



St. Anne's Parish

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11th October 2020

28th 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: Cathy Stewart **Anniversary:** Mona McCrystal,

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!

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 for Mass!

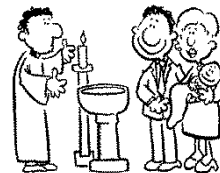
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - SUN 18TH OCTOBER

Through our prayers, we support missionaries everywhere in spreading the Good News, and by donating we respond to Christ's call to feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY - SUN 25TH OCTOBER.

Evening Prayer at 7pm, led by Bishop Noel Treanor, from St. Peter's Cathedral, Belfast. Join via webcam at www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral

and celebrating the Sacraments



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 previously planned wedding, please parish office to update the arrangements.



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AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED (ACN)

Ireland's October Campaign "One million children praying the Rosary can change the world" We invite parishes, nurseries, schools, and families to participate in this initiative on 19th October. To order materials, or for more information, - contact 0035318377516 or visit www.acnireland.org

MAKE A DIFFERENCE (MAD) SUNDAY

Sunday 25th October, encouraging people to make a conscious effort to do at least one simple thing to help another and, if you wish, share it on social media - #MADSunday



St. Vincent de Paul

Due to the present circumstances we are unable to hold our usual collections. 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 support.

• 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

CHILDREN'S CORNER

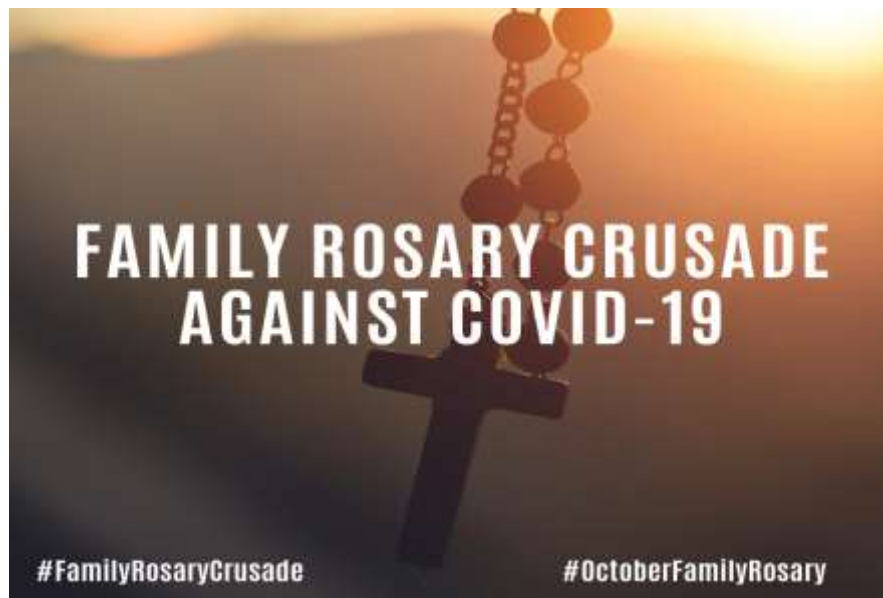
Michael was asked, after attending Children's Liturgy, what he had learned. The little boy said, I learned that God's name is "Harold". "Harold.....?" asked his mammy. "Who told you God's name was Harold?" "It says it in our prayer book," explained Michael. "Our Father who art in heaven, Harold be thy name!!"

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel **– Matthew 22:1-14**

There are two parables here that Matthew has joined together. Looking at the first one:

1. Scripture often speaks of the kingdom of God as a banquet. The image of people being at a meal where everyone is happy and welcome and where all hunger and thirst is satisfied gets across the idea that God loves, accepts and welcomes us and wants us to make that experience available to one another. Think of times in your life when you have had 'banquet' experiences and when you have felt accepted and loved?
2. The host enlists the help of his servants to invite people to the banquet. We are commissioned by the Lord to invite people to the banquet of the kingdom, to the fullness of life – as parents, teachers, friends, etc. What has it been like for you to play a part in leading others to a fuller life?
3. As in the parable last week there is a message about being alert to invitations that offer a fuller life and the danger of losing out if we neglect to respond to such invitations. Perhaps there have been opportunities offered to you that you missed, and now regret. Think also of the blessings you received because you seized the moment and took an opportunity that presented itself.
4. The second parable puts the focus on how we respond to invitations. Some invitations are ones that challenge us to change, to conversion, to put on a 'wedding garment'. What has been your experience of changing in response to an invitation you received?

John Byrne OSA



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>

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 prophet Isaiah 25:6-10

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said: See, this is
our God in
whom we hoped for salvation;
The Lord is the one in whom we
hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.



Responsorial Psalm Ps 22

Response *In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.*



1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

Response

2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. ***Response***

3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. ***Response***

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. ***Response***

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too.
I have been through my initiation
and now I am ready for anything anywhere:
full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty.
There is nothing I cannot master
with the help of the One who gives me strength.
All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships.
In return my God will fulfil all your needs,
in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can.
Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 1: 12. 14

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived among us;
to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding". So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth". For many are called, but few are chosen.'



