



St. Anne's Parish

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4th October 2020

27th Sunday of the Year

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

Masses this week: Tues, Wed & Thurs 10am



-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. 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!

We Remember them

Recently Deceased: Thomas Madden. **Month's Mind:** Joe Sloan.
Anniversary: Declan Duffy, Brigid Brannigan, John McMenamin, Bernard McEvoy

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

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!



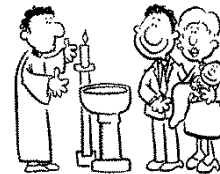
and celebrating the Sacraments – good news!

First Holy Communion

Children with Special Needs:

Saturday October 10th & 17th at 11am.

First Communion for Children in St. Gerard's School: Friday October 9th



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.

Weddings: If you have had to re schedule a previously planned wedding, please email the parish office to update the arrangements.



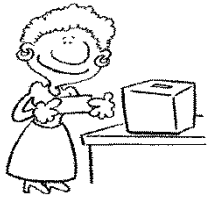
St. Vincent de Paul

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: Account Name: St. Vincent de Paul Conference of St. Anne
Account No. 65576181 Sort Code: 938300. Thanks for your generosity.

• Your Giving

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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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.....

The use of face coverings is 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. The target audience of this allegorical parable are the Jewish chief priests and elders portrayed here as rejecting Jesus and his teaching and, as a consequence, losing out on what God was offering them. It is a story of opportunity for life presented and rejected, and they lose out in the process. How important have you found it to recognise and accept opportunities for growth, development and new life when these were presented to you?

2. The parable is also a cautionary tale about the destructive effects of greed – doing violence to the rights of others and eventually destroying the greedy themselves. What attitude towards possessions has helped you to be at peace in yourself and at peace with others?

3. The vineyard of the Lord is an image for God’s people. As we look at the vineyard we have been given, we can ask ourselves ‘are we good tenants?’ Recall times when you have been a good tenant, and reached out caringly for those around you.

4. ‘It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord’s doing and it was wonderful to see’. Sometimes a person not highly regarded plays a key role in a project, and it is wonderful to see. Can you recall examples of this?
John Byrne OSA



‘Hope in Him, hold firm and take heart.’ Psalm 27

There were 6,666 abortions in the Republic of Ireland in 2019 and over 200,000 in Great Britain, including significant numbers from the island of Ireland. We, the Catholic Church, have a message of hope and a story of love; together, we can promote a culture of life.

We grieve the loss of life due to abortion. We seek a change of minds and hearts about the innate dignity of the child in the womb and the care of pregnant women. Pope Francis writes, ‘The gift of a new child, entrusted by the Lord to a father and a mother, begins with acceptance, continues with lifelong protection and has as its final goal the joy of eternal life ... For God allows parents to choose the name by which He himself will call their child for all eternity.’ (Amoris Laetitia - The Joy of Love, 166)

How can Catholic parishes and communities be places of welcome, assistance and support?

On this 25th anniversary of St John Paul II's letter *Evangelium Vitae* (The Gospel of Life), we renew the call for respect and celebration of all life.

The parish is a 'family of families,' (*Amoris Laetitia*, 87). We ask our parishes to be places of welcome, where we can support pregnant women and celebrate the precious gift entrusted to them. We recognise that family is often 'a challenging mosaic made up of many different realities, with all their joys, hopes and problems.' (*Amoris Laetitia*, 57).

We want to provide support for women and men who face difficult circumstances, as well as those who have experienced abortion and seek comfort in the Lord and their community.

Our Pledge

'As a Catholic, I promise to foster a culture of welcome and acceptance of new life. I will pray and work for better legal protections for pregnant women and the child in the womb.'

Hope and Healing after Abortion

God does not withhold his forgiveness from those who seek it with a sincere heart. But, even when we confess our sins and receive absolution, we are not always ready to forgive ourselves. There are many women and men still living, years later, with the emotional and spiritual scars of abortion. Our mission to promote a culture of life must include helping these women and men to be reconciled with themselves, with their lost child, and with the God who has never stopped loving them.

