



# St. Anne's Parish

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## **EASTER SUNDAY**

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*

**This Week in St. Anne's**

**No Masses this week!**

**Fr. Peter is resting up!**



**Remember - All Masses/Services are streamed live online**

**Parish Office:** Closed this week – re-opens Mon 12<sup>th</sup> April.

**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.

**Recently Deceased:** Michael O'Hare (USA).

**Anniversaries:** Nora Browne, Margaret McCreight, Margaret Reilly.

**Your Giving** This w/end - **Easter 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.

- New Envelopes:** The new boxes of envelopes have all being delivered. If you would like a box .....let us know. Call **028 90610112**



- **Wear a Mask !**
- **Keep Apart !**
- **Wash Your Hands !**

## **Our 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, 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? To date**

**£12,690.27** has been donated. We have spent **£14,382** on the camera and sound equipment with a further **£2,175** on the cable installation and other church emergency lighting work. **Thank You!** to all our donors. Your continued generosity to the upkeep of our parish in these difficult days is very much appreciated, and please continue to help us to 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.

***Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!***

***Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia***

## **An Easter Prayer**

Living Lord,  
When we stand before the empty tomb  
We don't always feel the joy of the resurrection.  
We feel fear, doubt and distrust.  
Our lives at times feel empty.  
Help us to welcome new life.  
Fill the emptiness with new light.  
Call us to abundant new life.  
Guide us in the light of your love.

## **FoodBank**



Fr. Peter and the parish Foodbank team would like to thank you for your continued, generous support. The foodbank will resume accepting donations from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April. 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)

## Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

In some ways this gospel is a difficult one for prayer. It only presents a part of the story and the full unfolding of the good news the story contains lies in the next part of the text. However, even with this section there is plenty of material for reflection and for prayer.

1. The disciples are in a state of shock and suffering from a traumatic loss. Jesus, the one in whom they had placed so much hope, has been murdered and buried. Then, before they have time to recover comes another shock – the body of Jesus is missing. In the past year we have had shock after shock during the coronavirus crisis. What was that like for you? How did you cope? What, or who, sustained you then?
2. Mary and Peter, and possibly others, came and discovered that the tomb was empty. The part of the story we have in this text gives no explanations of what has happened. They are left in a state of bewilderment 'for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.' Have you been in that kind of a situation, faced with events you cannot explain, possibly events which have dashed your hopes in another person, or in God? What has that been like for you?
3. Yet in spite of the lack of explanation, the beloved disciple 'saw and believed'. Have there been times when others have done something that you could not understand, and which they could not explain at the time and yet you believed that all was not as it seemed? ... times when you decided to trust in spite of the evidence?
4. Have there been times when others have shown this kind of faith in you when you were not able to offer satisfactory explanations, and all you could say was 'trust me'?
5. Have there been times in your relationship with God when you have felt that you were faced with an empty tomb and still you believed?
6. Where have you found life in such experiences?

John Byrne osa

## Scripture Themes

*'Christ is risen, alleluia! This is the ancient Christian greeting on this day of great joy and happiness for all. 'Easter is not simply one least among others, but the "Feast of feasts". The mystery of the Resurrection, in which Christ crushed death, permeates with its powerful energy our time, until all is subjected to him' (CCC, 1169).*

### **FIRST READING**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles *10:34. 37-43*



**P**eter addressed Cornelius and his household: "You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with

me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

## Responsorial Psalm *Ps 117*

### Response *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.  
Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.'

**Response**

2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds.

**Response**

3. The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.

**Response**

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians *3:1-4*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.



## Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.  
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;  
and Christ, the undefiled,  
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.  
Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!  
Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.  
Tell us, Mary; say what thou didst see upon the way.  
The tomb the Living did enclose;  
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!  
The angels there attesting;  
shroud with grave-clothes resting.  
Christ, my hope, has risen; he goes before you into Galilee.  
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.  
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

## Gospel Acclamation *1 Cor 5:7-8*

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed;  
let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL



A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to *John 20:1-9*

**I**t was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus

loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

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