Parable Of The Great Supper by Harold Copping



Do not lose heart – a message in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic from the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference

Since the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic the people of Ireland have endured testing times with courage, resilience, and compassion. Individuals and communities have made great sacrifices for the protection of life, health and the Common Good. Like many others, the Church has endeavoured to support the people of Ireland, north and south, in the face of considerable uncertainty and disruption. We owe a great debt of gratitude to our priests and to the many volunteers whose continued dedication has ensured that our churches have remained very safe places to gather for Mass and the Sacraments. We have also been blessed in the commitment of our school communities who have been supporting our young people in very demanding circumstances, including assisting with their preparation for the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Now that more restrictive measures are being put in place, we encourage people to persevere and not to lose heart. Faith and prayer, in the home and in church can be a huge support in difficult times. While we fully support the guidance of the public health authorities, we will continue to engage constructively in the coming days with the civil authorities to ensure that our people have continued access to the support of Mass and the Sacraments and essential spiritual nourishment for these challenging times. The communal celebration of Mass and the Sacraments – even with restricted numbers – is at the very heart of what it means for us to be a Christian community. These are not simply ‘gatherings’ of people, but profound expressions of who we are as a Church. For parishes, and individual Catholics, the loss of these spiritual supports can be a source of great anxiety, and fear, and can have a detrimental impact on their overall health and well-being.

This year, the month of November, in which we traditionally remember the dead and pray for the bereaved, will be particularly poignant. We sense a huge yearning for consolation and hope in the heart of our people. We are especially mindful in 2020 of those grieving families, who, because of restrictions, have been unable to experience the customary spiritual and community supports which are so much part of our Irish tradition. On 1 November at 3.00pm the bishops and priests of Ireland will lead a short service of prayer to dedicate the month of November to ‘Remembrance of the Dead and Prayer for the Bereaved’. We invite the whole country to unite in this moment which will be followed by parish liturgies throughout the month of November, reaching out as much as possible to those who cannot be physically present.

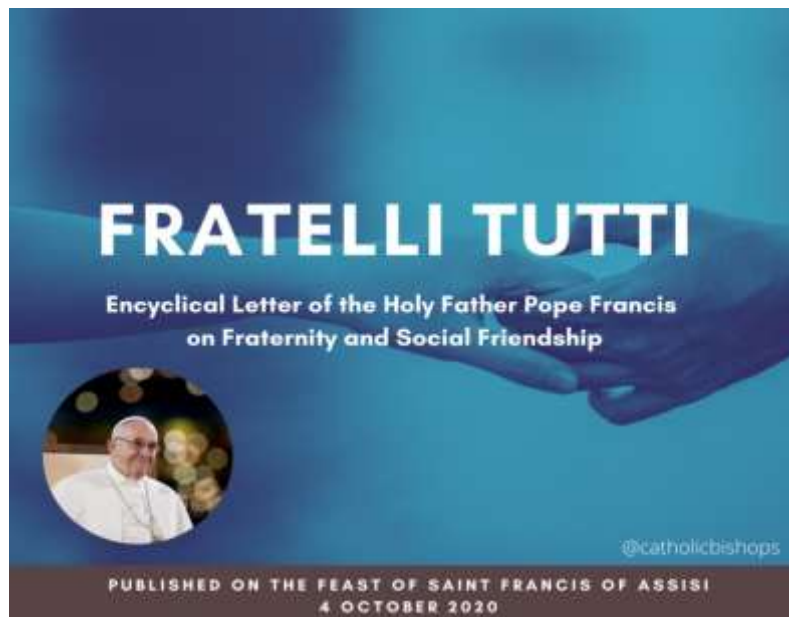
Advent and Christmas are likely to be very different this year. Advent, as a time of patient, hopeful waiting and longing, will have a particular resonance in these times, while the much-needed joy of Christmas may well be tempered by the impact of restrictions. We encourage parish communities to explore creatively ways in which the hope of Advent and the joy of Christmas can be realised and safely celebrated.

Pope Francis, in *Fratelli Tutti*, presents the example of the Good Samaritan and urges us to draw close to the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters throughout the world. We are conscious that the pandemic has seriously impacted the livelihoods of many Irish families. The plight of poor and homeless people, and the needs of our elderly and vulnerable, have been thrown into stark relief.

The pandemic has also heightened our consciousness of suffering further afield. The pandemic is a global phenomenon. It has impacted most severely on people around the world who are already seriously disadvantaged in terms of poverty and lack of access to healthcare. Although we are faced with difficult challenges in our own lives and our own land, let us not forget the need for solidarity with all our brothers and sisters who are suffering throughout the world.

