

St. Anne's Parish

Pastoral Community of Derriagh & Colin

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5th 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

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.

Recently Deceased: Teresa Spence.

Anniversaries: Raymond Geary. **Month's Mind:** Monica Fusco.

Baptisms

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

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.

LENTEN PIONEER PLEDGE

Many people choose to abstain from alcohol during Lent. Why not take this opportunity to perhaps help yourself or someone you know with an alcohol or drug problem by offering your sacrifice for freedom from addiction? Please consider taking the short-term Lenten Pledge and make a difference to someone's life and say the following daily prayer.

PRAYER: " I promise in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary to abstain from all alcoholic drink during Lent."

Our New Live Streaming Service!

We have recently installed a number of cameras and some new sound equipment in our church, so that our live streaming of all our services can be of the best quality for our parishioners and the many others beyond, who join us in worship online. This has been a huge investment for the future of our parish and it will allow us, in these very uncertain times of Covid-19, to continue to provide strong and good quality communication. This future-proofing has cost over **£15,000** and already we have had generous donations (£5000 already!) towards the cost of the project. **If you are in a position to do so, may I ask you to please consider making a donation to cover the costs incurred?** Your continued generosity to the upkeep of our parish in these difficult days is very much appreciated, and please continue to help us provide you with the best pastoral care and service. We continue to hold each other in prayer during these pandemic days.

Your Giving

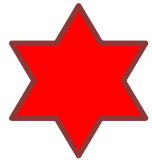
This w/end - **Weekly Offering & Monthly Offering**

- 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

OR..... Donate Online

Sanctuary Lamp:

This week our lamp burns in memory of **Enda Neill**



Coming soon.....this LENT!

As we know over the years we have made available in St. Anne's an Adult Faith Development programme during Lent. For parishioners this has been a sign not only of wanting to undertake a Lenten Commitment but also of a deeper desire to understand our faith better and to do so with others. Lent is a focus for us – let us not be derailed by the pandemic!

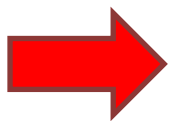
We plan to present two programmes:

1. Walking with Jesus along the Via Dolorosa.

This is a five session programme that includes a Gospel Reading, Reflective Prayer and Scriptural Rosary. This will be available **LIVE** on our YouTube Channel.

2. Lectio Divina in Lent

Inviting people to find a deeper love for scripture opens the door to deepening their relationship with God. Lectio Divina offers an opportunity for a group of people to come together, pray with scripture and share their insights. This Lent we hope to provide this programme using **ZOOM**.



Further details will be posted next week.

St. Vincent de Paul

Anyone wishing to donate, can do so online:

Account Name: St. Vincent de Paul Conference of St. Anne
Account No. 65576181
Sort Code: 938300.



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

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

This passage contains three stories and there is food for thought in each of them.

1. The first story (vv. 29-31) is one of healing. You might reflect on times when you were sick in body, mind or spirit and someone was a 'Jesus person' to you, someone who 'took you by the hand and lifted you up'. Remember them with gratitude. Have there been times also when you did this for others?

2. The second story (vv. 32-34) adds another dimension. People are freed from demons. Have you had the experience of being freed from demons that imprisoned you: fear, anxiety, guilt, low self-esteem, addictions, bitterness, etc.? What was it like for you to get that freedom? Who were the 'Jesus people' who helped to free you?

3. The third story (vv. 35-39) has a number of different elements we can consider:

a) Jesus goes off to a desert place to pray. After a hectic day he felt the need for quiet to ground himself once more. In the busyness of life how do you keep in touch with what is going on inside yourself? How do you keep in touch with God? Where do you find your 'deserted place'? What difference does it make for you when you do succeed in taking time out?

b) Jesus shows himself as a person seeking to break new ground. The disciples want him to continue ministry where he is. He wants to move on. What has been your experience of breaking new ground, moving beyond your comfort zone, or trying something you had not tried before? When has this had a life-giving effect for you?

John Byrne OSA

Today's Scripture Themes

Job speaks out as the plain man who cannot make sense of the suffering to be found in daily life. The questions that are raised by the tedium and shortness of life are asked in every age. The Christian sees a meaning through the life of Christ, for whom suffering became a means of achieving true life. Healing is a lifting up, and all suffering can lift up the world anew.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Job 7:1-4.6-7

Job began to speak:
'Is not man's life on earth
nothing more than pressed
service,
his time no better than hired
drudgery?
Like the slave, sighing for the
shade,
or the workman with no
thought but his wages,
months of delusion I have
assigned to me,
nothing for my own but
nights of grief.
Lying in bed I wonder,
"When will it be day?"
Risen I think, 'How slowly
evening comes!'
Restlessly I fret till twilight
falls.

Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed,
and vanished, leaving no hope behind.
Remember that my life is but a breath,
and that my eyes will never again see joy.