In the Lord we can find peace: 'Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.' (Romans 5:5)

'My name is Caitlin* and I am 28 years old. When I became pregnant for the first time five years ago, I had an abortion. I have carried the pain from this experience, as well as feelings of loss, confusion and loneliness. When attending a Rachel's Vineyard retreat, I was given the time and space to name the child that I lost and to find healing and forgiveness in the Lord.'

*The name has been changed to protect the identity of the mother.

To learn more about Rachel's Vineyard go to www.rachelsvineyard.ie/

If you are concerned about an unborn child with a life-limiting condition, go to: www.everylifecounts.ie OR www.onedaymore.ie Access the Day for Life Resources on: www.councilforlife.ie

Day for Life prayer

Holy Mary, Mother of Love,
holding in your arms, the fruit of your womb,
graciously look upon our earth and remove from it
all that hardens our hearts and dims our eyes
to the preciousness of human life,
from the moment of conception to natural death.

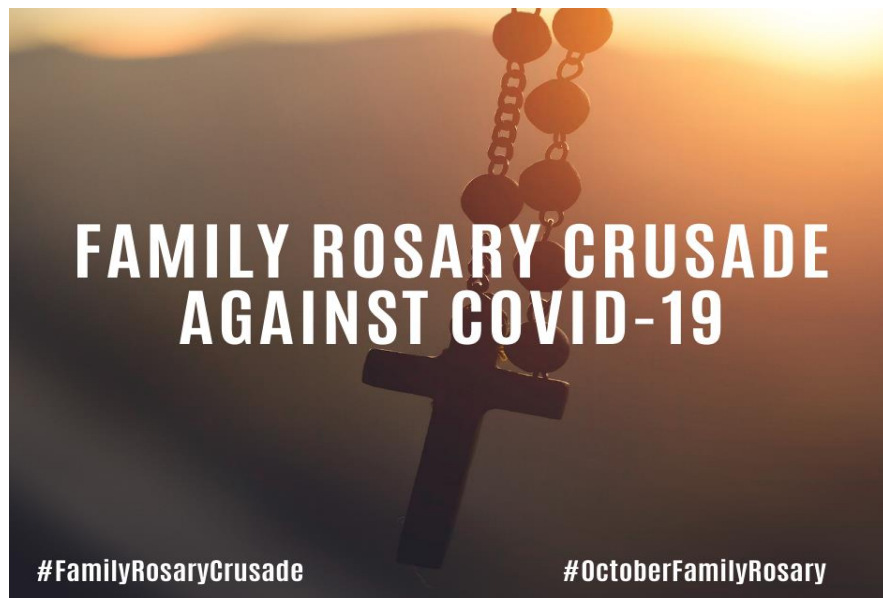
Through the example of your tenderness
teach us the ways of compassion and love
that we may build up the civilisation of love among us
and a society that is truly worthy of the human person.

Help us to reject all that contributes to a culture of death,
and to work with others of goodwill
in promoting the culture of life.

Bring us ever closer to your Son,
so that we may know the fullness of life that he offers us
and come to know that life more perfectly,
with you, and all the angels and saints,
in the eternal life of Heaven.

Amen

Day for Life is celebrated yearly by the Catholic Church in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. It is a day dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition.



Archbishop Eamon Martin, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland has called for a Family Rosary Crusade against Covid-19 during the month of October.

"I invite families all over Ireland to pray the Rosary together at home each day for God's protection during this time of Coronavirus.

"These past six months have reminded us of the importance of the "domestic Church" – the Church of the sitting room and kitchen – the Church that meets every time a family stands or kneels down, or sits down to pray together!

"It has also helped us realise how important is the vocation of parents to be the primary teachers and leaders of their children in faith and prayer.

