



St. Anne's Parish

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Latest News

Due to recent regulations from the Northern Ireland Executive, our church is closed until further notice. Please check out our YouTube Channel for our online services



29th November 2020 First Sunday of Advent

Mass: Our church is closed and Fr. Peter will celebrate in private!

–Mass will be uploaded onto our parish YouTube channel.



We Remember them

Month's Mind: Gerard Mason. **Anniversary:** Norah Quinn, Peter Tuite, Ciaran Trainor, Mary Murphy

Parish Office: Closed until Mon 14th December.

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.

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.

Advent Liturgy – Join us online for our short parish liturgy every Monday evening over the next 4 weeks, as we make room for the Christ-Child this Christmas. Check it out on our YouTube channel – Monday from 7.30pm.

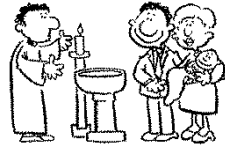
We Remember Them: A liturgy of remembrance when we remember all our loved ones but especially those who have died in our parish in the past year –go to our **YouTube Channel** – **there are two videos** We remember them...we name them...and light a candle!

Go to our Homepage for the text of this liturgy.

Sanctuary Lamp: Each week our Sanctuary Lamp burns for someone who has died in our parish in the past year and was remembered in our November liturgy. (Available for viewing on our YouTube Channel) This week our lamp burns for **Fiona Wilson**.

Advent: *Today we begin our new Church year with the season of Advent. This is our faith family time of preparation for the coming of Jesus that we celebrate at Christmas. You can make this a very special time for yourself and your family by checking out our online resources available on our website.*

Baptisms: Please email the parish office with your request for baptism and we will be in touch.



• Your Giving

This w/end - **Weekly Offering
& Church Renovation Fund**

- 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

Your continued generosity is much appreciated.

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

1. The coming of the Lord is not just the moment of death, but any moment of grace. Recall unexpected graces – good things that happened when they were not anticipated.
2. Perhaps some of these were moments when you were particularly alert and aware of what was going on in you and around you and this enabled you to be open to the moment of grace. Recall the contrast with moments when that alertness and awareness were not present.
3. The servants were given charge of the household 'each with their own job'. See yourself as a person given a responsibility within the household of God's people. What is it like for you to see yourself trusted in this way by God? What has it been like for you when you have been shown trust in this way by another person?
4. Jesus says that what he is saying to his disciples he is saying to all. Have there been times when you have been a messenger of hope to others, encouraging them to wait for a moment of grace. Who have been the ones to encourage you? John Byrne OSA

Trócaire supporters to deliver the one millionth Christmas gift to families in developing world

Trócaire supporters are set to deliver their one millionth gift to families in the developing world this Christmas.

The Christmas Gifts campaign has seen 972,000 gifts bought across the island of Ireland since 2000 and more than €38m raised for long-term work supporting families affected by the causes of poverty.

This year's Christmas Gift range includes new gifts to help people cope with the impact of Covid-19, Launching this year's Christmas gifts, Trócaire CEO Caoimhe de Barra said, "This year your gift really could be one in a million. Today, families in the world's poorest communities are facing the threat of Covid-19 as well as drought, conflict and other disasters. These are not just gifts, but a means of survival."

There are 17 Trócaire gifts to choose from and they can be purchased online at trocaire.org/gifts or by calling 0800 912 1200. Gifts start at just £5 and help families in some of the poorest countries around the globe. Please consider buying a Trócaire Christmas Gift for family and friends this year.



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Archbishop Eamon Martin has launched the 2020 online Advent Calendar, which will go live on www.catholicbishops.ie today the first Sunday of Advent.

Now in its seventh year, the unique online Advent Calendar offers resources for the parish, school and for families which can be accessed behind a virtual door each day during the season of Advent. The content is aimed at assisting people of all ages to pray and reflect on how best we can keep Christ at the centre of our Christmas preparations during this special liturgical season.

