

St. Anne's Parish

Pastoral Community of Derriaghy & Colin

Fr. Peter O'Hare, PP Rev Pat McNeill, Deacon Sr. Mary Murray, Parish Sister

30th August 2020

22nd 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

<u>Recently Deceased</u>: Eileen McNeill, Jim Richardson, Raymond Brady. **Anniversary**:Geraldine Conlon, Roddy Fitzsimons.



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

The **Obligation to attend mass is still suspended** and we would encourage our older parishioners and those who would feel more vulnerable, to come along to one of our weekday celebrations!

and <u>celebrating the Sacraments</u> – good news!

First Holy Communion

First Communion will take place over four consecutive Saturdays, at 11.00am.

Sat. 12th Sept. 2020 - Mrs Wood's class

Sat. 19th Sept. 2020 - Miss O'Neill's class

Sat. 26th Sept. 2020 - Mr McCooe's class

Sat. 3rd Oct. 2020 - Mrs Cullen's class





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.



Readings

Jeremiah 20:7-9 The prophet Jeremiah was, at times, a reluctant prophet. He would have preferred to be free of the burden of proclaiming God's word. But the same word burned within him like a fire in his heart, and he simply had to proclaim it. May God give his prophets the same ardour in our time.

Romans 12:1-2 St Paul condenses the entire life of discipleship into offering ourselves as a living sacrifice. For his original hearers, this was a ground-breaking idea, as a sacrifice was, by definition, put to death. We are asked to put to death everything in us that is not of God.

Matthew 16:21-27 It was Peter's compassion that turned him into an obstacle to Jesus. He would have to learn to let his compassion be guided by prudence, and his desire to avoid suffering to be tempered by obedience to God's plan.

Your Giving

This w/end - Weekly Offering

 We would recommend that you set up a **Standing Order. C**all the parish office on 028 90610112 and leave your details or email us on <u>stannes@downandconnor.org</u>



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: 16:21-27:

- **1**. Short-term loss is sometimes necessary for long-term gain, as a student studying, or an athlete training, can testify. When have you found that denying yourself proved to be worthwhile because of what you gained afterwards?
- **2.** Jesus was teaching his followers that the path of discipleship would involve pain and suffering. Peter would have none of it. When have you found that taking up your cross brought you life, even though at the time it may have been difficult?
- **3**. Jesus knew that because his message of good news was not acceptable to the authorities he would suffer and die. In spite of this, he trusted that the power of God would overcome evil. Have you seen a message of good news survive even though opponents tried to stifle it?
- **4.** Jesus promised that those who suffer for the kingdom would be rewarded. Perhaps, even in this earthly life, you have experienced reward for faithful discipleship. What have these rewards been?

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.

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<u>Preparation for Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy</u> Communion

The Catechetics Council of the Irish Bishops Conference have produced a series of resources which would be very useful in the preparation of children for First Holy Communion. They consist of three movie episodes (30mins each) with an accompanying worksheet.

Lesson 1: Preparing to Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Lesson 2: Parts of the Mass

Lesson 3: Receiving Holy Communion

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 available on the Diocesan Website and our parish website www.saintannesparish.net

<u>Parish Office</u>: Opening Hours: 9am to 1pm Mon to Fri. <u>Parish WhatsApp Group</u> – 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.

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** <u>trocaire.org</u>

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 <u>Apple/iOS</u> and <u>Android/Google</u> <u>Play</u> 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
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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:
 - o become more aware of God's presence in your life
 - o listen to and reflect on God's word
 - o grow in your relationship with God

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