



St. Anne's Parish

Pastoral Community of Derriaghy & Colin

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5th Sunday of Lent

Our Church is closed until Tues 30th 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.

Month's Mind: Colette McCooe.

Anniversaries: Maurice O'Hare, Alphie McDonagh, Pam Morgan, Thompson Clark, Paul Meyler.

Adoration in March: Join us online for one hour or whatever time you can, on **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 & Needy Parishes**

- 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 being delivered. If you haven't received yours yet.....let us 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 22nd 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](#).

2. Lectio Divina in Lent

This program was held on **Zoom** and took place on Thursdays over the past number of weeks. A big **Thank You** to Maire and Mary for facilitating this time of prayer for the parish. The feedback has been very positive and we look forward to more after Easter. Watch this space!

TRÓCAIRE in LENT



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

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!

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. The parable of the grain of wheat reminds us of a truth that any parent can testify to, namely that it is in dying to ourselves that we can give life to others. We will never be of benefit to others if we remain wrapped up in ourselves. In what ways has your dying to yourself brought life to another? How has the generous giving of another brought life to you?
2. Sometimes our emotions rebel at the thought of what lies ahead and we feel like praying Father, save me from this hour. Then a realisation may come for you as a parent, a teacher, a spouse, a friend: No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Recall times when you have accepted pain or hassle and been a source of life to others for doing so.
3. The story presents the death of Jesus as the moment of his glorification by God. We are also glorified when the grace of God enables us to give generously of ourselves. When have you experienced this in yourself or in another?
4. This voice has come for your sake and not for mine. The angel spoke that we might recognise the love being shown us by Jesus. Sometimes it requires the voice of another to draw our attention to love that is being offered to us. When was this your experience?

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Scriptural themes

Lent reminds us that God loved us so much that he was generous with his mercy. If we have faith in that mercy we will not be lost. But we have to bring that message to all. The Christian has to preach to the world the saving work of Jesus Christ.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah *31:31-34*



See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with

the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 50

Response: *A pure heart create for me, O God.*

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. **Response**

2. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **Response**

3. Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you. **Response**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Hebrews *5:7-9*



During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 12:26

Glory and praise to you, O Christ !
If a man serves me, says the Lord, he must follow me;
wherever I am, my servant will be there too.
Glory and praise to you, O Christ !

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John *12:20 -30*

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life.

If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too.

If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.

Now my soul is troubled.

What shall I say:

Father, save me from this hour?

But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour.

Father, glorify your name!'

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again. People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.'

Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.



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AMORIS LAETITIA FAMILY YEAR

19 March 2021 – 26 June 2022



Amoris Laetitia Family
Year 2021 - 2022

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On Friday 19 March 2021, the Feast of Saint Joseph, the Church will celebrate five years since the publication of Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love) on the beauty and joy of love in the family. On the same day, Pope Francis will launch the Amoris Laetitia Family Year, which will conclude on 26 June 2022, on the occasion of the Tenth World Meeting of Families in Rome.

Speaking about the Amoris Laetitia Family Year, Pope Francis referred to it as a special year to grow in family love and an opportunity for a renewed and creative pastoral drive to place the family at the centre of both Church and society. Pope Francis also shared his hope that every family may feel in its own home the living presence of the Holy Family of Nazareth, that it may fill our small domestic communities with sincere and generous love, a source of joy even in trials and difficulties".

