same pace, you have control over the pace of the retreat. After each screen, a Continue button will appear. Click it when you are ready to move on. If you are new to online prayer, the basic timing of the screens will guide you through the experience.

- **[Sacred Space app](#)**

The Sacred Space daily prayer is available on [Apple/iOS](#) and [Android/Google Play](#) devices - you can click on the links to install the app on your device. The site is also responsive and accessible on handheld devices.

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/sacred-space-daily-prayer/id1050192048?ls=1&mt=8>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.gmail.techadmin.SSapp>

- **[Pray As You Go](#)**

- This is a daily prayer session, designed to go with you wherever you go, to help you pray whenever you find time, but particularly whilst travelling to and from work, study, etc.
- A new prayer session is produced every day of the week and one session for the weekend. It is not a 'Thought for the Day', a

sermon or a bible-study, but rather a framework for your own prayer.

- Lasting between ten and thirteen minutes, it combines music, scripture and some questions for reflection.

Our aim is to help you to:

- become more aware of God's presence in your life
- listen to and reflect on God's word
- grow in your relationship with God

<https://pray-as-you-go.org/>

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