



St. Anne's Parish

Pastoral Community of Derriagh & Colin

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4th 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.



Anniversaries: Niall Holmes, Danny Cregan.

St. Patrick's Day Mass: Wednesday at 10am



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**

- 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.

- New Envelopes:** The new boxes of envelopes are now ready and will be delivered over the next week or so. If you wish, we can have them available for picking up at the officeif you let know. Call **028 90610112**

This LENT in St. Anne's!

1. Walking with Jesus along the Via Dolorosa.

This five-session program continues this **Monday 15th 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



Last year, Madris and her children Joy-Faith and Alex appeared on the Lenten box.

Your generous support has helped them through the ongoing challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic.

“In the first few months, I was struggling to choose whether to buy masks for my children to prevent them from getting the covid 19 virus, or to buy food to prevent them from hunger” says Madris. These are the stark choices faced by so many people across the world affected by Covid, where there are little government safety nets for people who lose their incomes.

Thanks to the generosity of your parish, Madris was able to feed her family. Your support helped provide food, face masks and other key items to help the family survive, and trained Madris in how to recycle local materials to create a hand washing tap at the family home.

“I want to thank Trocaire very much. You really saved me and my children’s lives. If it wasn’t for your support now we would not even be here smiling. God bless you” said Madris.

Madris wants you to know that she is **“thankful for the people of Ireland for always remembering her.”**

And please, continue to keep South Sudan in your hearts and prayers this Lent. There is still need. War has taken enough from Ajak & Awut, and they need your love, prayers and support.

To share their story with your Parish, please [click here](#).

With every blessing this Lent, **Colm Hogan, Trócaire**

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 !

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

- 1.** Jesus speaks of himself being lifted up, a term that can mean a physical lifting, or also exaltation. By this play on words the evangelist explains to us that Jesus' gift of himself in the passion was a glorious revelation of love, despite all its injustice and brutality. Bring to mind occasions when the love shown by Jesus in his passion was a sacrament of God's love for you.
- 2.** It would be very cushy for us if we could be a source of life to others without cost to ourselves. True life-givers know that they need the generosity of being lifted up by giving their lives so that others may have life. Recall when you have had that generosity and give thanks for others who have been like that for you.
- 3.** We receive life from God when our faith enables us to trust in God's love for us. We give life to one another when the love between us is trustworthy. Recall memories of that kind of trustworthy love. For whom have you been able to be a 'Jesus person' and give a love that another could trust? Who has shown that kind of love to you and been for you a sacrament of God's love?

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Scriptural themes

The seed is sown in the ground when its hour comes. In time it bears fruit. Christ through his obedience dies, but through his dying he brings eternal life to all who call on his name. In the new relationship with him that comes about, God remembers our sins no more.

FIRST READING

A reading from the second book of Chronicles *36:14-16.19-23*

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy. Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'



And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 136*

Response: *O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!*

1. By the rivers of Babylon
there we sat and wept,
remembering Zion;
on the poplars that grew there
we hung up our harps. **Response**

2. For it was there that they asked us,
our captors, for songs,
our oppressors, for joy.
'Sing to us,' they said,
'one of Zion's songs.' **Response**

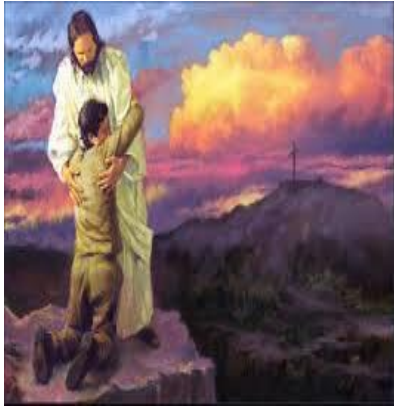
3. O how could we sing
the song of the Lord
on alien soil?
If I forget you Jerusalem,
let my right hand wither! **Response**

4. O let my tongue
cleave to my mouth
if I remember you not,
if I prize not Jerusalem
above all my joys! **Response**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians *2:4-10*

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.



