



St. Anne's Parish

Pastoral Community of Derriaghy & Colin

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13th September 2020

24th 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: Joe Sloan.

Anniversary: Maeve Wilson, Maureen McNamee, Anthony Chapman.

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.**

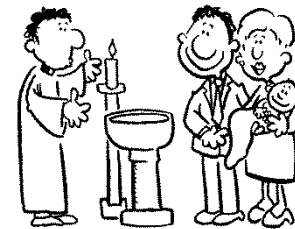
The **Obligation to attend mass is still suspended** and we would encourage our older parishioners and those who would feel more vulnerable, to come along to one of our weekday celebrations!

and celebrating the Sacraments – good news!

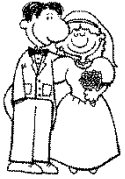
First Holy Communion

First Communion for children in St. Anne's PS will take place over the next few Saturdays at 11.00am.

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.

St. Vincent de Paul

Due to the present circumstances we are unable to hold our usual collections after the weekend masses. Anyone wishing to donate can do so online:

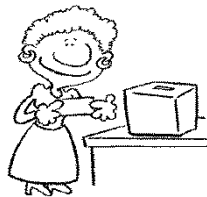
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 Account No. 6557681 Sort Code: 938300
 Thanking you for your generosity.



• **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

All 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

1. Jesus surprised Peter by telling him he needed to forgive seventy-seven times. Perhaps you have known the truth of this when something reminds you of a past hurt and you find you need in your heart to forgive again the person who hurt you. What was this like for you? How has a capacity to have a forgiving heart helped you?
2. Sometimes we need to forgive ourselves for things we regret about past behaviour. What happens to you when you cannot do this? How has your ability to forgive yourself for past mistakes influenced your attitude towards yourself now?
3. Pope Francis chose as his motto ‘miserando atque eligendo’ (*seen with compassion and chosen*) to express his belief that Jesus viewed his past mistakes with compassion, and called him nonetheless. At this moment can you see Jesus calling you, no matter what your past has been like?
4. Are there people whose ability to forgive has inspired you? Recall them and the forgiveness they showed and give thanks for their example.

John Byrne OSA

Readings

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus *27:30-28:7*

Resentment and anger, these are foul things,
and both are found with the sinner.
He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord,
who keeps strict account of sin.
Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you,
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.
If a man nurses anger against another,
can he then demand compassion from the Lord?
Showing no pity for a man like himself,
can he then plead for his own sins?
Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment;
who will forgive him his sins?
Remember the last things, and stop hating,
remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments.
Remember the commandments,
and do not bear your neighbour ill-will;
remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 102*

Response *The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.*

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. *Response*
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals everyone of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. *Response*
3. His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.

He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. *Response*

4. For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. *Response*

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans *14:7-9*

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Gospel Acclamation *1 Sam 3:9*

Alleluia, alleluia!
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew *18:21-35*

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.
'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give

me time" he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me" he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you". But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

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



3 minute
RETREAT

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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/>



Sunday 13 September 2020
Matthew 18:21-35
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

My name is _____

I FORGIVE YOU!

Jesus says we should be ready to forgive someone **77** times!

$$70+7=$$

Put a circle around the sums which add up to **77**

$$80-3=$$

$$7+3=$$

Grow in love

When we forgive someone, our heart grows bigger with God's love.

Can you put these hearts in size order, starting with the smallest?

Smallest Biggest



Share the love

Thea and Arthur have fallen out. Circle the words that you think will help them to make up.

Put happy smiles on their faces to show they are friends again!



IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

Peter asks Jesus how many times he should forgive someone. Peter thinks seven times sounds like a lot – but Jesus tells Peter to forgive people **77** times! Then Jesus tells a story about how God forgives us over and over again – and how God the Father wants us to do the same.

Which is free?

We feel free when we are forgiven. Whose balloon is about to float free?



Write or draw in the balloon something you'd like to say sorry for and be forgiven for doing.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, thank you for loving me. Help me to share your love with my family and friends so I can grow even closer to you in my heart. Amen.

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