



St. Anne's Parish

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Week in St. Anne's

Sunday Mass: 5pm Vigil & 11am

Weekday Mass: NO MASS THIS WEEK
(Fr. Peter taking a break!)

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 Pazdzierski, Etta McGarry.
Anniversaries: Kathleen Lynch, Frank Heaney, Clement O'Neill, Charles Gray, Maeve Wilson.

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 & Autumn Offering for Priests**

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
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
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Each year sees the disappearance of thousands of plant and animal species which we will never know, which our children will never see, because they have been lost forever.
- Pope Francis



#LaudatoSiDay

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

1. Jesus uses the time they are travelling along the road to teach his disciples what it means to follow him. Think of the wisdom you have acquired about life, about faith, about what it means to be a Christian. Who have been your teachers? Remember them and give thanks for them.

2. One of the lessons Jesus gives them is that there is a dying to be endured as we move to a fuller life. That was the road he would travel. It is also our journey, not only at the end of this earthly life, but also in small ways through life. When have you found that by dying in some way you came to a fuller life?

3. The sacrifices made by front line health care workers during the coronavirus pandemic were an inspiration to many. They put themselves at risk to care for the sick, and some of them died. Are there other people who have inspired you by their service of others?

4. Achievement, affirmation, recognition, and status are attractive and enjoyable when they come our way. Yet we can be in trouble if, like the disciples, we become caught up in pursuit of them. Jesus tells them that true greatness lies in service of others. Who are the people whose support and assistance help you now? What has helped you to appreciate the value of loving service of others?

Today's Liturgy of the Word

Scriptural theme

Theme: *The followers of Jesus must also share in his Passion. The very way of life of the Christian will be seen as a reproach to others and therefore to be opposed. The Christian will also be accused for not conforming to the world's values and standards. In all this we must look to Jesus, the model of the suffering servant.*

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Wisdom 2:12.17-20

The godless say to themselves,
*'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life,
reproaches us for our breaches of the law*



*and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.
Let us see if what he says is true,
let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.
If the virtuous man is God's son,
God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies:
Let us test him with cruelty and with torture,*

*and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof.
Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'*

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 53:3-6. 8

Response: The Lord upholds my life.

1. O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayer;
listen to the words of my mouth.

Response

2. For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God. *Response*

3. But I have God for my help.
The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good. *Response*

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St James *3:16 – 4:3*



Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor

is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so, you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so, you fight to get your way by force.

Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

Gospel Acclamation *Jn 8:12*

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord,
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark 9: 30-37

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, *'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.'* But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, *'What were you arguing about on the road?'* They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, *'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.'* He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them,

'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'



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Our Common Home - not to be taken for granted by its children.

"When I was a child I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, and I acted like a child."

Not my words but those of St Paul to the fledgling church in Corinth (1 Corinthians, 13) who was trying his best to encourage his readers and listeners to be adult about their interaction with others and with the world.

As a child I remember my parents, God rest them, they would encourage me to say "please and thank you" when I asked for something. As a child, I was used to getting what I wanted...well, at least, for a few years, like all children, until I began to learn that I was not the centre of the universe. It took time for me to realise that I was but a small thread in a much greater tapestry of life. A small thread but, not unimportant.

"Please" and "Thank you" initially, as a child, I learned that these were magic words that would get me what I wanted. Later in life, I realised they were not magic words but respectful and meaningful words. If we're honest, we take a lot for granted. We take the world we live in for granted. "It will always be there to provide for our needs." How short-sighted is that!

St Francis was a revolutionary in his day when he spoke about brother Sun and sister Moon. He acknowledged that without them we could not survive. He gave thanks to God for them.

In our sophisticated modern world, we cannot afford to take the beauty of God's creation for granted and think, like a child, that each of us is at the centre of the Universe to use it and abuse it for our personal ends. How selfish is that! In this 2021 Season of Creation, let's be thankful and grateful for the beauty of the world around us and be aware of its fragility and do what we can to nurture and protect it, not just for our generation but for generations to come.

Fr Eugene O'Hagan, Chancellor, Diocese of Down and Connor

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.