



# St. Anne's Parish

**Pastoral Community of Derriaghy & Colin**

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**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY of EASTER**

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*

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

**Sunday Mass: 5pm Vigil & 11am**

**Tues, Wed & Thurs 10am**



**Remember - All Masses/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 community .....text your name and number to 07714691281 to be added to our WhatsApp group.

**Recently Deceased:** Donna Nelson, Noel Agnew (USA)  
**Anniversaries:** Gertie Lenfesty, Liam Harrison.

**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](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**



**Easter to Pentecost – Lectio Divina**

We trust that you are enjoying this Easter season of hope and renewal. As promised at the end of our Lenten Lectio sessions, we are writing to invite 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, beginning on **Wednesday 14th April**. If you would like to take part please contact the parish office on [stannes@downandconnor.org](mailto:stannes@downandconnor.org) to reserve your place. We look forward to having you join with us if you are available for these sessions.

## 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 this week 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)

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

1. 'Peace be with you' was the greeting of Jesus on meeting his frightened apostles. Who has come to you bringing peace at times when you were frightened? For whom have you been an agent of peace?
2. The greeting is joined with the gift of the Holy Spirit to empower the disciples to be forgiving. Forgiveness is at times an essential step on the road to peace. Perhaps you can recall when holding on to a hurt or grudge disturbed your inner peace. What helped you to forgive and find peace?
3. Thomas, doubting and questioning, is possibly a person with whom we can identify. What part have doubting, and questioning, played on your faith journey? How has your faith been strengthened by such moments?
4. 'Blessed are they who have not seen and yet believed'. That requires great trust. Perhaps you have had the experience of being trusted without having had to prove every step along the way. What was it like to be trusted in that way? Who have you been able to trust in a similar manner?

John Byrne osa

## **Scripture Themes**

*The struggle for faith experienced by Thomas leads us to think on the meaning of faith in the risen Christ. We do not depend on physical experience of Christ but know his presence in keeping God's commandments and as a gathered community, in the hearing of the word and in sacramental signs. So the Christian community is a thankful one, always blessing God for a sure hope through the Resurrection of Christ.*

### **FIRST READING**

A reading from the Book Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35



**T**he whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members

were ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

### **Responsorial Psalm Ps 117**

**Response:** *Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.*

1. Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord 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.

I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,  
but not doomed to die.

*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.

This day was made by the Lord;

we rejoice and are glad.

*Response*

### **SECOND READING**

A reading from the first letter of St John 5:1-6

**W**hoever believes that Jesus is the Christ  
has been begotten by God;  
and whoever loves the Father that begot him  
loves the child whom he begets.  
We can be sure that we love God's children



if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us;  
this is what loving God is –  
keeping his commandments;  
and his commandments are not difficult,  
because anyone who has been begotten by God  
has already overcome the world;  
this is the victory over the world –  
our faith.

Who can overcome the world?  
Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God;  
Jesus Christ who came by water and blood,  
not with water only,  
but with water and blood;  
with the Spirit as another witness –  
since the Spirit is the truth.

### **Gospel Acclamation** *Jn 20: 29*

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me.  
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'  
Alleluia!

### **GOSPEL**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 20:19-31

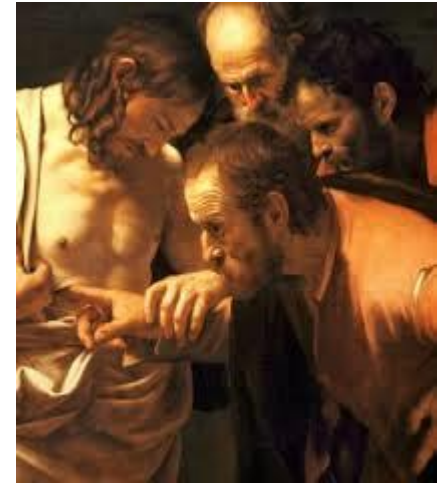
In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you,'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.  
For those whose sins you forgive,  
they are forgiven;  
for those whose sins you retain,  
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.'



Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.  
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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