



# St. Anne's Parish

**Pastoral Community of Derriaghy & Colin**

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## 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion: Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri at 11.30am.**

**Confessions: Sat 4.30pm**

**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.

**Anniversary:** Rose Gray, Fr. Matt Wallace.

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

- We would recommend that you set up a **Standing Order**. You can download the necessary forms from our website...or 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**

### 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.

### 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. Thank you.



### Diploma in Pastoral Theology

Drumalis invites applications for the next intake of the Diploma in Pastoral Theology, validated by St. Patrick's Pontifical College, Maynooth. This intensive, two-year course, which begins in September, 2021 is delivered over 6 inhouse days plus 18 evening sessions via Zoom. As well as academic input, the course requires students to carry out pastoral work within their parishes.

Information Leaflet:

<https://www.downandconnor.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Diploma-in-Pastoral-Theology-Trifold.pdf>

Diploma Application Form:

<https://www.downandconnor.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Diploma-in-Pastoral-Theology-Application-Form-2021-2023.pdf>

## Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

1. If you sow seeds, or watch plants grow, you have ample opportunities to pause in wonder at the whole process of growth. It takes place imperceptibly and comes to fruition in beautiful flowers, majestic trees and abundant harvests. As we come out of the Coronavirus lockdown you may have had the opportunity to rejoice at the renewal of social life.
2. Jesus uses this as a parable about the growth of the Kingdom of God, the kingdom of right relationships with God and with one another. There too growth is slow, development is imperceptible, and then without realising it you have a mature relationship. Recall the stages of such development in your life and give thanks.
3. In the second parable Jesus invites us to reflect on the importance and significance of relationships in our lives as they grow and mature. This is true both of our relationship with God and with others around us. When have you found a relationship in which you could 'make a nest in its shade'?

### Scripture Themes

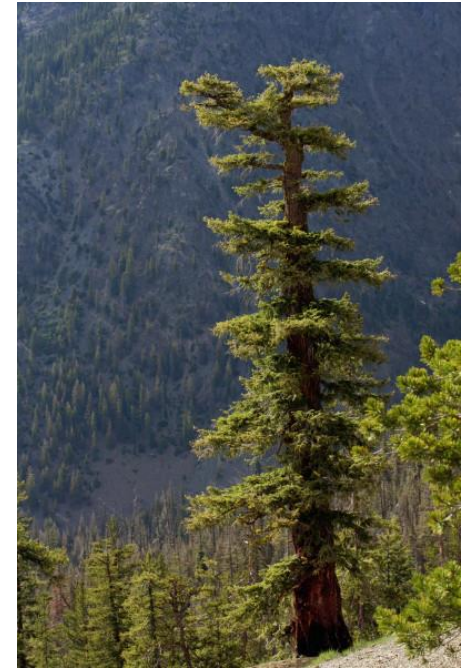
*We often acclaim the new and the immediate experience; instant products sell best. The patience of the farmer who waits from seedtime to harvest is not the image presented to us. The Church moves too slowly for many today. The parables of growth remind us that God's power is at work in us and will generate the development of the Kingdom of Christ through our prayer and patience.*

## FIRST READING

A reading from the first Book of the Prophet Ezekiel: 17:22-24

The Lord says this:

'From the top of the cedar,  
from the highest branch I will take a shoot  
and plant it myself on a very high mountain.  
I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel.  
It will sprout branches and bear fruit,  
and become a noble cedar.  
Every kind of bird will live beneath it,  
every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches.  
And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow,  
who withers green trees and makes the withered green.  
I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'



**Responsorial Psalm** - Ps 91:2-3. 13-16

**Response:** *It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.*

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. *Response*
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. *Response*
3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. *Response*

## SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians: 5:6-10

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

### Gospel Acclamation *Jn 15:15*

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I call you friends, says the Lord,  
because I have made known to you  
everything I have learnt from my Father.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 4:26-34  
Jesus said to the crowds: 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.



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## St Columba 521-597 (Columcille) 9th June

This year is the 1500th anniversary of Columba's birth in Donegal. He is one of Ireland's pilgrim-missionaries who went to Scotland and Northern England. He founded the monastery in Iona. It is an active inter-faith centre of prayer and worship today. Columba is unique in that he never left a written rule. The hymn for Morning Prayer on Thursdays, 'Alone with none but thee my God' is attributed to Columba. The hymn shows that every relationship with God is special.

## The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus 11th June

- World Day of Prayer for Priests

The Feast of the Sacred Heart resonates with many people. Four prayers from the Litany of the Sacred Heart unfold for us the centrality of Christ in our lives:

Heart of Jesus: full of goodness and love.  
Heart of Jesus: in whom dwells the fullness of God.  
Heart of Jesus: generous to all who turn to you.  
Heart of Jesus: patient and full of mercy.

The Litany has 33 invocations and is in official use in the Church since 1899.