



# St. Anne's Parish

Pastoral Community of Derriagh & Colin

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**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Our Church is closed until Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 community .....text your name and number to 07714691281 to be added to our WhatsApp group.

**Recently Deceased:** Canon Brendan McGee, Billy Crean.

**Month's Mind:** Judith Skelton. **Anniversaries:** Richard Maguire, Emma Magee, Brendan Horisk, George Rooney, Jim Connolly.

**Ash Wednesday:** The Season of Lent begins this week with Ash Wednesday - a Day of Fast and Abstinence. Mass will be streamed at 10am and in place of the distribution of Ashes, you will be invited to make a three-fold Lenten pledge during the mass.

## **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 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 the many who join us in worship online. This has been a huge investment. We have received over £550 this week 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?** Details of the parish account are available below. Your continued generosity to the upkeep of our parish in these difficult days is very much appreciated, and please continue to help us provide 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**

- 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. Anne's Parish

**A/C No. 07707787**  
**Sort Code 93 83 00**

Your continued generosity is much appreciated.

## **This LENT in St. Anne's!**

For many parishioners Lent is a time of wanting to undertake a Lenten Commitment and a desire to try to understand our faith better and to do so with others.

We will be presenting two programmes:

### **1. Walking with Jesus along the Via Dolorosa.**

This is a five session programme beginning on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 7.30pm and continuing for the next five Mondays. It includes a Gospel Reading, Reflective Prayer and Scriptural Rosary and will be available **LIVE** on our YouTube Channel.

### **2. Lectio Divina in Lent**

Lent is a time when many of us feel drawn to give more time to prayer. This Lent we invite you to join us online for a time of Prayer and Reflection with the Sunday readings.

The programme which will be held live on **Zoom** is for 5 weeks and will take place on Thursdays at 7.30pm for approximately one hour, beginning this Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February. This will be a great opportunity for us to connect with one another and to the Word of God.

Spaces are limited, so if you would like to take part please leave your **name** with the parish office as soon as possible by email on [stannes@downandconnor.org](mailto:stannes@downandconnor.org) . We will then send you further details and a link for our meeting.

## **TRÓCAIRE In LENT**



This Lent, we learn more about the suffering of people who have lost their homes and loved ones to war, and how they are rebuilding their lives through love, friendship and solidarity. Awut and Ajak lost their homes and loved ones to the conflict in South Sudan. They fled their villages with nothing but the clothes on their back, trekking through miles of dangerous bushland with no food or water for themselves or their children. Awut arrived in the community of Malek frightened, but was welcomed with loving arms by her new neighbours. Some time later, Ajak returned to Malek after having been away with her husband who was a soldier. Here, in this remarkable community, people whose lives were brought together by pain and suffering are starting new lives based on love, friendship and kindness. Every day remains a struggle for Awut and Ajak and their families. They struggle to earn money, grow food and attend school. Life continues to be full of challenges and obstacles for these amazing women, but they face these challenges together, with dignity and solidarity

Trócaire are appealing to you to continue your support this Lent. Resources, prayers and videos are available on [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org) and donations can be made to the Lent campaign in the following ways:

Online at [www.trocaire.org/donations/now/](http://www.trocaire.org/donations/now/)

By phone: 0800 912 1200 (Northern Ireland)

The contents of each and every Trócaire donation, no matter how small, come together to make a significant difference. This virus knows no borders, but neither does our compassion.



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

### **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.

Ajak and Awut in their village community, helping each other and working together for their families



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## Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

### Day of Prayer for Temperance

1. Jesus' compassion for people suffering was an outstanding characteristic of his ministry. We see the healing power of God at work through him. Recall times when the compassion of others has had a healing effect on you. Remember also when your compassion towards someone in trouble brought them hope, healing or strength.
2. 'If you choose, you can make me clean'. Our choice is a key factor in how we affect others. We cannot choose to have no impact on the people in our lives. Even a choice to do nothing has an effect. When have you been particularly aware of the importance of your choice to be a positive influence on another?
3. Lepers were forced to live away from others. The leper's cure meant that he was also readmitted to contact with the community. Perhaps you recall people who were once ostracized being brought back into family or community. Who was the Jesus person who helped this healing to take place?
4. The joy of the leper on being healed was such that he could not keep the good news to himself. Bring to mind occasions when you were so filled with good news that you could not keep it to yourself.



John Byrne OSA

## Today's Scripture Readings

### FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Leviticus 13: 1-2.44-46

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'



**Responsorial Psalm Ps 31:1-2:5-11.**

**Response: You are my refuge, O Lord;  
you fill me with the joy of salvation.**

1. Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,  
whose sin is remitted.  
O happy the man to whom the Lord  
imputes no guilt,  
in whose spirit is no guile. **Response**

2. But now I have acknowledged my sins;  
my guilt I did not hide.  
I said: 'I will confess  
my offence to the Lord.'  
And you, Lord, have forgiven  
the guilt of my sin. **Response**

3. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,  
exult, you just!  
O come, ring out your joy,  
all you upright of heart. **Response**

## SECOND READING



A reading from the letter of St Paul to  
the Cor *10:31-11:1*

**W**hatever you eat, whatever you drink,  
whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of  
God. Never do anything offensive to anyone  
– to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of  
God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone  
at all times, not anxious for my own  
advantage but for the advantage of  
everybody else, so that they may be saved.  
Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

## Gospel Acclamation *Eph 1: 17*

Alleluia, alleluia!  
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our  
mind,  
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark *1: 40-45*

**A** leper came to Jesus and  
pleaded on his knees: 'If you  
want to' he said 'you can cure  
me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus  
stretched out his hand and  
touched him. '*Of course I want  
to!*' he said. '*Be cured!*'  
And the leprosy left him at once  
and he was cured. Jesus  
immediately sent him away and  
sternly ordered him, '*Mind you  
say nothing to anyone, but go  
and show yourself to the priest,  
and make the offering for your  
healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.*' The man  
went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story  
everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but  
had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from  
all around would come to him.



