



St. Anne's Parish

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Sunday Eucharist: Vigil 5pm and 11am

Mass this week: Tues, Wed & Thurs 10am

All Masses are **live online**



Feast of the Epiphany: Wednesday 6th Jan – 10am Mass

Reminder: The Obligation to attend mass is still suspended!

Parish Office: Mon to Fri 9am to 1pm

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.



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Your Giving

This w/end - **Weekly Offering & Monthly Offering for Priests**

- 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.

Sanctuary Lamp:

This week our lamp burns in memory of **Paul Meyler**

Baptisms

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

**St. Anne's Primary School and Nursery Unit – Enrolment
in Nursery Unit and Primary 1 for September 2021.**

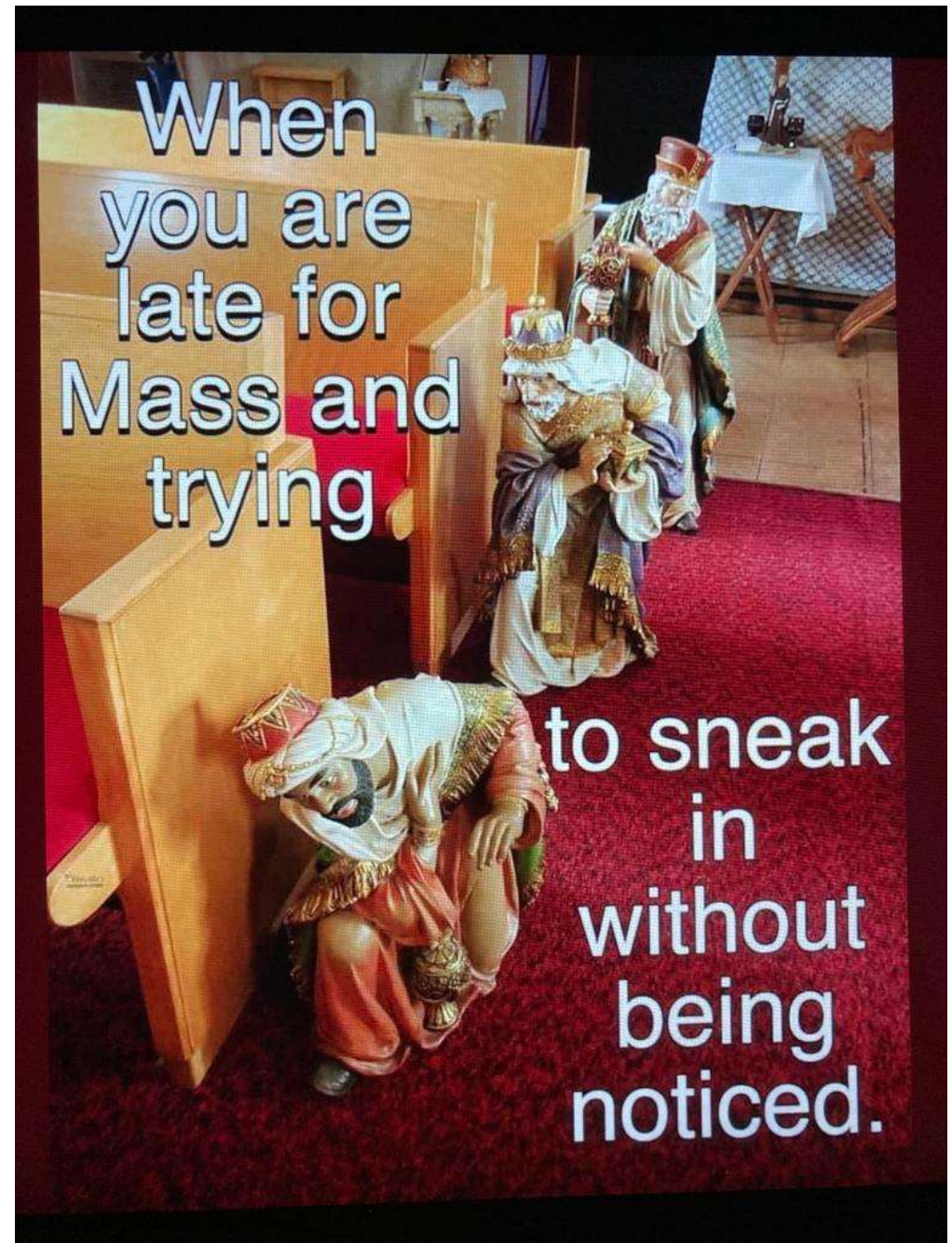
Nursery

Children born on or between 02/07/17 and 01/07/18 are eligible to apply for a place in a pre-school education provider. The application procedure opens on Thurs 7th January 2021 at 12noon, with the online portal available from that time. Application portal closes at 12 noon on Friday 29th January 2021.

Primary 1

Children born on or between 02/07/16 and 01/07/17 must begin their Primary education in September 2021. The application procedure opens on Thurs 7th Jan 2021 at 12noon, with the online portal available from that time. The application portal closes at 12 noon on Friday 29th January 2021.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we are unable to hold our usual Open Days for the Nursery Unit and the Primary School. Please contact the school office on 02890615414, to register interest for our online prospectus, which includes a virtual tour of the Nursery Unit and Primary 1. You will also find further presentations regarding the school and the admissions process on our website. The website will also provide you with other insights into the life of St. Anne's Primary School and Nursery Unit. The website address is www.saintannesps.com Please feel free to contact the school office for help during the process



1. John opens his Gospel with a profound reflection on the meaning of creation, of life and of Jesus. Remember when you had a special awareness of the gift of life that filled you with gratitude to God for creation, and the beauty and wonder of the world: 'All things came into being through him and without him not one thing came into being.'

