



St. Anne's Parish

Pastoral Community of Derriaghy & Colin

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1st Sunday of Lent

Our Church is closed until 1st April

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: Collete McCooe, Michael Tumelty.

Anniversaries: Josie Catney, James McGahan, Odhran McLaughlin, John Mageean.

Adoration in March: Join us online for one hour on a **Wednesday** evening sometime **between 5pm and 8pm**. Scripture, reflections, music and prayer from 7pm with Benediction at 8pm.

Your Giving This w/end - **Weekly Offering and 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. Anne's Parish

A/C No. 07707787
Sort Code 93 83 00

Your continued generosity is much appreciated.

This LENT in St. Anne's!

We are presenting two programmes:

1. Walking with Jesus along the Via Dolorosa.

This five session program continues this **Monday 1st March at 7.30pm**. It includes a Gospel Reading, Reflective Prayer and Scriptural Rosary and will be available **LIVE** on our YouTube Channel. The accompanying leaflet is available to download from our website. We can also deliver it to you if you let us know.

2. Lectio Divina in Lent

This program is held on **Zoom** and takes place on **Thursdays at 7.30pm** for approximately one hour. This is a great opportunity for us to connect with one another and to the Word of God. Spaces are limited, so leave your **name** on stannes@downandconnor.org . We will then send you the link.

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 and donations can be made to the Lent campaign in the following ways:

Online at 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.

Trocaire Boxes can be picked up outside the church between 10am to 4pm each day!

If you would like a box to be delivered to your home, please call or email the parish office.



Our New Live Streaming Service! Our recently installed cameras and new sound equipment has made a huge improvement in our online streaming service. This has been a big investment for the future and it will allow us, in these very uncertain times of Covid-19, to continue to provide strong and good quality communication. **If you are in a position to do so, may I ask you to please consider making a donation?** 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.

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 !

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



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Elizabeth Prout Lecture Series: "Perseverance: Love and Prayer in a Time of Pandemic" with Dom Christopher Jamison OSB (Thursday, 4 March 2021)

This will take place on **Thursday, 4 March at 7:00 pm** hosted by Drumalis via Zoom. The speaker is **Dom Christopher Jamison OSB** and the theme is **"Perseverance: Love and Prayer in a Time of Pandemic"** – To book, please phone Drumalis Mon-Fri, 9 am – 5 pm – 028 28276455/28272196. Bookings are also being taken for the next date in the series, **Thursday, 25 March at 7:00 pm** with **Sr Joan Chittister**, an American Benedictine Sister, best-selling author and international speaker.

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

1. Some special spiritual experiences are well nigh impossible to describe in words. The Transfiguration was one of these. Jesus had a new and deeper insight into his relationship with his heavenly Father, one that would sustain him through what lay ahead of him. Have you had WOW moments that you found hard to describe to others? How have these sustained you in difficult times?
2. It can be both scary and wonderful to witness transformation in another, especially a person who is close. At times parents get a taste of this when a child's talent blossoms and is recognised by the child. We may also experience it when a dear friend recognises s/he is in a blind alley and gives up an addiction.
3. 'This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him.' Peter, James and John were particularly close to Jesus, but they were not good at listening to Jesus, especially when he spoke of the painful road of servant discipleship. Jesus is the one we must listen to, even when his message is hard to hear. It is in this message we find life. When have you found this to be true?
4. Strangely this instruction came to the disciples when they were confused and 'in a cloud'. Perhaps you recall a moment of insight coming to you at a time when you were confused.

John Byrne OSA

Scripture Themes

God sacrifices his own Son as part of the plan of salvation of the world. Calvary is a sign of God's love for us. This story of Abraham's sacrifice will be told again at the Easter Vigil as a preparation for Baptism.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Genesis 22:1-2.9-13.15-18



God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.' When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him,

Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 115

Response ***I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.***

1. I trusted, even when I said:
'I am sorely afflicted.'
O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful. **Response**

2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name. **Response**

3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. **Response**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:31.34



With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ

Jesus? No! He not only died for us-he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 17:5

Glory and praise to you, O Christ !
From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard
'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'
Glory and praise to you, O Christ !

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi', he said it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.



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DIOCESAN VOCATION WEEKEND

Have you ever considered the possibility that God is calling you to the priesthood?

If so, take this opportunity to gather online with other men who are discerning their vocation.

This virtual retreat will create the time and space to help you discern God's calling in your life.

The retreat will take place from the evening of Fri 19th – Sat 20th March 2021. If you wish to register your interest in joining this retreat or would like further information contact:

Fr. Kevin McGuckien - Tel: 02890614567 or
email: vocations@downandconnor.org

Look, Worksheet for children, click on the link to download and print:

LOOK-28th-February-2021

Sunday 28 February 2021
Mark 9:2-10
2nd Sunday of Lent

LOOK

My name is _____

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

Jesus takes three of his friends, Peter, James and John, up to a high mountain. While they are there, Jesus' clothes become a dazzling white. Jesus' friends see two very special prophets with him, Elijah and Moses. Knowing these are very special people, Peter asks if he can make tents for them. Then a cloud appears and they hear God the Father saying, 'This is my dear Son - listen to him'.

SHINE BRIGHT

This very special event is known by a long word. Can you follow the path and find the letters, one at a time, to make the word?

Ask a grown up to help you pronounce it. How many smaller words can you make from this one word?

Use the back of the sheet.

5 = good
10 = excellent
15 = outstanding!

Wordsearch

How many words from today's Gospel can you find in the wordsearch?

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| E | T | E | Z | T | S | G | J |
| S | E | A | X | E | O | O | O |
| O | P | R | J | N | N | D | H |
| M | O | U | N | T | A | I | N |
| K | V | L | I | S | T | E | N |

What does God ask?

"This is my own dear Son"

Crack the code to see what God wants us to do.

Listen to God

We can hear God in nature and the voices of people we love.

Draw inside this ear the good things you have heard today.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, help me to listen to you each day and to be a shining light to others. Amen.

Answers: Today's story is called the Transfiguration. Code: 'listen to him'. Wordsearch: The 17 words included from the Gospel.