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The annual **Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Sexual Abuse** will take place this Friday 19 February 2021, the first Friday of Lent. The Day of Prayer is an initiative by Pope Francis and was first marked in Irish dioceses and parishes in 2017.

### **Candle of Atonement**

The bishops of Ireland have blessed and dedicated Candles of Atonement for use in cathedrals and parishes throughout the country on the Day of Prayer and thereafter during the celebration of Mass and other liturgies.

Introducing the Candles of Atonement in 2019, Archbishop Eamon Martin said, "In lighting these candles we will bring to mind our brothers and sisters, and their families, who have been left with a lifelong suffering as a result of abuse, whose trust was so deeply betrayed and whose faith has been so cruelly tested within the sanctity of the Church by perpetrators of abuse.

"I have been privileged to meet with victims and survivors of abuse and members of their families in the four provinces of Ireland. Many have spoken to me about the importance of prayer for survivors, and for the

need for the Church to be open to justice, to atone and never forget them. I have been humbled by their courage and overwhelmed by their generosity of spirit.

"I encourage dioceses and parishes to undertake this prayer initiative and to light the 'Candle of Atonement' in Cathedrals and churches across Ireland again this year. It would mean a lot to survivors if the 'Candle of Atonement' was a permanent feature in our Cathedrals and parish churches. People visiting the church for quiet prayer might light the 'Candle of Atonement', pray the prayer, and bring to mind someone they know who has been directly impacted or affected by abuse. I am convinced that prayer and outreach to survivors of abuse is a modern-day corporal and spiritual work of mercy."

Archbishop Eamon continued, "The simple prayer ritual for the dedication and lighting of the 'Candle of Atonement' in Cathedrals and parish churches is based on the very moving Penitential Rite composed and prayed by Pope Francis at the final Mass of the World Meeting of Families 2018 in Phoenix Park when he implored the Lord's mercy for the crimes of abuse and asked for forgiveness.

"The 'Candle of Atonement' and accompanying prayer are offered as a reminder to all of the need for us to atone, to ask forgiveness as a Church for the suffering caused by abuse. My hope is that these candles will be lit in Cathedrals and parishes across the country as a reminder of the need for atonement and that they will symbolise repentance, light in the darkness and hope."

**The annual Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Abuse will take place this Friday 19 February 2021.**

**The diocese will mark this day with a Mass in St Peter's Cathedral, St Peter's Square, Belfast, at 10 am on Friday 19 February.**

# Candle of Atonement Prayer



Lord, forgive us our many sins.  
 We grieve and repent with all our hearts for  
 having offended you, for our great failings and  
 neglect of the young and vulnerable.  
 We place all of those who have been hurt by the  
 Church in any way into your loving hands and  
 under the protection of Our Blessed Mother.  
 Lord, bring peace to their broken lives and  
 show us all the way out of darkness and into  
 the light of your Word.  
 May we as the people of God be more fully  
 human, more fully Christ-like and more fully  
 your people, that we may see the errors of the  
 past and go forward with renewed hope and  
 faith in Christ and in our Church.

Amen.

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## Worksheet for children.

To download and print, click on  
 the link: [LOOK-4th-February-2021](#)

Sunday 14 February 2021  
 Mark 1:40-45  
 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

### HOORAY FOR JESUS

This man is very happy because he has been healed by Jesus! Help him to share his good news with his friends – be quick, he's very excited!

### Hands

Six words are hiding in these hands.

They describe things Jesus did and what he is like. You will find the first part of each word in the left hand and the end in the right hand.

### Healing hands

Jesus had healing hands.

Use the grid to help you draw one of Jesus' healing hands.

Who can you think of who has healing hands today?

### Wordsearch

Look backwards, forwards, up, down and diagonally.

All of these words from today's Gospel can be found in this word search.

ALL	HEALED
ASKS	HURRY
CURED	JESUS
EVERYONE	LEPROSY
EXCITED	STRETCH
HAND	TELL

E	V	E	R	Y	O	N	E
J	S	X	H	A	N	D	H
E	K	C	A	K	E	Q	U
S	S	I	L	L	E	T	R
U	A	T	A	Z	L	X	R
S	L	E	P	R	O	S	Y
Z	H	D	D	E	R	U	C
S	T	R	E	T	C	H	S

### A PRAYER TO SAY

Father God, Jesus helped people everywhere he went. Help us to be kind and thoughtful like him, especially helping people who are sick or in need. Amen.

Answer: The words in the hands are pray, heal, teach, cure, love and kind