2. We often listen to a reading from the gospels. Sometimes it goes in one ear and out the other. Then there are occasions when it made us feel more alive, times when it helped us see the way ahead, like a light that shines in the darkness. Recall when the gospel gave you hope in the midst of anxiety or sadness and helped you to see what action would be most life giving for you and for others

3. Bring to mind people who have had a prophetic voice in the world – speaking the truth for the world to hear, like as a witness to testify to the light. Some of these may have been public figures. Others were ordinary people who have helped you see the 'light' by the witness of their own lives and words.

4. 'No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son of God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him know.' Jesus came to us to teach us about God and put a human face on God for us. For the people of his day, and for us, that was a mission of getting us to think again about how we see God, and to believe in a God who is a God of love. Who, or what, has helped you along this journey?

John Byrne OSA

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus 24:1-2. 8-12

Wisdom speaks her own praises, in the midst of her people she glories in herself.

She opens her mouth in the assembly of the Most High, she glories in herself in the presence of the Mighty One; Then the creator of all things instructed me,

and he who created me fixed a place for my tent.

He said, "Pitch your tent in Jacob, make Israel your inheritance".

From eternity, in the beginning, he created me, and for eternity I shall remain.

I ministered before him in the holy tabernacle, and thus was I established on Zion.

In the beloved city he has given me rest, and in Jerusalem I wield my authority.

I have taken root in a privileged people, in the Lord's property, in his inheritance.



Responsorial Psalm Ps 147

Response The Word was made flesh, and lived among us.

1. O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

Zion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates,

he has blessed the children within you. **Response**

2. He established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command.

Response

3. He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees.

Response

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians *1:3-6. 15-18*

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determining that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved. That will explain why I, having once heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus, and the love that you show towards all the saints, have never failed to remember you in my prayers and to thank God for you. May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit.



GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to John *1-1-18*

In the beginning was the Word
and the Word was with God
and the Word was God.
He was with God in the beginning.
Through him all things came to be,
not one thing had its being but through
him.

All that came to be had life in him
and that life was the light of men,
a light that shines in the dark,
a light that darkness could not
overpower.

A man came, sent by God.
His name was John.

He came as a witness,
as a witness to speak for the light,
so that everyone might believe through him.
He was not the light,
only a witness to speak for the light.

The Word was the true light
that enlightens all men;
and he was coming into the world.
He was in the world
that had its being through him,
and the world did not know him.
He came to his own domain
and his own people did not accept him.
But to all who did accept him
he gave power to become children of God,
to all who believe in the name of him
who was born not out of human stock
or urge of the flesh
or will of man
but of God himself.



The Word was made flesh, he lived among us,
and we saw his glory,
the glory that is his
as the only Son of the Father,
full of grace and truth.

John appears as his witness. He proclaims:
'This is the one of whom I said:
He who comes after me ranks before me
because he existed before me'.

Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us, received –
yes, grace in return for grace,
since, though the Law was given through Moses,
grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ.
No one has ever seen God;
it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart,
who has made him known.

[Chalking the Doors for Epiphany 2021 | Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference](#)



There is a custom of blessing homes on the Feast of the Epiphany (6 January) when the family gather to ask God's blessing on their home and family life. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our homes.

Instructions for Blessing the Home

Using the chalk mark the lintel of your front door as follows:

20 + C + M + B + 21 saying:

The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and nineteen years ago.

May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.

Then say the following prayer:

Visit, O Blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence.

Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch.

May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and for ever.

Amen.

What does the inscription '20 + C + M + B + 21' mean?

The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the Magi – Caspar, Malchior, and Balthazar – who came to visit Jesus in His first home. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase, *Christus mansionem benedicat*: "May Christ bless the house."

The "+" signs represent the cross, and the "20" at the beginning and the "21" at the end mark the current year.

Taken together, this inscription is performed as a request for Christ to bless those homes so marked and that He stay with those who dwell therein throughout the entire year.

[Pope Francis' message for the World Day of Peace 2021 | Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference](#)



Sunday 3 January 2021
John 1:1-12
2nd Sunday after the Nativity (England, Wales and Ireland)

LOOK

My name is _____

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY
We hear today that Jesus is the light of the world and that Jesus' cousin, John the Baptist, was sent by God to share this message. Everyone who believes in Jesus is one of God's children. *That includes you!*

SHINE JESUS SHINE!
What message does John the Baptist have for us all?

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ex te in ex te in
te in ex te in

Each row, each column and each mini-grid should have just one of each type of light.

Sudoku
Can you fill the grid with light?

Lightbulb	Lightbulb	Lightbulb	Lightbulb
Lightbulb	Lightbulb	Lightbulb	Lightbulb
Lightbulb	Lightbulb	Lightbulb	Lightbulb
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Shine! Draw, or write about, the good things you will do in the light beams.

How will you let God's light shine from you today? Make this face into you by adding a smile, glasses or freckles and changing the hair.

Closer to the light!
Can you follow the dotted lines to connect the stars and take the space rocket to the sun? Don't bump into a shooting star!

Draw yourself in the window of the rocket.

A PRAYER TO SAY
Dear Jesus, thank you for shining on me. You light up my life with your love. Help me to let my light shine and share your love with everyone I meet. Amen.

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