Welcoming this year's Advent Calendar Archbishop Eamon said, "While it has been a very trying year for all us due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the season of Advent offers a new beginning and a promise of hope for better times. The First Sunday of Advent is actually the Christian Church's New Year's Day. This year – perhaps more than ever – we need more than ever ideas and inspiration to help us delve deeper during our hours of isolation and restriction, to find that glimmer of light, that note of joy, that promise of consolation. The virtual calendar offers ideas to help us spiritually prepare for our Lord's coming at Christmas with thoughtful reflections as well as challenges for change and conversion. Every day of our lives presents a moment to prepare for the coming of the Lord – we continually stay alert and prepared for the unexpected moment when the Lord comes to us in other people, in our daily experiences, including his presence in the sick, the poor and the stranger.

"Our Advent online calendar is a helpful resource on our 'journey' towards Christmas. By clicking on a virtual door we are inviting people to take just five minutes for reflection so as to find moments of peace and to rediscover the true meaning of Advent and Christmas.

"Since the outbreak of the 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 for the common good. Many Christians have been reaching out in generous service and support for their neighbours, the lonely, the isolated, the sick and the bereaved. Faith, love and hope – in the home and in church – have been a huge support during these difficult times. As we continue, in solidarity, to progress together, I invite everyone to be part of #SharingHope this Advent season by availing of the helpful resources on our calendar and through sharing these with others on social media.

"The seasons of Advent and Christmas occur in the depth of winter reminding us that Christ was born to bring hope to a darkened world. As the prophet Isaiah said "the people that wait in darkness see a great light". During Advent, let us reflect on the eternal message of Christmas, which is, Christ is alive and that He is our hope."

A popular feature on the Advent Calendar is the audio thought for the day. Contributors this year will include bishops, priests, religious, laity, staff of the councils and agencies of the Irish Bishops' Conference, as well as primary, secondary and college students. The 2020 Advent Calendar will also include:

- Mass Readings and Saint of the Day;
- Family prayers;
- Advent videos: blessing of the crib in the home, blessing of the advent wreath in the home;
- The Words of Pope Francis from Christus vivit (Christ is alive);
- Acts of kindness in the family, school and parish;
- Suggestions to make Christmas more sustainable so as to care for our common home;
- Seasonal prayers;
- Resources for Advent including books and music;
- Advent events in dioceses and parishes;
- Information on Trócaire's Gifts of Love for 2020 as well special appeals to help families in need.

Check out: www.catholicbishops.ie/adventcalendar

Christmas Homeless Shoebox Appeal

The Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's, together with the University's Order of Malta branch, is supporting this year's Christmas Homeless Shoebox Appeal. Every year, individuals and families experiencing homelessness face the festive season alone. QUB students want to reach out and offer concrete supports. We appeal to you to give a small gift and some hope to a homeless person (or someone struggling and at risk of becoming homeless).

We ask that you decorate a shoebox or gift bag for either a male or female (adult) and include items such as: Gloves, Socks, Toothpaste/brush, Sanitary items, Shower Gel, Shampoo, Sweets, Tinned food, Christmas card and anything else you can think of that might be helpful. Boxes can be left securely at the Catholic Chaplaincy QUB, 28 Elmwood Avenue, Belfast during opening hours (see gubcatholic.org) [before 5 December](#) in time for distribution before Christmas. We thank you for your support of this worthwhile initiative. *(Remember to wrap the box and lid separately so we can add extra items to boxes)*

Permanent Diaconate

The Diocese is preparing to start work with a third group of students for the Permanent Diaconate. The programme will commence in September 2021. For more information about the ministry of Deacons, the formation programme and information on how to register your interest in applying, please speak to your parish priest or visit the Diocesan Website: www.downandconnor.org/livingchrch/diaconate

Today's Scripture Themes

The God who comes is a loving Father; we are the work of his hands. Our hope in Christ will strengthen us to await steady and without blame the day of his coming. We are warned against complacency, taking God's gifts for granted. Our God is watching over us; he is the careful potter, the loving father, the good shepherd, the faithful one.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah *63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8*

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,
Our Redeemer is your ancient name.

