



St. Anne's Parish

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Ascension Sunday

This Week in St. Anne's

Sunday Mass: 5pm Vigil & 11am

No Weekday Mass this week

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: Jim McKenna, Sean McAleenan, Jim McNeill.
Anniversaries: Geraldine Anderson, Kevin Killeen, Mary & Tommy Heaney.

Your Giving This w/end - **Weekly Offering & Education of Students to the Priesthood**

- 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.

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 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 collection boxes are available at the front of the church to accept donations each day from 10am to 4pm. Please see below a letter received recently. Thank you.



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.

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.

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.

Scripture Themes

'The Ascension of Christ means our own salvation as well; where the glorious Head has gone before, the body is called to follow in hope. Let us therefore exult, beloved, as is fitting, and let us rejoice in devout thanksgiving. For on this day not only have we been confirmed in our possession of paradise, but we have even entered heaven in the person of Christ; through his grace we have regained far more than we had lost through the devil's hatred' (St Leo the Great, Sermon 73:4). No other celebrations not even funeral Masses, are permitted today (see Lit. Note 8) The week of prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit recalls the waiting in prayer of the disciples with Mary.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11



In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and I taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you,

not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own

authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 46

Response: *God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.*

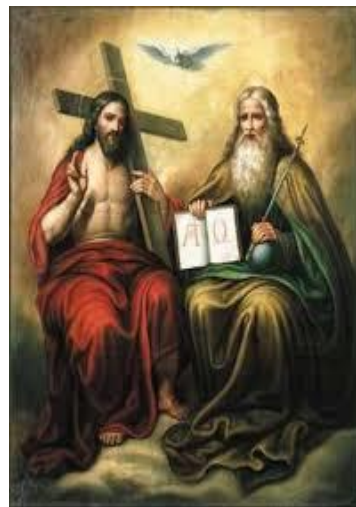
1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. *Response*

2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. *Response*

3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. *Response*

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 1:17-23



May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him.

May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in

heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Gospel Acclamation: Mt 28: 19

Alleluia, alleluia!
Go, make disciples of all the nations;
I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 16:15-20



Jesus showed himself to the Eleven, and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

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