



# St. Anne's Parish

**Pastoral Community of Derriaghy & Colin**

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## 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### This Week in St. Anne's

Sunday Mass: 5pm Vigil & 11am

Weekday Mass: Tues, Wed & Thurs at 10am

Confessions: Sat 4.30pm or before any mass.

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.

Recently Deceased: Marie McCann (Diamond Gardens)  
Anniversaries: Eileen McNeil.

**FoodBank:** The Foodbank is accepting donations. As always, thank you for your continued generous support. The collection boxes are available outside the church every day from 10am to 4pm.

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.

### SEASON OF CREATION: RESTORING OUR COMMON HOME

The Season of Creation begins on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September. Pope Francis has invited the faithful to participate in this annual season "to renew their faith in the God of creation and join in prayer and work for the care of our common home." As a Diocese we will



mark the opening of the Season of Creation with a service On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September in St Peter's Cathedral at 7pm. The event is being coordinated by a newly established Laudato Si group in the Diocese and the homilist will be Fr Timothy Bartlett. Join us

online [www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral](http://www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral)

**Blood Transfusion Service:** Your giving can make all the difference between life and death! Donations received at the Beechlawn House Hotel this Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August 1pm to 4pm & 5pm to 8pm. **Appointment only: Call 08085534653**

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

1. In this chapter Jesus teaches that the meaning of his life, and the meaning of all human life, lies in being prepared to give of oneself. Perhaps you can identify with what Pope Francis says: 'Those who enjoy life most are those who leave security on the shore and become excited by the mission of communicating life to others ...' (Pope Francis: The Joy of the Gospel, No.10)
2. 'This teaching is difficult', complained his hearers, including some of his own followers. Perhaps at times you also have wondered if you could go along with it. What helped you to overcome your resistance?
3. 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the message of eternal life.' In the midst of your doubts perhaps you have held on to your faith in Jesus because, like Peter, you found a more hopeful message in Jesus than you could find anywhere else. How has the gospel message been more attractive to you than any other?
4. 'The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life'. Recall the words and phrases of Jesus that are words of life for you.

**"Is that you, God?"** - Ignatian Discernment for our Day starting 8 September 2021 hosted by Drumalis via Zoom. This series will take place over five Wednesday evenings from 7:15 pm – 8:30 pm (8, 15, 22 and 29 Sept and 6 Oct) and will be led by Virginia Blass, an experienced retreat giver and author from USA. If you would like to better recognise God's loving presence in your daily life, engage in making more Spirit-led decisions and find more purpose and meaning in life, then this course may be for you. For further information, please contact 028 28276455/28272196 during office hours (Mon-Fri, 9 am – 5 pm) or email [maura@drumalis.co.uk](mailto:maura@drumalis.co.uk) Details are also available on the Drumalis website - <http://www.drumalis.co.uk>

## **Today's Liturgy of the Word**

### **FIRST READING**

A reading from the Book of Joshua 24:1-2.15-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: *'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'*

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord our

God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'



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**Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-3. 16-23**

**Response: Taste and see that the Lord is good.**

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. *Response*

2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked  
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.  
The Lord turns his eyes to the just  
and his ears to their appeal. *Response*

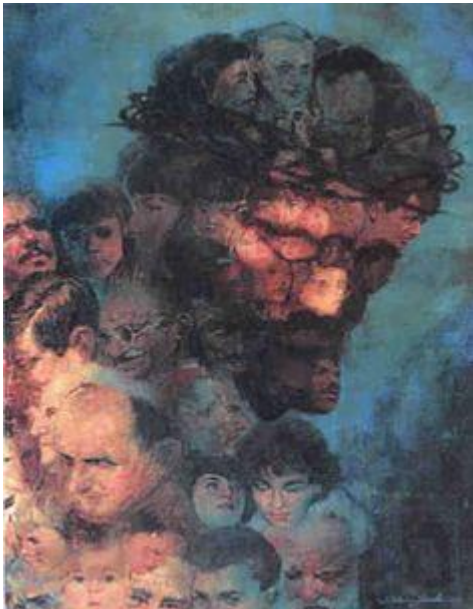
3. They call, and the Lord hears  
and rescues them in all their distress.  
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;  
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. *Response*

4. Many are the trials of the just man  
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.  
He will keep guard over all his bones,  
not one of his bones shall be broken. *Response*

5. Evil brings death to the wicked;  
those who hate the good are doomed.  
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.  
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. *Response*

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians *5:21-32*



Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy

and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. **T**his mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

## Gospel Acclamation *Jn 6:63. 68*

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John *6:60-69*



After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, Does this upset you? What if you


should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?

'It is the spirit that gives life,  
the flesh has nothing to offer.  
The words I have spoken to you are spirit  
and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'this is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.'

After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

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## Bishop McGuckian: Pray for Afghanistan – Ireland must do more for forcibly displaced people

While welcoming Ireland's intervention at the UN Security Council on the crisis in Afghanistan, and appeal for safe and reliable humanitarian access for its people – together with the commitment of Government to accept 150 refugees under the Irish Refugee Protection Programme – Bishop Alan McGuckian has urged that the processes involved be accelerated and that the acceptance of additional refugees in Ireland should be considered as a policy priority.

Bishop McGuckian said, "Ireland, as one of the wealthier nations of the world, must do more for forcibly displaced people in terms of welcome and integration through State and community supports. Yes, our hearts are deeply moved by the panicked scenes of people fleeing, but it should not take such scenes and circumstances to force governments to act.

"According to the UNHCR, at the end of 2020 there were 82.4m forcibly displaced people worldwide. Yet 85% of these are being looked after in the least wealthy nations, with only 15% being accommodated in the wealthier countries of the world, including Ireland. What does this say to us about solidarity and fraternity in our world today?"

Bishop McGuckian continued, "This unfolding crisis presents Ireland with another opportunity to demonstrate our commitment to the protection of human rights, including access to education for all, and to welcome the stranger among us. As Pope Francis reminds us, we are called respond to such challenges with four actions: welcome, protect, promote and integrate.

"I ask people to pray for the safe protection of the people of Afghanistan and other war-torn regions of the world. In the interest of justice and peace, refugees should be welcomed and integrated in our communities. The values of our Irish faith tradition teach us that outreach, encounter and authentic dialogue can bring the true peace that the world needs at this time."