



St. Anne's Parish

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24th 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 communitytext your name and number to 07714691281 to be added to our WhatsApp group.

Recently Deceased: Szymon Pazdziernski, Gerry MacNamara.
Anniversaries: Joan Murphy.

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

OR **Donate Online** to St. Anne's Parish

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Never have we so hurt and mistreated our common home as we have in the last two hundred years. Yet we are called to be instruments of God our Father, so that our planet might be what he desired when he created it and correspond with his plan for peace, beauty and fullness.
- POPE FRANCIS



Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

1. 'Who do you say that I am?' Imagine Jesus putting this question to you. How would you answer it? How would you answer it, not in words taken from a catechism or textbook, but from your own experience of the significance of Jesus in your life? What does Jesus mean to you? What does his gospel message mean to you?

2. Jesus went on to teach his disciples that following him would be hard at times. There would be a price to pay. Perhaps you also have found that imitating the love and compassion of Jesus is not an easy road? Nor does it come easy to have the constant trust in God that Jesus had. Yet Jesus tells us that this is the way to life. Would you agree?

3. There is a natural human tendency to shy away from what is painful or difficult. Yet if that is our standard pattern of behaviour, we will not get far in reaching our potential. We will never find who we are capable of being. When have you found it worthwhile to face difficulties, persevere, 'carry your cross' for a while to achieve some goal that was important to you?

Today's Liturgy of the Word

Scriptural theme

Peter, acknowledging Jesus as the Christ, finds it hard to accept that Jesus must suffer and die because of who he is. So also Christians find it hard to accept the Cross as an integral part of their identity.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah 50:5-9

The Lord has opened my ear.
For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;

I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.
The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the
insults.

So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand.
Does anyone start proceedings
against me?

Then let us go to court
together.

Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me.
The Lord is coming to my help who dare condemn me?

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 114:1-6. 8-9.*

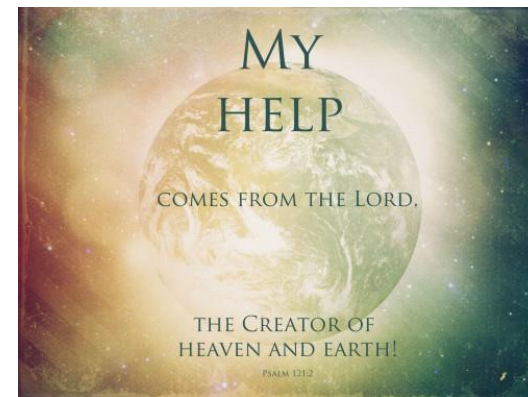
Response: *I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
in the land of the living.*

1. I love the Lord for he has heard
the cry of my appeal;
for he turned his ear to me
in the day when I called him. *Response*

2. They surrounded me, the snares of death,
with the anguish of the tomb;
they caught me, sorrow and distress.
I called on the Lord's name.
O Lord my God, deliver me! *Response*

3. How gracious is the Lord, and just;
our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so he saved me. *Response*

4. He has kept my soul from death,
my eyes from tears
and my feet from stumbling.
I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living. *Response*



SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St James 2:14-18



Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

Gospel Acclamation *Jn 14: 5*

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;
no one can come to the Father except through me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?'

And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.'

'But you,' he asked 'who do you say I am?'

Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.'

And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly.

Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said,

'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'



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Prophets over Profit Margins.

Young people look to the future with hope. And in doing so, they demand change. "They wonder how anyone can claim to be building a better future without thinking of the environmental crisis and the sufferings of the excluded." (LS, 13)

In my experience of working with young people, one topic they are always passionate about is the environment, and the release of Pope Francis' *Laudato Si'* gave them even more reason and confidence to stand up for what they believe in protecting the earth, our common home. I see this in all our young people today across the diocese and beyond.

Young people today are shouting at the top of their voices to protect our world. "Young people have a new ecological sensitivity and a generous spirit, and some of them are making admirable efforts to protect the environment." (LS, 209) They are doing their own individual bits even though the influences around them are pulling them in a completely different direction. The prevailing culture is telling them to buy often and buy cheap, to dispose of easily without thinking, to consume, consume, consume. Of course, it is not just young people who are caught up in this culture. These organisations are concerned about their profit margins, whereas our young people are concerned about the future for their generation and the generations to come.

Why we all might ask ourselves, are we listening to the global marketing organisations over the voices of our young people who are working so hard to combat the climate crisis? Are these young people not the prophets we should be watching, listening to, and learning from?

Why don't we look to our young people for guidance in caring for our common home? They are more aware of how they travel; using more sustainable transport options, cutting down on unnecessary travel, consciously thinking about their use of air travel, and often choosing to holiday at home. They are aware of ensuring our vegetation and

wildlife are protected and made sustainable. They are choosing to love the environment and to work hard to protect it. We see how this influences how they consume also; shopping local, purchasing organic foods, and reducing meat consumption. These are the messages that young people are bringing to our world, and we are starting to see these influences on our high street, allowing us all to make better decisions.

Our common home is calling us to be better. So, let's look to our young people as our prophets, our role models in how we move forward and act decisively.

Conor McCarthy, Senior Youth Ministry Worker, Living Church

Take ACTION NOW!

Restoring Our Common Home



A prayer for our earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.