"That is why I am calling for a "Family Rosary Crusade against Covid-19" during October – encouraging you to pray the Rosary, or even a decade of the Rosary, each day during the month of October. Pray for your own family and loved ones and for all those whose health or livelihood is being seriously impacted by the coronavirus crisis."

#FamilyRosaryCrusade #OctoberFamilyRosary

Archbishop Eamon is also inviting families to spread the word online. He said, "Using the #FamilyRosaryCrusade or #OctoberFamilyRosary hashtags please feel free to share a picture or a short sound clip of your family saying a "Hail Mary", "Our Father" or "Glory Be"! on social media."

Archbishop Eamon's inspiration for the Rosary Crusade came from a visit to the Missionaries of Charity in Armagh who reminded him of what Mother Teresa, St Teresa of Calcutta, once said: "Cling to the Rosary as the creeper clings to the tree – for without Our Lady we cannot stand".

Watch a short video of **Archbishop Eamon** praying the 'Hail Mary' with the Sisters of Charity: <https://youtu.be/dkvrPM3y9fE>



Season of Creation: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time by Jane Mellett

When Jesus taught in parables, he always described situations that His listeners would be familiar with; in today's example, a vineyard. We read and hear that the owner of the vineyard has left the workers to care for the land and trusts that they will do what is necessary so that it can bear fruit. The workers have freedom to do as they wish, but still, the vineyard belongs to the landlord. They are expected to honour the agreement that has been made. However, they do not. They have lost sight of the original plan and, consumed by greed and selfishness, have lost their way.

Today we mark the end of the Season of Creation, a time where we celebrate all that is part of our beautiful world, God's creation. It is a season where we pray with and for creation and remind ourselves that we are protectors of this earth, given responsibility to 'till' and to 'care', not to plunder and destroy. We are the tenants of this parable, provided with everything we need to prosper and given responsibility to protect our world for the generations to come. Yet we know that our world is suffering. In *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis' encyclical on Care for Our Common Home, we are asked to hear the cry of the earth, to awaken to what is happening to God's creation and to take the urgent action that is needed.

St. Francis of Assisi, whose feast day is today, was someone who was intimately connected with nature. He experienced all of God's creation as family, '*Brother Sun, Sister Moon, Brother Wind, Sister Water*'. St Francis was a mystic and a pilgrim who saw how intimately connected everything in this world really is. The COVID 19 crisis has reminded all of us of this deep interconnection. It has shown us how what happens in one part of the world affects us all. We share one common humanity and live together on a common home. This health crisis and the environmental crisis are deeply linked. Both are global emergencies that affect millions of people; both are experienced most deeply by the poor and vulnerable, and both expose the deep injustices in our societies. Both will be solved only through a united effort that calls on the best of the values we share.

During the days of cocooning and lockdown we were/are forced to embrace a quiet time, a slower pace of life where we became more aware of simple things like birdsong, the wind, soil, trees, flowers, the earth resting. This time brought big questions to the fore for many people, such as 'what is truly important in my life?' It also brought opportunity, an opportunity for each of us to move into a different way of life, a life where we live more consciously, more sustainably and walk more gently on the earth. This deeper awareness, "*takes us to the heart of what it is to be human*" and gives us an opportunity to regain a sense of awe and wonder for creation. "*Just as happens when we fall in love with someone, whenever St. Francis would gaze at the sun, the moon or the smallest of animals, he burst into song, drawing all other creatures into his praise.*" (LS, 11). In *Laudato Si* we also read: "*If we approach nature and the environment without an openness to awe and wonder, if we no longer speak the language of fraternity and beauty in our relationship with the world, our attitude will be that of masters, consumers, ruthless exploiters. . . By contrast, if we feel intimately united with all that exists, then sobriety and care will well up spontaneously.*" (LS, 11). To put it another way, "we



will only fight for what we love" (Thomas Berry). *Laudato Si* describes the roots of the environmental crisis as deeply spiritual, because, like the workers in the vineyard, we have forgotten who we are and where we come from. Let us recommit today to restoring this relationship.