This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

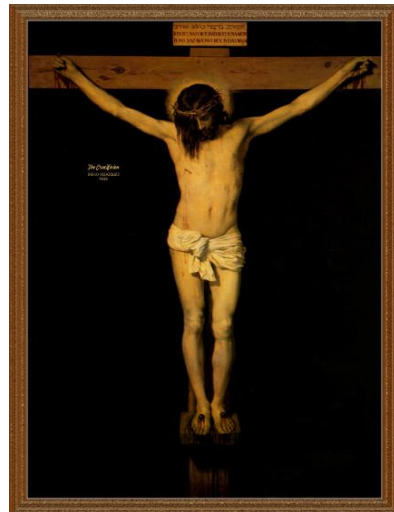
Gospel Acclamation *Jn 3:16*

Glory and praise to you, O Christ !
God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son;
everyone who believes in him has eternal life.
Glory and praise to you, O Christ !

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John *3:14-21*

Jesus said to Nicodemus:
*'The Son of Man must be lifted up
as Moses lifted up the serpent in the
desert,
so that everyone who believes may
have eternal life in him.
Yes, God loved the world so much
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him
may not be lost
but may have eternal life.
For God sent his Son into the world
not to condemn the world,
but so that through him the world might be saved.*



*No one who believes in him will be condemned;
but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already,
because he has refused to believe
in the name of God's only Son.
On these grounds is sentence pronounced:
that though the light has come into the world
men have shown they prefer
darkness to the light
because their deeds were evil.
And indeed, everybody who does wrong
hates the light and avoids it,
for fear his actions should be exposed;
but the man who lives by the truth
comes out into the light, .
so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.*

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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

☎ 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



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



LOOK Sunday 14 March 2021
John 3:14-21
4th Sunday of Lent

My name is _____

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

Jesus says that he was sent to be the light of the world because God loves us so much.

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Jesus makes our lives bright and happy. Colour the shapes to find a lamp that was used in the time of Jesus.

1= ● 2= ● 3= ● 4= ●

A poem to finish
Use these words in green to finish the poem

bright
light
night
flight

Who is Jesus?
Find the words that tell us about Jesus by colouring all the X squares.

X	J	E	S	U	S	X
I	S	X	H	T	H	E
L	I	G	H	T	X	X
O	F	X	X	T	H	E
X	W	O	R	L	D	X

Be a light!
How is Hibah going to be a light for the people she meets today?
Tick the good suggestions and cross out the bad ideas. Perhaps you can choose to try some out yourself?

share her sweets
feed the cat
snatch her toys back
tidy up
smile
wash up
shout at everyone
help at home
sulk
ignore her sister
listen carefully

Jesus comes to bring us _____
To put our fear and pain to _____
To fill our lives with joy so _____
And keep us safe by day and _____

A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, you are the light of the world. Help us to be loving and kind so that we brighten up the lives of all we meet. Amen.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Gospel of John 3:14-21

Theme: God sent his Son, so that through him, the world will be saved.

Extracts from the Gospel Reading

God loved the world so much, that he gave us his only Son. Whoever believes in Jesus will have life forever.

The light has come into the world and whoever lives according to the truth

comes into the light so that it can be clearly seen that their works have been done in God.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.*

We speak about light in our gospel today. Playing games, having fun and getting our photo taken can brighten up our day and bring light into our lives.

paper. Add some twine at the top so it can dangle. For some help, check out this link: <https://www.wikihow.com/Make-Tissue-Paper-Suncatchers>

Ask the Children

- 1) What games do we play to have fun?
- 2) What games do we play that the children in South Sudan also play? For example, football, skipping, volleyball, basketball.
- 3) Other than games, what do we love doing each day?



Nyajima (2) and Nyibak (5) having fun whilst their photo is taken. Photo credit: Achouth Deng

Activity 1

Go for a walk and maybe have a little treasure hunt around the church grounds. Look for the stained-glass windows. Find the place where the priest reads the gospel.

Activity 2

Make stained-glass windows with lollipop sticks. Put the lollipop sticks in a triangular shape, then add tissue

