



St. Anne's Parish

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25th October 2020

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



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

We Remember them

Anniversary: Pol Cormacain, John McGarvey, Anne O'Neill, Louise Burleigh, Colette McGarvey.

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

All those attending St. Anne's must wear masks/facecoverings.



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.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

Today has been designated **"Safeguarding Sunday"** in the Diocese of Down and Connor.

Here in St. Anne's, the Parish Safeguarding Committee (PSC) works to ensure that we are a safe, welcoming place for children and adults who may be at risk of harm. We also offer support and encouragement to those working with them. Our work is guided by the Policy and Standards set by the National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland.

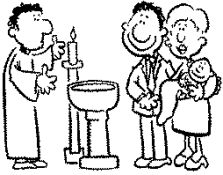
We liaise with those parish groups who work with children or adults who may be at risk of harm, to ensure that statutory guidance is followed in the recruitment and vetting of all volunteers and that appropriate training is undertaken and kept up to date.

An Annual Parish Safeguarding Audit is carried out which is reported to the Diocese of Down and Connor. This enables us to review safeguarding practices within the parish and act upon any gaps identified.

Contact details of the relevant civil and diocesan safeguarding personnel are displayed in the entrances of the church and parish hall for anyone with a concern. The PSC can be contacted through the Parish Office.

Parish Safeguarding Committee

Parishioners are invited to join online the celebration of Evening Prayer, at 7pm, led by Bishop Noel Treanor, from St. Peter's Cathedral, Belfast. To join, kindly follow the links to the Cathedral webcam: <http://www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral>



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.

• **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

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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

1. You may feel some sympathy with the Jews struggling to cope with 613 laws and wondering which were the important ones. Have you ever felt overwhelmed by the rules and regulations of your own tradition? And have you ever been blessed by meeting someone, or reading something, that was able to cut through all the layers and point out to you what is essential in life? Who was that person? What did she/he say or do? Is there some phrase or text that encapsulates such wisdom for you?
2. If you were asked what is most important in life, what would your answer be? Recall the experiences and relationships you have had. Which are the ones that you treasure most? What has particularly enriched your life? How would you encourage another person who asked you how she/he could live a full life?

John Byrne OSA

Pope's Intention for October

Evangelisation: we pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

Readings

FIRST READING



A reading from the book of Exodus 22:20-26

The lord said to Moses, Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to

me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 17

Response

I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes.

Response

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed.

Response

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 1:5-10

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel Acclamation *Acts 16: 14*

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to *Matthew* 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.

This is the greatest and the first commandment.

The second resembles it:

You must love your neighbour as yourself.

On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'



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.

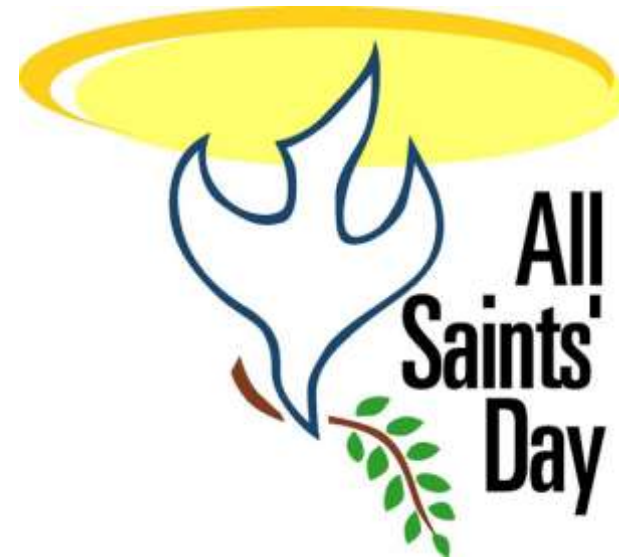
“Love is as strong as death” (Song 8:6) We are invited to love those who have departed from us in a new way. Love involves an intuition that can enable us to hear without sounds and to see the unseen. This does not mean imagining our loved ones as they were, but being able to accept them

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)

Sunday November 1st Feast of All Saints



LOOK

Sunday 25 October 2020
Matthew 22:34-40
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

My name is _____

Jesus tells us we must do two things – love God with all our hearts, souls and minds, and love others like we love ourselves.

LOVE IS THE ANSWER

Find love

Can you find the right path that leads to Jesus?

Jesus loves us all very much.

Love others

Jesus teaches us that we need to love others just like we love ourselves.

There is no difference in how we are going to love them both!

Can you spot the 6 differences between these children?

I can love when I...

Loving others means doing the right thing, even if we don't want to. Find some different ways we can share love with other people by starting at the arrow and following the spiral.

Share my toys and books. Help someone who is sick at school. Say sorry when I have upset someone to play. Make friends. Ask someone who is stuck at home.

The greatest commandment

Can you fit the words into the grid?

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LOVE GOD HEART MIND NEIGHBOUR SELF

A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, thank you for telling us how important it is to love God and others. Teach us how to love so that we can always be like you. Amen.

Answers: Spot the differences: the strikethrough, hair, different coloured backpacks, socks, shoes and one finger pointing. (ribbon and walk).

[Click on the link to download 'Look':](https://www.saintannesparish.net/childrens-corner/look-sunday-25-october-2020/)

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