The courage, compassion and generosity of Irish people during the pandemic – especially that of our health workers, carers, priests and others working in essential services – has been uplifting and inspiring. In this mission month of October, we appeal for your support for Trócaire, Saint Vincent de Paul Society, our missionaries and other charities who are reaching out to the poorest and most in need – both at home and in the furthest corners of the world. Let us not ‘*pass by on the other side*’, but, in the example of Christ, open our hearts and reach out our hands in response to their great need.

This message was issued as part of the press release of the Autumn 2020 General Meeting of Bishops.



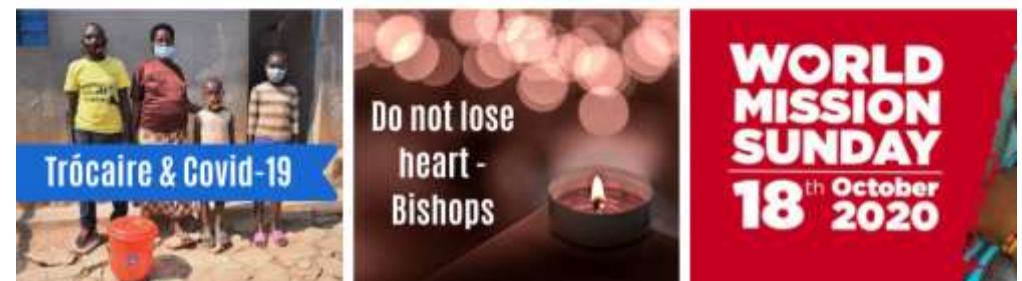
Pope Francis signed his new encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*, on Saturday 3 October 2020 during a visit to Assisi. The Holy Father celebrated Mass at the tomb of his namesake, Saint Francis of Assisi. The phrase 'Fratelli Tutti' is taken from the writings of St. Francis, one of the major inspirations for Pope Francis' third encyclical, on fraternity and social friendship. The full text of the encyclical, the third of Pope Francis' pontificate is released on Sunday 4 October, the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi.

Please see below the full text of the encyclical letter and some useful links and resources:

<https://www.catholicbishops.ie/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/FRATELLI-TUTTI.pdf>

<https://www.catholicbishops.ie/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/01-An-overview-of-the-Encyclical-FRATELLI-TUTTI-EN.pdf>

<https://www.catholicbishops.ie/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/02-Quick-Key-to-FRATELLI-TUTTI-EN.pdf>



October is the Church's annual month of Mission, which opens on the feast of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux on 1 October, and builds up to World Mission Sunday, which will take place on 18 October. This year's theme is, 'Together we can do more – Blessed are the peacemakers' (Mt 5:9). World Mission Sunday was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1926, to reflect the central role of mission in the life of the Church.

World Mission Sunday

On Pentecost Sunday, 31 May, Pope Francis released his World Mission Sunday message *Here am I, send me* which is taken from the *Book of Isaiah*. In his message, the Holy Father said the Covid-19 pandemic is an opportunity for true mission and service to others. World Mission Sunday is the annual appeal to support the life-giving work of missionaries.

Mass will be broadcast for Mission Sunday at 11.00am on 18 October from RTÉ studios, Dublin, on LW 252 and RTÉ Radio One Extra. The celebrant will be His Excellency Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo, Apostolic Nuncio to Ireland.

In Ireland, World Mission Sunday is coordinated by World Missions Ireland, the Irish Church's official charity for overseas missions which supports the 40% of the Universal Church that is too new, young or poor to support itself. WMI is part of a network of 120 offices under the coordination of the Pontifical Mission Societies in Rome. This year WMI launches a special appeal as the Covid-19 pandemic has been devastating for those in the developing world. The pandemic is also threatening the work of missionaries worldwide, as Mass attendance has declined and the number of donations to charities such as WMI has dropped significantly. Please support our missionaries by prayer and donation on www.wmi.ie.



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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 11 October 2020
Matthew 22:1-14
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

My name is _____

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

Jesus tells a story about a king who organises a wedding feast for his son. The people who are invited don't want to go, so the king invites everyone he can find in the streets and lanes.

COME TO THE FEAST

Help the people get to the wedding feast!



Join us!
Here is a school playground. Can you find the children who are on their own? The other children want them to play.



Draw lines linking them to the group you think they would like to join.

Write the missing words on this invitation.

Invitation

Dear _____ (write your name)

You are _____ to church every _____

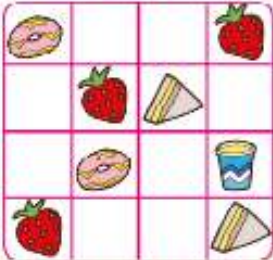
I hope you can _____ because I _____ you.

Signed, God

Week _____ Love _____ invited _____ Come _____

Party sudoku

Finish the grid of party food. Make sure that each row, column and mini-grid has just one of each type.



A PRAYER TO SAY

Our Father, king of heaven, thank you for inviting us to your feast. Help us live in peace and joy, sharing your love with the people we meet. Amen

[Click on the link to download and print:](https://www.saintannesparish.net/look-sunday-11th-october/)

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