Responsorial Psalm Ps 146:1-6.

Response: *Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.*

1. Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving:
to him our praise is due. *Response*

2. The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles,
he heals the broken-hearted,
he binds up all their wounds.
He fixes the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its name. *Response*

3. Our Lord is great and almighty;
his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the dust. *Response*

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 9:16-19.22-23



I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the

Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me. So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessing.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 8: 12

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord,
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.
Alleluia!

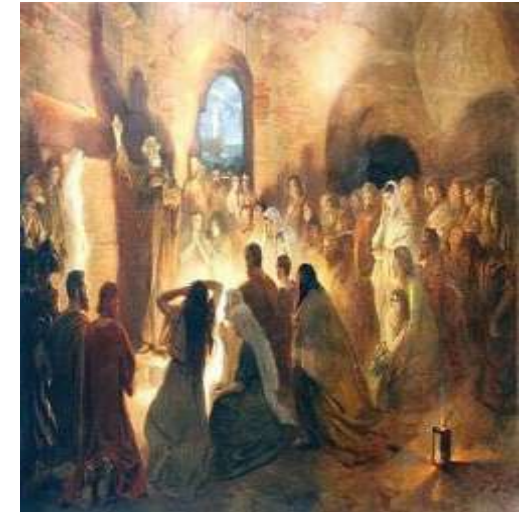
GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped, her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was. In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.'

And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.



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.

PRAYER COMPOSED BY POPE FRANCIS FOR PROTECTION FROM CORONAVIRUS

Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Bishop Fintan Monahan to speak at the Grandparents' Faith Café



Bishop Fintan Monahan, Bishop of Killaloe, will be the guest speaker for the February Grandparents' Faith Café, a new initiative of the Catholic Grandparents Association (CGA), which is taking place online once a month *via* Zoom. Bishop Monahan will speak on the theme 'Grandparents as Influencers'.

Launching the initiative last December, Catherine Wiley, Founder of the CGA said, "If the pandemic has taught us anything it has taught us how much we have missed being together in family gatherings, at parish and other social gatherings. The pandemic has also shown just how capable and inventive we have become at creating these gathering spaces for ourselves online. Grandparents have themselves embraced technology in new ways during the pandemic. We are now offering a social and spiritual space for grandparents to meet online once a month to chat, to offer prayers and intentions and to just be together in the spirit of faith.

"It is hoped that Grandparents' Faith Cafés will grow and spread within dioceses and existing CGA ministries as a way of connecting grandparents to each other and to their faith. When the pandemic has passed it is hoped to also translate the Faith Cafés to actual gatherings locally in parishes and in dioceses."

All are welcome to attend the Faith Café from 7.30pm to 8.30pm on Tuesday 9 February. Registration is open now and is free of charge – email info@catholicgrandparentsassociation.com.



Novena Prayer

Mary,
Our Lady of Lourdes,
you appeared at the grotto of Massabielle
to Bernadette, a simple shepherdess.

You brought her the radiant light of your smile,
the gentle, resplendent brightness of your presence.
Day by day, you built a relationship with her
where you gazed at her gently as one person talking to
another.

We, too, come before you in our poverty,
and we humbly pray to you.
May those who doubt discover the joy of trust.
May those who despair sense your discreet presence.

Mary,
Our Lady of Lourdes,
you revealed your name to Bernadette
by simply saying "I am the Immaculate Conception".

May we discover the joy of a forgiveness that never falters.
Instil in us the desire for a rediscovered innocence and a
joyful holiness.

Help the blinded sinner.
You who gave birth to the Saviour of the world,
look tenderly on our beautiful but tragic world.
Open in us the path of hope,
Guide us to the One who is the Living Source,
Jesus, your Son, who teaches us to call God Father.





Worksheet for children.

To download and print,
click on the link below:

<https://www.saintannesparish.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/LOOK-7th-February-2021.pdf>

Sunday 7 February 2021
Mark 1:29-39
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LOOK

My name is _____

JESUS IS GREAT

Jesus healed people wherever he went. Count how many people Jesus heals on his way through Galilee.

Gospel words

All of the words in this puzzle appear in today's Gospel story.

	P		
R		N	
	C		
		V	T
E			
			E

Find them and fit them in.

Use the letters to help you.

Jesus the healer

Jesus healed people wherever he went. Fit the letters of the word HEAL into this puzzle so that each letter appears once in each row and column and each mini grid.

A			H
	H		A
		H	
E			L

Jesus' friends

Jesus' friends travelled with him. Unscramble the names to see who they are.

ONHI

NRWEDA

MSOIN

AEMJS

There are two lots of brothers. Which do you think are brothers?

A PRAYER TO SAY

Father God, thank you for all the people who help us when we are sick, the doctors and nurses and everyone who cares for us. We pray for all those who are ill at this time, especially _____ Amen.