



# St. Anne's Parish

Pastoral Community of Derriagh & Colin

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21<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Year

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

**Masses this week: Tues, Wed & Thurs 10am**

**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:** Maureen Muldoon, Fr. Stephen Rooney (Detroit)  
**Anniversary:** Gerald McGeeney.

'Christ asks for a home in your soul, where he can be at rest with you, where he can talk easily to you, where you and he, alone together, can laugh and be silent and be delighted with one another.'

CARYLL HOUSELANDER



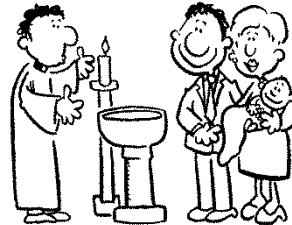
## **Our Church is open!!**

**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.

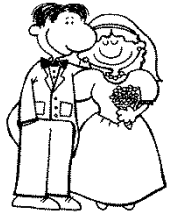
The **Obligation to attend mass is still suspended** and I would encourage our older parishioners and those who would feel more vulnerable, to come along to one of our weekday celebrations, as it may be less busy!

## **and ..... 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. Details will be announced as soon as possible.

## **Readings**

**Isaiah 22: 19-23** St Peter was not the first person in the Bible whose authority was symbolized by keys. Here, Eliakim, the royal steward, hears the Lord saying to him that the key of the House of David will be placed on his shoulder.

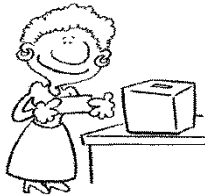
**Romans 11:33-36** St Paul, having applied all his insight and intelligence to the question of the relationship between the people of the covenant and the new, Christian, covenant, can only conclude by hymning the wisdom of God: 'Who could ever know the mind of the Lord?'

**Matthew 16:13-20** The Lord's second question is crucial: 'But you, who do you say I am?' As Christians, we need to be able to answer this question for ourselves, and not simply report what we have heard others say.

### • **Your Giving**

This w/end - **Weekly Offering**

- 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](mailto: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](mailto:stannes@downandconnor.org) or use the contact form on the parish website.

## **Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel: Mt: 16:13-20**

- 1.** This marks a turning point in the life of Jesus and of the disciples. It is the first time that his disciples recognise him as the Messiah. Recall turning points in your own life when you came to some deeper understanding of who Jesus is.
- 2.** 'Who do you say that I am?' This is possibly the most important question that Jesus puts to us. In your heart of hearts, how do you answer this question?
- 3.** Jesus praises Peter for his faith, and comments that this was not his own doing but a gift of God. Perhaps there have been times when you have been more than usually conscious that faith is a gift. Be thankful for the gift you have received.
- 4.** These are troubled times for the Church, and the promise of Jesus that 'the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it' is an encouragement. What helps you to draw strength from this promise of Jesus? What signs of hope do you see in the Church today?

John Byrne OSA

## **FACE COVERINGS IN CHURCHES**

The Church leaders, following recent consultations with public health authorities, are formally recommending and encouraging the use of face coverings at all Masses and other liturgical celebrations, along with the ongoing maintenance of 2 metre physical distancing.

It should however be noted that some people are exempt from the wearing of face coverings, as outlined in public health agency guidance: <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-face-coverings>

It has become increasingly clear that the wearing of face coverings, in conjunction with hand washing etc, is likely to reduce the spread of Coronavirus, thus helping to protect others. The use of face coverings is therefore one way in which we can evidence protection for the most vulnerable, support for our health workers and practical love for our neighbour.

- We would ask that all those attending St. Anne's to please wear masks/facecoverings.

## **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](http://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 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.

## **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 **Online at [trocaire.org](http://trocaire.org)**

**Over the phone at 0800 912 1200**

**By post to Trócaire, King Street, Belfast**

OR

**You can drop off your box at the parish office from Monday -Friday - 9am to 1pm or bring it along to the church at mass time and hand it in at the sacristy!**



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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](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/>