



St. Anne's Parish

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1st November 2020

Feast of All Saints

**Masses: Saturday 5pm Vigil & 11am Sunday
Tues, Wed & Thurs 10am**



-Mass will continue to be uploaded onto our parish YouTube channel.

We Remember them

Recently Deceased: Gerard Mason (Funeral Mon 10am), Eileen Coyle (Derry).

Month's Mind: Thomas Madden. **Anniversary:** Brian McCrea, Pat Bleakley, Joan McComiskey.

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.

All those attending St. Anne's must wear masks/face-coverings.



WRAP UP WARM!

As we get further into autumn and temperatures dip, our church must remain well ventilated, in line with COVID-19 regulations. We encourage you therefore to wrap up warm!

November – Month of the Holy Souls

During November masses are offered for those whose names are included in our November Dead Lists. Stationary is available at the exit doors of the church. Please return your lists **along with the customary offering** to the box at the entrance door at mass times.

We Remember Them: A liturgy of remembrance when we remember all our loved ones but especially those who have died in our parish in the past year - **Monday 16th November at 7.30pm on our YouTube Channel.**



Baptisms: Please email the parish office with your request for baptism and we will be in touch. Baptisms are celebrated one at a time on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

St. Vincent de Paul

Anyone wishing to donate can do online: Account Name: St. Vincent de Paul Conference of St. Anne Account No. 65576181 Sort Code: 938300.

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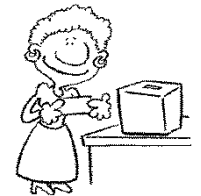
This w/end - **Weekly Offering & Monthly Offering**

- 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

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Your continued generosity is much appreciated.



LIVING YOUTH

Parish GIFT 'Shorts' Videos Check out Living Youth on Facebook or at www.livingyouth.co.uk to see the New Parish GIFT videos during November and December. Tune in on Wed 4th Nov at 6pm for our first video - 'All Saints and All Souls.'

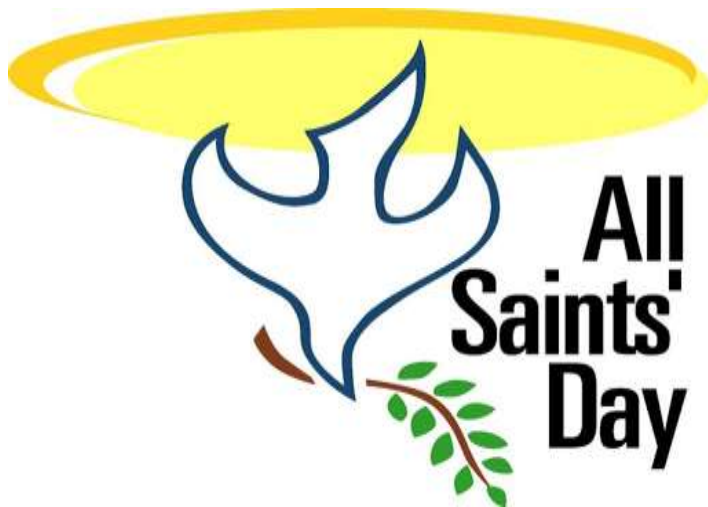
Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel
Solemnity of All Saints

1 November 2020

The blessings in the Beatitudes are primarily future blessings, but there can be an anticipation of the blessings in the present. At first reading some Beatitudes may seem to describe circumstances that you would like to avoid at all costs. Read them slowly. Stay with each one for a while. Let yourself get a sense of the paradox involved in each one. Perhaps you have had an experience of a deeper and more authentic life, a blessing, when

- you were poor - you knew your need of God
- you mourned – could feel for others
- you were meek – neither spineless nor emotionally out of control
- you hungered and thirsted for some cause
- you were merciful rather than vengeful
- you were pure in heart – a person of integrity, whose actions and intentions correspond
- you were a peacemaker
- you were persecuted because you stood for something

John Byrne OSA



FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse 7:2-4. 9-14



I, John saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.'

Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel. After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 23*

Response *Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord*

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm.

Response



2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?

Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things.

Response

3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Response

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of John *3:1-3*

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.
Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.
My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;
all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.
Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself,
must try to be as pure as Christ.

Gospel Acclamation *Mt 11: 28*

Alleluia, Alleluia!
Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.
Alleluia

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:1-12

'How happy are the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle: they shall have
the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn: they
shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and
thirst for what is right: they shall
be satisfied.



Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven; this is how they persecuted the prophets before you.'

