



# St. Anne's Parish

**Pastoral Community of Derriaghy & Colin**

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## 22<sup>nd</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: Ted Napier (Funeral Tues 10am).  
Anniversaries: Gerald McGeeney, Jim Richardson, Ray Brady.

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 & Church Renovation Fund**

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.



Parish Covid-19 Support Team: We met during the past week to carry out a review of our Risk Assessment and the protocols we have in place here in St. Anne's. It was decided to continue with the present arrangements and to carry out a further review at the beginning of October. Once again we thank you all for your co-operation and patience, Thank you to the many volunteers who help with stewarding and those who sanitise our church.

## **SEASON OF CREATION: RESTORING OUR COMMON HOME**

The Season of Creation begins this 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) We are all encouraged in this season to read Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si' On Care of our Common Home*. In this week we pray for greater attention to the Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor and that we may commit ourselves to living according to the vision and values of Laudato Si'.

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

- 1.** Certain sections of the Jewish people put great store on the importance of rules and conventions as a measure of the goodness of a person. Jesus challenges this view. Where have you seen goodness in unconventional people? What brought it home to you that being a good person meant more than getting appearances right?
- 2.** Even fidelity in religious practice is not enough. 'This people honours me with their lips, but their heart is far from me'. How have you experienced the importance of carrying your faith beyond attendance at Mass on Sundays? When have you seen that in others? What brought this home to you?
- 3.** What Jesus seeks are followers whose faith is whole-hearted and warm, people whose religion is not seen primarily in dutiful observance but in enthusiasm for life and care for one another. It is good to be with them. Give thanks for the people you know who are like that.
- 4.** 'It is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come.' It is also from within that good intentions come. We have choices. When have you been faced with the choice between good and evil? When did you realise the importance of accepting responsibility for your own life and choices? How has this helped your growth as a person?

**"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>

# EARTH MATTERS

A Creation Time Opportunity

to engage with the ecological issues of our day  
and to explore a way forward for all



Tues 7, 14 & 21 Sept 2021  
10.30am—12.30pm via zoom

Anne Harnett CP & Margaret Rose McSparran CP



Suggested donation: £30 per person  
To book: email [drumalis@btconnect.com](mailto:drumalis@btconnect.com)

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Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021

### DIOCESAN APPEAL FOR THE DOWN AND CONNOR PRIESTS' WELFARE FUND

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Over the past 18 months the normal rhythm of our lives has been affected in so many ways. Many things we took for granted were no longer readily available to us, and, as families, workers and communities, we sought out new ways to live life.

Our life as a praying and worshiping community was ruptured too. We all felt the absence of gathering as the family of God, but we adapted to new ways of uniting in prayer. We are most grateful for your generosity to your parish and to the diocese at a time when many people faced and continue to face their own financial struggles.

In the diocese of Down and Connor, the Priests' Welfare Fund exists to provide the stipend for each priest in active ministry. Your generosity over many years has ensured that the Fund had sufficient reserves to continue to provide a stipend for each priest, even where parish stipend offerings decreased significantly.

On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021 we are asking for your financial support towards the annual autumn voluntary collection for our priests.

We make this appeal to ensure that the Fund can continue to sustain that support.

We make this appeal in the light of the fact that during 2020 the level of giving across our parishes dropped on average by 35% to 50%. This decrease was experienced across all aspects of financial support for the many services provided by our parishes and the diocese e.g. Pastoral Care and Services and Sacramental Ministries in our parishes; the Living Church initiative, Family Ministry, Vocations Commission, Diocesan Youth Commission, Safeguarding & Vetting, Chaplaincies to Hospitals, Prisons, Universities), Living Youth, ACCORD, Family Care Society and the Diocesan Curia.

Together with the priests of the diocese I thank you for your kindness and ongoing support and for your generous response to this appeal in support of your priests.

I offer my prayerful good wishes to you and to all those who are dear to you.

Yours in Christ,

+ Noel Treanor  
Bishop of Down and Connor

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## Today's Liturgy of the Word

### Scriptural theme

God's commandments are given as a test or measure of our love for him. They lead us to show love for others.

### FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of the Deuteronomy 4:1-2.6-8



Moses said to the people:  
'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as

wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 14:2-5.

**Response: *The just will live in the presence of the Lord.***

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?  
He who walks without fault;  
he who acts with justice  
and speaks the truth from his heart.     *Response*

2. He who does no wrong to his brother,  
who casts no slur on his-neighbour,  
who holds the godless in disdain,  
but honours those who fear the Lord.     *Response*

3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;  
who takes no interest on a loan  
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.  
Such a man will stand firm for ever.     *Response*

**SECOND READING**

*A reading from the letter of St James 1:17-18.21-22.27*

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

**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 Mark 7:1-8. 14-15.21-23

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the marketplace they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, *'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?'*

He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honour me only with lip-service,  
while their hearts are far from me.  
The worship they offer me is worthless,  
the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.

He called the people to him again and said,  
'Listen to me, all of you, and understand.



Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean.

For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly.

All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean."

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