Why, Lord, leave us to stray from
your ways

and harden our hearts against
fearing you?

Return, for the sake of your
servants,

the tribes of your inheritance.

Oh that you would tear the
heavens open and come down

– at your Presence, such as no one
has ever heard of before.

No ear has heard,
no eye has seen

any god but you act like this
for those who trust him.

You guide those who act with integrity
and keep your ways in mind.

You were angry when we were sinners;
we had long been rebels against you.

We were all like men unclean,
all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing.

We have all withered like leaves
and our sins blew us away like the wind.

No one invoked your name
or roused himself to catch hold of you.

For you hid your face from us
and gave us up to the power of our sins.

And yet, Lord, you are our Father;
we the clay, you the potter,

we are all the work of your hand.



Responsorial Psalm Ps 79

Response *God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.*

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help.

Response

2. 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

3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. *Response*

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1:3-9



May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your

teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

Gospel Acclamation Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!
Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 13:33-37



Jesus said to his disciples:

'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake.

So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

Click on the link to download and print:

<https://www.saintannesparish.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/LOOK-Sunday-29th-November-2020-1.pdf>

NEW... FOR CHILDREN!



We are pleased to introduce **Celebrate**: an initiative designed to help children grow in their faith.

Each week Redemptorist Publications will provide a Children's Liturgy in the form of a video of the week's Gospel reading, a reflection and a final prayer.

Fun, engaging and practical worksheets/resources will also be provided to help children continue to practise their faith during this special season of Advent and beyond.

Click on the link to watch:

https://www.rpbooks.co.uk/celebrate-following-your-faith?cookies=YES&utm_source=RP+Newsletter+2020&utm_campaign=547c773551-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_03_20_12_24_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_61d90c626e-547c773551-217599387&mc_cid=547c773551&mc_eid=dae0d1a705&page=1

LOOK

Sunday 29 November 2020
Mark 13:33-37
1st Sunday of Advent

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

My name is _____

STAY AWAKE!

Help the master find his way home.

A maze with a man in a blue robe on the left and a house on the right. There are trees and a path leading from the man to the house.

Our tasks

The master left his servants in charge. Each has their own job. God has given all of us jobs too.

Follow the spiral to see some of the tasks God has given us.

A spiral with tasks written around it: LOVE OTHERS, SHARE AND BE KIND, PRAY, BE GENEROUS AND TAKE CARE OF OTHERS, BE A STEWARD, SHARPEANDEKIND, BEASTEWARDANDTAKECAREOFOTHERS, SHARPEANDEKIND, BEASTEWARDANDTAKECAREOFOTHERS.A green recycling bin with a recycling symbol.

Draw yourself doing one of these things in the centre.

Advent wreath

Colour three candles purple and one pink. Light this week's candle by colouring the flame.

An advent wreath with four candles and a star.

Find the following words:

The wr ____ (htea) is a never ending c _ r c _ (lei) of evergreen e _ v _ (sale) because God's ____ (velo) will never ____ (nde), with c _ d _ (nasel) for the f _ _ (ruo) weeks of A _ v _ (end!) to show Jesus brings _ _ gh _ (lit) to our dark w _ l _ (dro).

Jesus wants his friends to be ready to welcome him. Jesus tells a story about a man who leaves his servants in charge while he is away travelling. They will be ready to welcome their master home, whatever time of the day or night he comes back. Jesus' friends are getting ready to welcome him too!

Wake up!

What time in the morning do these clocks show?

Four different clocks labeled a, b, c, and d. Clock a shows 10:10, b shows 1:50, c shows 7:00, and d shows 12:00.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Jesus, for promising to come to us. Help us to be ready to welcome you with open and loving hearts. Amen.