



St. Anne's Parish

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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Church is closed until Saturday 6th March

Sunday Eucharist: Vigil 5pm and 11am

Mass this week: Tues, Wed & Thurs 10am

All Masses are live online



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.

Anniversaries: Anne McGlinchey.

Baptisms

Baptisms continue to be celebrated within the Covid-19 regulations. Please email the parish office with your request for baptism and we will be in touch.

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.

The Parish Conference of St. Vincent de Paul would like to sincerely thank all the parishioners who continue to donate during these uncertain times. We were particularly overwhelmed by your generosity during the Christmas period. As you can imagine, we had huge demands this year and all your donations were greatly appreciated. The conference will keep you and your families in our prayers.

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

Your continued generosity is much appreciated.

Sanctuary Lamp:

This week our lamp burns in memory of **Eileen McNeill**

Christian Unity Week: Please go to

<https://youtu.be/GEwBm5ma144>

to see a service/presentation by our local churches in Dunmurry for this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.
(Available from 7am Sunday 24th Jan.)

**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

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

- 1.** 'The time is fulfilled' – this is a decisive moment in the life of Jesus. His public ministry is about to begin. Recall turning points in your own life when something new happened and with hindsight you can say the time was ripe for it to happen, 'the time was fulfilled'.
- 2.** 'Repent and believe the good news'. Jesus was not preaching a new doctrine, but calling for a change of heart, as a response to the good news of the gospel message. A new way of understanding God leads to a conversion in how we relate to God, a change of heart. A growth in awareness of who we are can lead us to a new level of self-confidence, another change of heart. Can you recall times when 'good news' led you to a change of heart?
- 3.** The Spirit of God who was at work in Jesus calling the disciples continues to work in our day and in our lives. That is why the gospel message is one of GOOD NEWS. When has your understanding of the gospel message led you to a different style of life? Who was the 'Jesus person' through whom the call came to you? To whom have you been a 'Jesus person' in this way?

John Byrne OSA

- Please Stay Home
 - Wear a Mask
 - Keep Apart
- Wash Your Hands

Today's Scripture Themes

Mark presents the Gospel of salvation within the context and plan of the life of Jesus Christ. That life is the story of the suffering Messiah, now seen in the light of the Resurrection. The faithful learn that the path to victory is by suffering discipleship. But the 'between times' are difficult and there is no other way. The call to follow Christ is the call to repent and believe.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Jonah 3:1-5. 10



The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth,

from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 24:4-9

Response: *Lord, make me know your ways.*

1. Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:

for you are God my saviour.

Response

2. Remember your mercy, Lord,

and the love you have shown from of old.

In your love remember me,

because of your goodness, O Lord. **Response**

3. The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,

he guides the humble in the right path;

he teaches his way to the poor.

Response

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 7:29-31

Brothers: our time is growing short.

Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it.

I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Sam 3:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is close at hand;

believe the good news.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 1:14-20



After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along

by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen.

And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.'

And at once they left their nets and followed him.



In his Apostolic Letter of 30 September 2019, *Aperuit illis* Pope Francis established that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be the Sunday of the Word of God.

He had already proposed something similar at the end of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. Sunday of the Word of God is a day to be devoted to the celebration, study, and spreading of the Word of God.

Pope Francis is clear from the very first paragraph of this letter that the relationship between the Risen Lord, a community of believers, and sacred Scripture is essential to who we are as Christians.

The Sunday assembly gathering to celebrate the Eucharist is the unique moment in the week where a community gathers in a particular place and when their communal identity is nourished by Word and Sacrament.

An important advance in 20th century theological reflection is that every sacramental celebration is founded and constructed upon the Word of God, and that every proclamation of the Word of God is sacramental.

Sunday of the Word of God is not a new feast! After all, the Word of God is proclaimed at every Sunday Eucharist, and one of the great blessings of the liturgical reform and renewal flowing from the Second Vatican Council is a greater appreciation of the foundational role of the Word of God in every liturgical celebration. The reform of the lectionary has led to much more scripture being proclaimed during our liturgical gatherings and a greater awareness of the role of the Word of God in the life of faith.

This Sunday builds on the texts and prayers of the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time and is conscious that it comes just after the celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. While we are not yet united around the table of the Eucharist, we do share on many Sundays of the year the same scriptural readings in our different Christian assemblies. Pope Francis urges us to strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people and to continue our prayer for Christian unity.

This Sunday is a time when the community is called to give greater attention not just to the Word of God. It is also urged to reflect on how we honour that Word in our celebrations, the books that we proclaim the Word from. Is the Gospel book carried in procession? Is it a well-made book that shows forth its life-giving content? Is it honoured with incense, and do we sing during the Gospel procession? Are the readers who proclaim the Word formed in the art of proclamation, and the knowledge of what they are announcing?

Pope Francis suggests in his letter that this Sunday is an ideal time to reflect on these issues. For presiders, it is also a call to reflect once again on their preaching of the Word of God. This Sunday has in the past offered an appropriate opportunity to commission and bless those who serve the community as readers, and initiate new ones to this essential ministry. If the parish community does not enthrone the Word of God every Sunday, maybe today is an opportunity to start. Another way of nourishing the role of scripture is praying quietly together in a *lectio divina* style of prayer.

Resources

[Aperuit Illis – Apostolic Letter of Pope Francis instituting the Sunday of the Word of God](#)

[Note from the the Vatican on Sunday of the Word of God 2021](#)

What is the Word of God?

We often identify the Bible as the Word of God. This is not wrong, but God speaks to our hearts in many different ways. For instance, he speaks to us in prayer and through our conscience, and often through other people. Hence, the Word of God covers much more than a printed book. Nevertheless, the Bible is the privileged collection of communications between God and his people. These stories and poems have nourished the lives of the people of Israel and the Christian Church right through the centuries, and they continue to nourish us today. They tell the story of God's love and our salvation from ancient times onwards. The scriptural texts offer us both challenge and encouragement for our lives, and are especially valuable to us through the hope they offer us at dark moments.

The Holy Spirit and the Scriptures

The Holy Spirit was at work in the whole process of the formation of the Scriptures. This is why, even though many people across different times and places contributed to the writing, we believe that the Scriptures are divinely inspired. But the Holy Spirit's work does not come to an end with the writing of the text. The Holy Spirit, who dwells in us by virtue of our baptism, is also at work in us as we listen to the text. Therefore, through the Spirit's inspiration, the words of Scripture can become a living Word of the Lord to us here and now.

Childrens Liturge 'Look' To download and print, please click on the link below:

[LOOK-24th-January-2021](#)
[\(saintannesparish.net\)](#)

Sunday 24 January 2021
Mark 1:14-20
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

LOOK

My name is _____

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

As Jesus walks beside the Sea of Galilee, he sees fishermen working hard in their boats. Jesus asks Simon, John, James and Andrew to follow him, and they leave everything behind to become Jesus' friends.

FOLLOW JESUS!

Jesus asked **four fishermen** to follow him and to become his disciples. Join the dots to see them, and fill in the blanks to find out their names.

_____ ON (MS) A _____ W (ERND) J _____ S (AEM) _____ (HNDL)

Find the Fish

Jesus' first disciples were fishermen. Can you catch the ten fish hidden around this page?

Where will Jesus lead us?

When Jesus asked Simon, John, James and Andrew to follow him, they had no idea where Jesus was leading them. Jesus' friends put their total faith and trust in him. Follow the path to see where Jesus is leading them.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, you called ordinary people like fishermen to become your closest followers. Thank you for reminding us that you call all sorts of people, people just like me, to be your best friends. Amen.

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