



St. Anne's Parish

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26th 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.

This week:

Month's Mind: Edward Napier

Anniversaries: Agnes Toner, Isobel Smith, Charlotte Toner,
Pat Boden.

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

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.

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. John objected when a person, who was not in their group, cast out demons in Jesus' name. Jesus himself had no problems with this. Jealousy can poison our outlook even when what is done by another is good. 'S/he is invading my patch.' Perhaps you have seen, in yourself or in others, the negative effect of jealousy and the contrasting positive effect of being able to rejoice that good is being done, irrespective of the person doing it.

2. In strong terms Jesus condemns those who are destructive of the life of others, particularly the 'little ones'. Just as Jesus came that we might have life and have it to the full, we likewise are here to make a positive difference to others. What was it like for you when you were able to do something that was helpful to another?

3. Rather dramatically Jesus tells us to cut off a hand, or tear out an eye, rather than harm another. It is not to be taken literally but it does mean that we should not be casual about our efforts to live a good life. When have you experienced the benefits of an element of seriousness in your approach to life?

Today's Liturgy of the Word

Scriptural theme

The community is always in danger from the corruption of pride and avarice. We must be prepared to listen to all prophetic voices in the Church that keep calling us back to purity of religion. Each baptised member is meant to be prophetic in their own life

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Numbers 11:25-29

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on these seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.



Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names

were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118: 10. 12-14.

Response: *The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.*

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple.

Response

2. The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just.

Response

3. So in them your servant finds instruction;
great reward is in their keeping.
But who can detect all his errors?
From hidden faults acquit me.

Response

4. From presumption restrain your servant
and let it not rule me.
Then shall I be blameless,
clean from grave sin.

Response

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St James 5:1-6



An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire

that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 17: 17

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 9:38-43.45.47-48



John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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Laudato Si': A Time of Destiny

Imagine you are travelling on a dangerous road. There would be warning signs to see, for example, 'Give way', 'No overtaking', 'Slow' and at times, 'STOP'.

According to the most recent report issued by the United Nations, the human race is on a dangerous road. Global warming and climate change are the source of troubles facing the human race. According to experts in this field, this is a time of destiny for the planet.

The evidence is clear, it can be seen round about us. For example, damage to both flora and fauna, a decrease in biodiversity of every type, and an increase in hothouse gas emissions, carbon dioxide, methane, and pollution of every type. However, the worst thing about all of this is that human activity is the cause. Accordingly, experts use the word 'anthropogenic' to describe this. Indeed, some geologists say that they have evidence of a new geological period which they call the 'Anthropocene'.

What can be done? In *Laudato Si'* Pope Francis gives a clear exposition of this complicated subject. The human race is in an emergency situation, a solution is required, and Pope Francis identifies that integral ecology is the way forward. Integral ecology means attention to the necessary interaction and wholeness of relationships with God, with other people, with creation, and with ourselves. The problems facing humanity are all interwoven. A complete solution cannot be found through technology. There is a relationship between the protection of the environment, social justice, and global development. Accordingly, through 'integral ecology' we have to see the 'cry of the poor' and the 'cry of the earth' together.

The planet is in danger. It is our jewel in the universe - our gift from God. It's time we protected it. In a world plagued by technological and economic temptation, we need to heal our relationship with the earth and all humanity. A new road is needed. Not a dangerous one but one where we marvel at the beauty of creation and acknowledge all people on our journey. Let integral ecology navigate us as we seek our destination - our common home restored. Unity is Strength.

Laudato Si' – Uair na Cinniúna (and Translation *Laudato Si'* - A time of destiny)
Gerry Devlin, St Mary's, Pobail an Aifrinn

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.

Day for Life 2021 – This year’s *Day for Life* will be celebrated in Ireland on **Sunday 3 October** on the theme:

‘The Good Samaritan: A Model of Compassion’.

In the context of the recent proposal to introduce assisted suicide, both in Ireland and the UK, this year’s *Day for Life* message invites Catholics to consider a more positive and compassionate response to the care of people who are in the final stages of life. See www.councilforlife.ie for more.



"Jesus gave us the image of the good Samaritan as the model for our compassion and our solidarity with those who find themselves vulnerable and who fear being abandoned in their final illness. The Good Samaritan is one who “crosses over”, who “binds up wounds” and who, most important of all “stays with” the person for as long as is required.

– Day for Life Message 2021
Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference