



St. Anne's Parish

Pastoral Community of Derriaghy & Colin

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6th September 2020

23rd 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

Anniversary:Patricia O'Hare, Joan Murphy, Rita O'Rawe.

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.



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.**

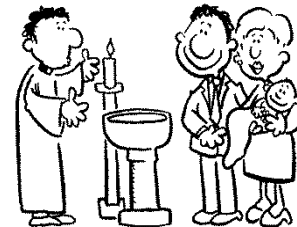
The **Obligation to attend mass is still suspended** and we would encourage our older parishioners and those who would feel more vulnerable, to come along to one of our weekday celebrations!

and celebrating the Sacraments – good news!

First Holy Communion

First Communion for children in St. Anne's PS will take place over the next four 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.



Please remember in your prayers at this time the following:

Ordinations

Reverend Aidan O’Kane, of Carnlough Parish, who is to be ordained to the Priesthood for the Passionist Community on Saturday, 5th September in Holy Cross Church Ardoyne, Belfast. Reverend Eamon Manning, of Portaferry Parish, who will be ordained to the Priesthood for the Oratorian Fathers on Saturday, 12th September in Oxford, England.

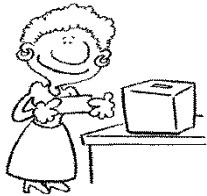
Mass of Initiation

Your prayers are also asked for all those RCIA candidates who will be taking part in the Mass of Initiation today Sunday, 6th September in St Peter’s Cathedral, Belfast.

- **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



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

FACE COVERINGS IN CHURCHES

The Church leaders, are 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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Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel: Mt: 18:15-20

- **1.** At the time Matthew was writing his gospel local church communities would have numbered no more than fifty people. They would be known to one another. Matthew presents the instructions of Jesus for dealing with people whose behaviour disrupted and harmed the community. Note the steps suggested. Simple directions but many of us do otherwise. We avoid difficult confrontations. We talk about the faults of others to everyone but themselves. We go over the head of someone who displeases us and make complaints. In your experience, which approach is life-giving for you and for others?
- **2.** While Jesus is referring to a group situation, the advice can be applied also to personal difficulties and problems with others. What lessons has life taught you about constructive ways of dealing with conflict?
- **3.** As individuals and communities we have the power to bind and to loose, to exclude people from relationship, or to open up and include others in relationship. When have you found it important to acknowledge this power in your own life?
- **4.** Jesus also promises to be with his followers when they gather together. What does that mean to you? How have you experienced the presence of Jesus in his followers gathered together? During the recent lockdown due to the coronavirus, how did you experience the presence of Jesus in your faith community?

John Byrne OSA

Readings

Scripture theme

The three readings today by chance deal with the same theme of neighbourly correction. This is a difficult art and can only be exercised through genuine love and the purest of motives. We have to learn to help and to heal each other. In this we have to avoid attitudes of prying, denunciation, jealousy and informing. The spirit of the Gospel which lays down a procedure must be our guide.

A reading from the book of the Prophet Ezekiel 33:7-9



The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and

he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 94: 1-2. 6-9. R: v8

Response *O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.*

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord.

Response

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand.

Response

3. O that today you would listen to his voice!

'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

Response

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 13:8-10



Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 18:15-20



Jesus said to his disciples:

'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, is between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge.

But if he refuses to listen to these,

report it to the community;
and if he refuses to listen to the community,
treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven.

For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Preparation for Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy 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

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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>

- **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/>

LOOK

Sunday 6 September 2020
Matthew 18:15-20
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

My name is _____

SAY YOUR PRAYERS!

Draw lines to match the three pairs of praying hands.



Use your hand to pray

Draw round your hand on the back of this sheet and then draw or write down all the people you are going to keep in your prayers.

2. With your pointing finger, remember the people who teach and help you.

1. Your thumb is the closest digit to you. Pray for the people you love the most.

3. Use your tallest finger to remember the people who are in charge of looking after the country.

4. Your ring finger is the weakest! Pray for anyone who is sick or has problems.

5. Use your smallest finger to remind you to say a prayer for yourself!



Jesus' message

What does Jesus say about getting together to pray?

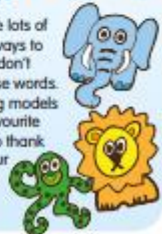
Cross out all the letters x and z to find out.

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zxkxrze zgwzthxerzoid
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A PRAYER TO SAY

There are lots of different ways to pray. You don't have to use words. Try making models of your favourite animals to thank God for our wonderful world.



Animals: When two or three are gathered in my name, I am there.