As we bring this Season of Creation to a close, let it be a beginning, a spring-board into contemplation and action where our relationship with God's creation is concerned. This is an urgent call. And one which faith communities have a responsibility to respond to. Let us Live *Laudato Si*. "Truly much can be done!" (LS, 180).



The Dance of Creation: Brian Grogan SJ, *Creation Walk 90-91*

We may imagine heaven, not as an endless choir practice on a wet Sunday afternoon, but as the unrestricted and all-inclusive joy of dancing in a transfigured universe. Even an initial awareness of the infinite imagination and power of God who plays in creation shows that ours is already a dancing universe.

We are part of the unfathomable weave of the universe, immersed in its deep mystery. Its dance has already begun: it has always been in process. Each of us has a role in it. Jesus and his Father are working (John 4:34) for the good of all creation and we can tune in to their signals and do likewise. Thomas Merton says that every moment and every event in every person's life plants seeds of spiritual vitality in their hearts. This is the divine at work on Earth: this is grace, and grace is everywhere. All is sacred, and so are we. We must not desecrate our Common Home. We belong to the great Creation Story, to a whole that is infinitely greater than ourselves. We are called even now to share with all of creation 'in the freedom of the children of God' (Romans 8:21). So let's put on our dancing shoes and learn the steps of the cosmic dance!

Readings

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend
the song of his love for his vineyard.
My friend had a vineyard
on a fertile hillside.
He dug the Soil, cleared it of stones,
and planted choice vines in it.
In the middle he built a tower,
he dug a press there too.
He expected it to yield grapes,
but sour grapes were all that it gave.
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,
I ask you to judge
between my vineyard and me.
What could I have done for my vineyard
that I have not done?
I expected it to yield grapes.
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?



Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on,
and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn.
I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it.
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord god of hosts
is the House of Israel,
and the men of Judah that chosen plant.
He expected justice, but found bloodshed,
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 79

Response *The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel*

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it, you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its
shoots. *Response*

2. Then why have you broken down its
walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the
field. *Response*

3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. *Response*

4. And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. *Response*



SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 4:6-9

There is no need to worry; but if
there is anything you need, pray
for it, asking God for it with prayer
and thanksgiving, and that peace
of God, which is so much greater
than we can understand, will guard
your hearts and your thoughts, in



Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation *Jn 15: 15*

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to *Matthew* 21:33-43



Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people :
'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and

take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives'.

Jesus said to them,

'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone.

This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see?

I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'



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/>

LOOK Sunday 4 October 2020
Matthew 21:33-43
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

Jesus tells a story about a man who rents out his vineyard to some tenants. The tenants attack anyone who comes to collect the rent, even the owner's son. The owner wants people working in the vineyard who will grow good fruit for him.

GROW GOD'S FRUIT

We can help to make God's world a good place to live in. Tick the things you can do that will make it lovely for everyone. Put a line through the bad things.

Take turns
Don't waste food
Share
Laugh at someone who falls over
Kill a spider
Grow a plant
Turn the tap off
Pick up litter
Tidy away your toys
Fight

Where does the fruit grow?

Sort the jumbled letters.

Grapes
niera v _ _ y _ _ d

Apples
rador _ _ ch _ _

Bananas
ionant pl _ _ at _ _

Oranges
neror _ _ a _ g _ _ y

Grow good fruit

We grow good fruit when we do as God asks. Match the letters in the purple grapes with the endings in the green grapes to find out how we can produce good fruit.

sha he
lo ca pr
re
ve
lp re
ay

Harvest

Join the dots and colour in the picture of a vine. Which path will Mia take so that she can harvest the ripe grapes?

A PRAYER TO SAY

Father in heaven, you love everyone in the world. Help us to love everyone too, by always being kind and thoughtful. Amen.

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