



# St. Anne's Parish

**Pastoral Community of Derriaghy & Colin**

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**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY of EASTER**

**Day of Prayer for Vocations**

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

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

**NO weekday mass**

**Confirmation: Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri at 11.30am**

**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 community .....text your name and number to 07714691281 to be added to our WhatsApp group.

**Month's Mind:** Kevin McNeill (Sun 11am)

**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](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.

**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.....

**Confirmation**: Tues to Fri - 27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> April at 11.30am.

**1<sup>st</sup> Penance P4**: Tues to Fri - 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> May at 11.30am.

**1<sup>st</sup> Penance P3**: Tues to Fri - 25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> May at 11.30am

**1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion**: Tues to Fri - 15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> 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)

## Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

1. Our relationship with those 'in charge' of us changes when we sense that not only are they in charge, but they care. Remember the difference this made for you as a child and give thanks for the caring adults who were part of your life.
2. The good shepherd 'lays down his life for the sheep'. When has your care for another led you to 'lay down your life' for that person, e.g., as a friend, parent, spouse, son or daughter? When have you known another to do this for you?
3. Jesus speaks of the freedom of the Good Shepherd in laying down his life. Faced with the needs of others, we can at times feel trapped into looking after them, caught by duty, obligation, or guilt. We can become like the hired hands doing a job without care for the person. Perhaps you have experienced both attitudes, caring for others under duress and caring by your free choice. What difference did it make when you chose to care for the other, even in circumstances where you had little option?
4. What do these experiences of love and care in human relationships reveal to you about God's love for you?

John Byrne osa

## Overseas Volunteers Training Course Sept 2021

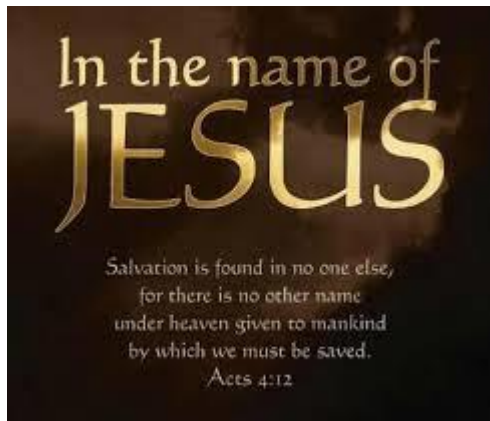
Viatres Christi, a faith-based development organisation has specialised in the recruitment, training and deployment of overseas volunteers since 1960. VC runs an online volunteer preparation course covering Community Development, Health, Global Awareness, Mission, etc. This is open to all! Once completed, 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](http://www.vcvolunteers.ie) or email [info@viatoreschristi.com](mailto:info@viatoreschristi.com)

## **Scripture Themes**

*This is Good Shepherd Sunday, a day of special prayer for vocations to the work of service in the Church. Christ is the good shepherd who has given his life for his sheep. Salvation is to be found in no one else but him. He is the one shepherd of one Flock. He has laid down his life that all might be saved.*

### **FIRST READING**

A reading from the Book Acts of the Apostles 4:8.12 .



Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no

other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

### **Responsorial Psalm Ps 117**

**Response:** *The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.*

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.  
It is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in men:

it is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in princes. *Response*

2. I will thank you for you have given answer  
and you are my saviour.  
The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes. *Response*

3. Blessed in the name of the Lord  
is he who comes.  
We bless you from the house of the Lord;  
I will thank you for you have given answer  
and you are my saviour.  
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;  
for his love has no end. *Response*

### **SECOND READING**

A reading from the first letter of St John 3:1-2

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,  
by letting us be called God's children;  
and that is what we are.  
Because the world refused to acknowledge him,  
therefore it does not acknowledge us.  
My dear people, we are already the children of God  
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;  
all we know is, that when it is revealed  
we shall be like him  
because we shall see him as he really is.

### **Gospel Acclamation Jn 10: 14**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the good shepherd;  
I know my own and my own know me  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 10:11-18



Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd:  
the good shepherd is one who lays  
down his life for his sheep.  
The hired man, since he is not the  
shepherd and the sheep do not belong  
to him, abandons the sheep and runs  
away

as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and  
scatters the sheep;

this is because he is only a hired man  
and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd;  
I know my own and my own know me,  
just as the Father knows me  
and I know the Father;  
and I lay down my life for my sheep.

And there are other sheep I have  
that are not of this fold,  
and these I have to lead as well.  
They too will listen to my voice,  
and there will be only one flock,  
and one shepherd.

The Father loves me,  
because I lay down my life  
in order to take it up again.

No one takes it from me;  
I lay it down of my own free will,  
and as it is in my power to lay it down,  
so it is in my power to take it up again;  
and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

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### Pope Francis' Message for Vocations Sunday 2021 | Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference

