



St. Anne's Parish

Pastoral Community of Derriaghy & Colin

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5th SUNDAY of EASTER

This Week in St. Anne's

Sunday Mass: 5pm Vigil & 11am

Weekday Mass: Tues, Wed & Thurs at 10am

Remember -
All services are streamed 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: Ann Hagan.

Anniversaries: James & Veronica Lalor, George Dunstall, Edward Walsh, Richard Adams, Ada Lunny, Una Brennan.

Your Giving This w/end - **Weekly Offering**
& **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

OR Donate Online to St. Anne's Parish

A/C No. 07707787
Sort Code 93 83 00

Your continued generosity is much appreciated.

Easter to Pentecost - Lectio Divina

As promised at the end of our Lenten Lectio sessions, we are inviting you to join with us again for a time of Prayer and Reflection with the Sunday Gospels as we journey towards Pentecost.

The programme which will be held live on Zoom is for 6 weeks and will take place on **Wednesdays at 7.30pm** for approximately one hour. If you would like to take part please contact the parish office on **stannes@downandconnor.org** to reserve your place. We look forward to having you join with us.

Church Cleaning Appeal

In order to keep everyone safe, our church is cleaned by a team of volunteers on a rota basis. The commitment is 20/30 minutes on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evening every two or three weeks. Do you think you could join this team? If so, could you leave your name and contact details with the Parish Office, phone number – 90610112. We would be very grateful.

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.

Coming soon.....

1st Penance P4: Tues to Fri – 11th to 14th May at 11.30am.

1st Penance P3: Tues to Fri – 25th to 28th May at 11.30am

1st Holy Communion: Tues to Fri – 15th to 18th June 10am.

P.S. These are the planned arrangements which may have to be changed in line with Covid-19 restrictions in place at the time.

FoodBank

Fr. Peter and the parish Foodbank team would like to thank you for your continued, generous support. The foodbank is available to accept donations each day from 10am to 4pm. Thank you.



St. Anne's Covid Support Group

This time last year a new pastoral initiative began in the Parish with the aim of providing support for people for whom the isolation of lockdown may have led to emotional or practical difficulties. Many people were so generous in volunteering to become involved in this that it has proved to be a very valuable and important ministry. Phone contact between the volunteers and those who may have become isolated was established and for many it still continues. As we are still bound by many restrictions in our lives, in terms of our ability to directly interact with others, this form of contact and support is still open to anyone who would welcome it. If you or someone you know would like to be contacted please leave your name and phone number with the Parish Office. (028 90610112)

Pope urges Catholics to pray in May for end to Covid-19 pandemic

Pope Francis invites Catholics and Marian Shrines around the world to dedicate the month of May to a marathon of prayer for an end to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Catholics across the globe are encouraged to dedicate the Marian month of May to praying for an end to the pandemic. The initiative, behind which the Pope has thrown his support, involves 30 Marian Shrines from various parts of the world. The Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization announced the news with a press release on Wednesday afternoon.

It takes place under the theme "The whole Church was fervently praying to God," which recalls a verse in the Book of Acts (12:5).

Prayer initiative

"The initiative will involve all the Shrines of the world in a special way, so that they might encourage the faithful, families, and communities to recite the Rosary to pray for an end to the pandemic," read the statement.

Pope Francis will open the Marian month of prayer on 1 May with a Rosary broadcast across Vatican Media's platforms.

Each day will see Vatican News broadcast the recitation of the Rosary at 6 PM Rome time from the various Shines taking part in the initiative.

The Pope will also close the initiative on 31 May with another specially-broadcast Rosary.

End to the pandemic

This year's dedication of May to pandemic-related prayer recalls a similar occurrence during the first wave in March 2020.

Pope Francis led the world in prayer during that confusing and difficult time, celebrating a live-streamed, daily Mass in the Casa Santa Marta. After more than a year, and with the world still in the grips of the pandemic, the Pope and the Church around the world are once again leading the way in imploring God for an end to the suffering which so many people are forced to bear.

Overseas Volunteers Training Course Sept 2021

Viatores Christi, a faith-based development organisation has specialised in the recruitment, training and deployment of overseas volunteers since 1960. VC runs an online volunteer preparation course covering Community Development, Health, Global Awareness, Mission, etc. This is open to all! Once completed, participants can be considered for volunteer roles through VC EU Aid Volunteers #EUAVI programmes. If you want to know more, click [here](#) or visit the News section of our website www.vcvolunteers.ie or email info@viatoreschristi.com

Scripture Themes

The Church grows in the fear of the Lord, filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit. The Father watches over the growth of the vine that it may bear more fruit. Faith, love and obedience to the commandments give life.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31



When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists,

and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 21

Response: *You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.*

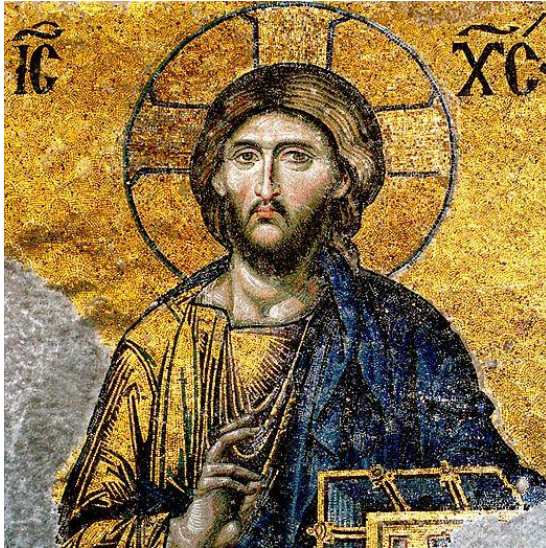
1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever! *Response*
2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him.
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. *Response*
3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
'These things the Lord has done.' *Response*

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St John 3:18-24

My children,
our love is not to be just
words or mere talk,
but something real and
active;
only by this can we be
certain
that we are the children of
the truth
and be able to quieten our
conscience in his presence,
whatever accusations it
may raise against us,
because God is greater than
our conscience and he knows everything.

My dear people,
if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience,
we need not be afraid in God's presence,
and whatever we ask him,
we shall receive,
because we keep his commandments
and live the kind of life that he wants.
His commandments are these:
that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ
and that we love one another
as he told us to.
Whoever keeps his commandments
lives in God and God lives in him.
We know that he lives in us
by the Spirit that he has given us.



Gospel Acclamation Jn 14: 10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.

Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 15:10

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine,
and my Father is the vinedresser.
Every branch in me that bears no fruit
he cuts away,
and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes
to make it bear even more.
You are pruned already,
by means of the word that I have spoken to you.
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.
As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,
but must remain part of the vine,
neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine,
you are the branches.
Whoever remains in me,
with me in him,
bears fruit in plenty;
for cut off from me you
can do nothing.
Anyone who does not
remain in me
is like a branch that has
been thrown away
– he withers;
these branches are



collected and thrown on the fire,
and they are burnt.
If you remain in me
and my words remain in you,
you may ask what you will
and you shall get it.
It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit,
and then you will be my disciples.'

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