A PRAYER FOR HEALING
VICTIMS OF ABUSE

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts,
heal your people's wounds
and transform brokenness into wholeness.
Grant us the courage and wisdom,
humility and grace,
to act with justice.
Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors.
Grant that all harmed by abuse
may find peace in justice.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Remembering our dearly departed

Each November we gather as a Christian Community to remember those who have gone before us and to offer our consolation and support to those among us who have been recently bereaved. In Ireland death is encased by prayer and rituals that for generations have become part of the rich heritage of our faith tradition.

In March 2020 the traditions upon which we drew solace were snatched from us as we sought to keep our communities safe in the midst of a pandemic. There are many families who by necessity had to relinquish the opportunity to be with their loved one in their final moments of this life, to hear the stories and words of sympathy at the wake house and to experience the gathering of the community at a Requiem Mass. Family life is challenged by the death of a loved one, the challenge can feel all the greater when we cannot access support in the usual way. At

this time of challenge we offer the light of faith as a support to families in their time of loss.

The grieving process takes time. Each stage of grief has its own demands and the process is unique to each one of us. When we look to the Gospel we see how Jesus was deeply moved and began to weep at the death of a close friend. (Jn 11:33-35) Each of us can understand that there is great anguish felt by those who have lost a much-loved person. With a sincere and patient process of prayer and interior freedom, peace returns.

"Love is as strong as death" (Song 8:6) We are invited to love those who have departed from us in a new way. Love involves an intuition that can enable us to hear without sounds and to see the unseen. This does not mean imagining our loved ones as they were, but being able to accept them changed as they now are. The risen Jesus, when his friend Mary tried to embrace him, told her not to hold on to him (cf. Jn 20:17), in order to lead her to a different kind of encounter. It consoles us to know that those who die do not completely pass away, and faith assures us that the risen Lord will never abandon us. Scripture tells us that God created us out of love and made us in such a way that our life does not end with death (cf. Wis 3:2-3). And that with Christ, after death, there awaits us "what God has prepared for those who love him" (1 Cor 2:9).

"Although the certainty of death saddens us, we are consoled by the promise of future immortality. For the life of those who believe in you, Lord, is not ended but changed". (Preface of the Liturgy of the Dead)

This text is inspired by and adapted from the words of Pope Francis in his Apostolic Exhortation 'Joy of Love' (When death makes us feel its sting, 253 – 258, Amoris Laetitia, 2016)

The Angelus

On the feast of All Souls, Monday, 2nd November let us pray together at 12noon and 6:00pm

The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary:

And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. **Amen.**

Behold the handmaid of the Lord:

Be it done unto me according to Thy word.

Hail Mary...

And the Word was made Flesh:

And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary...

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,

that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord. **Amen**

O Lord, support us all the day long O Lord, support us all the day long of this troublous life, until the shades lengthen and the evening comes, the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over and our work is done; then Lord, in thy mercy, grant us safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for Children who have lost a loved one

Jesus had a very special love for children. He said, "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

Take time to pray for children. Remember in a special way children who are in any kind of need at this time and for young children who have lost a parent, grandparent or friend. Through our kindness and care may they experience the love and care of Jesus, their friend. May they always be aware that He holds each one of them close, in His loving embrace. Amen.

A Prayer for deceased members of the Clergy

We remember all deceased members of the clergy. We thank God for their generosity in responding to His call and for their faithful witness and service to God's people. In Baptism they received the light of Christ. We pray they are now sharing in the fullness of Christ's resurrection. Amen.

Prayer for The Eternal Rest

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

LOOK

Sunday 1 November 2020
Matthew 5:1-12
All Saints

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

My name is _____

BE HAPPY

Find happiness by following Jesus' path.

Jesus is teaching his listeners how to be happy. Jesus says that people who are poor, sad or humble are happy, because they know they need God. People who love others are very close to God.

Our beautiful world

Here are some of the people Jesus says are blessed or happy.

Add some things that make YOU happy!

Which saint?

Across

1. He wrote today's Gospel and is often shown with an angel.
2. Writer of the fourth Gospel, often carrying a book.

Down

1. She lived in Bethany with her sister Mary and brother Lazarus.
2. His name means "rock", often shown carrying keys.
3. An African Christian who died for her faith, whose name means "happiness".

All Saints

Today is All Saints' Day, when we remember the people whose lives made God happy. Saints are often shown with a halo – a glow or a circle around their heads to show they are holy. What colour will you make the halo?

Which saint is on the window?

A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, life with you is good! Please help me to share the happiness you give me with the people I see every day. Amen.

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