



# St. Anne's Parish

Pastoral Community of Derriaghy & Colin

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8<sup>th</sup> November 2020

32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year

**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:** Enda Neill, Joe McQuillan.

**Month's Mind:** Cathy Stewart. **Anniversary:** Stephen McGahan, Anita McKenna.

**Parish Office: Opening Hours: 9am to 1pm Mon to Fri.**

**Parish WhatsApp Group** – Keep up to date with what is happening in our parish community .....text 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.



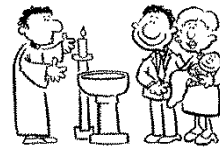
## WRAP UP WARM!

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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

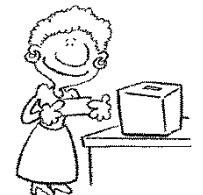
## • Your Giving

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](mailto:stannes@downandconnor.org)

**OR Donate online** to St. Annes Parish

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Your continued generosity is much appreciated.



## Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

### **Prisoners' Sunday**

1. While the parable has clear end-of-time applications it can also be applied to any moment of grace. It reminds us that moments of grace come unexpectedly, and we need to be awake to receive them. Recall times when you were alert for such a moment. What were the consequences for you?
2. Grace can also be disturbing. We can be coasting along in life and suddenly an opportunity or a graced moment arrives and we are shaken out of our routine in order to respond. Perhaps you can recall both moments when you were unprepared, and moments when you were able to respond. What lessons have you learned from such experiences?
3. We may be tempted to judge the wise virgins as being selfish for not sharing with the others, but perhaps Jesus is teaching us that there are some things that other people cannot provide for us. We have to acquire them ourselves. What qualities in life do you see as the essential oil that you must provide for yourself?

John Byrne OSA

**We Remember:** On Wednesday 18th November, Bishop Noel will celebrate Mass in Saint Peter's Cathedral, remembering all those who have died this year in the Diocese at 7pm. This Mass will be streamed on the Cathedral webcam, <https://www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral>

#### **St Leo the Great (400-461) • 10 November**

'Christian, remember your dignity. You have been rescued from the powers of darkness.'

*Christmas Office of Readings*

#### **St Martin of Tours (316-397) • 11 November**

Martin was a soldier and he became a catechumen in preparation for his baptism in his 20s. He was ordained a priest and was appointed as Bishop of Tours. But it was while in the army as a soldier that he is best remembered. One day he met a poor man. Martin cut his own cloak in half with his sword and gave one half to the poor man. Jesus appeared to Martin in a dream, wearing the cloak he shared.

### **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.

### **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.

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.

## FIRST READING

A reading from the book  
of Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is bright, and  
not grow dim.  
those who love her she  
readily seen,  
found by those who look  
her.

Quick to anticipate those  
desire her,  
makes herself known to them.

Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;  
you will find her sitting at your gates.

Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;  
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.

She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her  
and graciously shows herself to them as they go,  
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 62

**Response** *For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.*

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water. *Response*

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
to see your strength and your glory.  
For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise. *Response*



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3. So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy. *Response*

4. On my bed I remember you.  
On you I muse through the night  
for you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. *Response*

## SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 4:13-18

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them; to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

**Gospel Acclamation** Mt 24:42

Alleluia, alleluia!

Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour  
when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus told this parable to his disciples:



'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps.

The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out". But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves".

They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed.

The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you".

So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.

## 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)



Click on the link below to download and print:

<https://www.saintannesparish.net/look-sunday-11th-october>

Sunday 8 November 2020  
Matthew 25:1-13  
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

# LOOK

My name is \_\_\_\_\_

**IN THE GOSPEL TODAY**

Ten bridesmaids take their oil lamps and go to meet the bridegroom. Five are foolish and don't bring any extra oil. Their lamps go out before the bridegroom arrives and they miss the party going to get more oil. The five well-prepared and wise bridesmaids enjoy the celebrations!

## BE READY

Can you help the bridegroom find the way to his bride?

Find a path by counting through the maze from 1 to 20. Hurry before the lamps go out!

### Which bridesmaids?

Can you discover which five of these bridesmaids are wise and have the extra oil?

### Jesus' message

Can you reveal the hidden message from today's gospel by moving each letter to its linked empty circle?

### I am wise

We can get our hearts ready for Jesus by loving other people. How will you share God's love with your family and friends today?

Draw yourself being kind and caring inside this lamp. Light the flame when you have actually done what you are hoping!

## A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, help me to be prepared to meet you. I give you my heart every day. Amen.

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