



# St. Anne's Parish

Pastoral Community of Derriaghy & Colin

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**3rd Sunday of Lent**

**Our Church is closed until 1<sup>st</sup> 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 community .....text your name and number to 07714691281 to be added to our WhatsApp group.

**Anniversaries:** Vera Marshall, Annie & Jimmy Catney, Seamus Conlon, Charles Watters, Peter Brennan.

**Adoration in March:** Join us online for one hour or whatever time you can, 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 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](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!**

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

This five-session program continues this **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](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.

**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.**



You are invited to the  
**St Patrick's College Maynooth**

**ANNUAL  
TRÓCAIRE LECTURE**

**'Caring for the Human Family  
and our Common Home'**

Cardinal Luis Antonio Gokim Tagle  
will deliver the keynote address

**Tuesday, 9 March 2021  
6.30 p.m. GMT**

This is a free online event  
and registration is essential

Please register using this link:  
[https://trocaire-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_bLnu0...al.SYSQNMPE3A7pg](https://trocaire-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_bLnu0...al.SYSQNMPE3A7pg)



**Trócaire**

**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 !

### **Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel**

- 1.** In the Old Testament the privileged place of God's presence was the Temple in Jerusalem. In the New Covenant, this was replaced by the person of Jesus. This is the symbolism of the action of Jesus in the Temple. Recall how Jesus has helped your relationship with God and give thanks for this.
- 2.** But we are the Body of Christ. When have you been particularly aware of the sacredness of people (yourself or others).
- 3.** There are many ways in which people, the temples of God, are being profaned today. Where are you aware of the sacredness of the human person being violated? Who are the people seeking to cleanse the temple, by promoting respect for the dignity of every human person? Perhaps in ways you have done this.
- 4.** We may also think of institutions as in some way temples of God's presence. In this time when aspects of our institutions are crumbling we can perhaps identify with the Jews who were horrified at the suggestion that the Temple would be destroyed. What is it like for you living in a time when some of the things you have taken for granted are collapsing? Where do you find hope in such circumstances?

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### ***Scripture Theme***

***The law by which we live gives life and brings God's love to the whole world. The Ten Commandments are put before us today as the basic morality. The death and Resurrection of Christ leads to an understanding of a deeper way through self-giving love.***

## FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Exodus 20 :1-17

God spoke all these words. He said,

**I** am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

*'You shall have no gods except me.*

*'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of*

anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

*'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.*

*'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy.* For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

*'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.*

*'You shall not kill.*

*'You shall not commit adultery.*

*'You shall not steal.*

*'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.*



*'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'*

## Responsorial Psalm Ps18

**Response** *You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.*

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,  
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple. **Response**

2. The precepts of the Lord are right,  
they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear,  
it gives light to the eyes. **Response**

3. The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth  
and all of them just. **Response**

4. They are more to be desired than gold,  
than the purest of gold

and sweeter are they than honey,  
than honey from the comb. **Response**

## SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians *1:22-25*

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

## Gospel Acclamation *Jn 11:25. 26*

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!  
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord,  
whoever believes in me will never die.  
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

## GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John *2:13-25*



Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the

words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

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# PRIESTHOOD:

## Is it God's dream for you?



**"Joseph, Son of David, do not be afraid!" (Mt 1:20)**

Join the online 2-day retreat for young men beginning on the Feast of St Joseph, Fri 19th - Sat 20th March 2021.

**Ask Jesus what he wants for your life. Be Brave.**

A time for reflection, prayer, meeting other men considering their vocation and a panel discussion with priests from the Diocese.

**Retreat Director: Fr Marcus Holden**

If you are interested in joining the retreat, contact Fr Kevin.

✉ [vocations@downandconnor.org](mailto:vocations@downandconnor.org)

☎ 028 90 614 567



## Celebrating Mary's Yes!



*Thursday 25th March 2021 at 7pm  
Let us gather as a Diocese to pray for vocations.*

Every vocation requires commitment and generosity to say "Yes" to God's plan for our lives.

On the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, we invite you to join with us online to pray the rosary for vocations to the priesthood.

This rosary will be broadcast from St Peter's Cathedral Belfast.

[www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral](http://www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral)



Mary Most Holy, the Mother of our Saviour, had courage, placing her youth and her enthusiasm in God's hands. Through her intercession, may we be granted that same openness of heart, that same readiness to respond, "Here I am", to the Lord's call, and that same joy in setting out (cf. Lk 1:39), like her, to proclaim Him to the whole world.

Pope Francis

54th World Day of Prayer for Vocations



# Meet a Monk

A virtual evening from Our Lady of Bethlehem Abbey, Portglenone

This online information session, followed by an opportunity for Q&A, will provide some insights into this monastic way of living. It is an opportunity to take a first step in exploring a Cistercian vocation.

The event is facilitated via Zoom and those who wish to attend should email **[bethlehemcistercianfamily@gmail.com](mailto:bethlehemcistercianfamily@gmail.com)** in advance of the meeting for details.

*Please note that this event is aimed at those in Britain and Ireland considering a vocation to the Order of Cistercians of the Strict Observance.*

**11th March 2021 7:00 pm**



LOOK Worksheet for children:

Click on the link to download and print:

[LOOK-Sunday-7th-March-2021](#)

**LOOK** Sunday 7 March 2021  
John 2:13-25  
3rd Sunday of Lent

**IN THE GOSPEL TODAY**  
Jesus says he is the Temple of God, and he will come back to life after he dies. The people do not understand, and think he is talking about the Temple where they are standing. Jesus is not afraid to stand up for what is right and tells off the people who are trading in God's house and being dishonest.

**GOD'S HOUSE**  
Help these children find their way to church, the house of God.

**In church we...**  
Tick the good things that we do in church.

fight, sing, pray, kneel, eat sweets, listen

**Like a church**  
Fill in the grid with these words that show Jesus is like a church.

STRONG, FRIENDLY, SAFE, HOLY, WARM

**Standing up for what is right**  
Sometimes we need to stand up for what is right and good. Seeing something that is unfair or wrong can make us cross. Moya is angry to see the girls ignoring Xiang.

**A PRAYER TO SAY**  
Dear Jesus, thank you for always being there for us, and for giving us your strong love. Help us to spread your love, so that the world may be a beautiful place. Amen.

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