

St. Anne's Parish

Pastoral Community of Derriaghy & Colin

Fr. Peter O'Hare, PP Rev Pat McNeill, Deacon Sr. Mary Murray, Parish Sister

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Week in St. Anne's

Sunday Mass: 5pm Vigil & 11am

Weekday Mass: Tues, Wed & Thurs 10am

Confessions: Sat 4.30pm or before any mass.

Remember -

All services are streamed live online



Parish Office: Mon to Fri 9am to 1pm.

<u>Parish WhatsApp Group</u> – 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: James Quinn (Aston Park)

Anniversaries: Denis O'Connor, John O'Hagan, Joan McComiskey

Your Giving

Last W/end: Envelopes £1498.50 Loose £159.10

Renovation Fund: £321.50

Standing Orders in October: £5618.83

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

East Africa Fund

The Bishops of Ireland have called for a national Church collection to support Trócaire in providing life-saving aid to vulnerable communities in East Africa and DRC, where millions of people are being pushed to the edge of starvation. This collection will take place next weekend 13th/14th November. Trócaire teams are already responding on the ground and are ready to provide more life-saving assistance but need more resources. Any support you can give to this Emergency Appeal will help the urgent work of Trócaire and their hardworking local partners. For more information see www.trocaire.org

Lord, when I am hungry, give me someone in need of food; when I am thirsty, send me someone needing a drink; when I am cold, send me someone to warm; when I am grieved, offer me someone to console; when my cross grows heavy, let me share another's cross; when I think only of myself, draw my thoughts to another

November - Month of the Holy Souls

During November our weekday masses will be offered for all those whose names are included in the November Dead Lists. Stationary is available at the entrance to the church, or you can download and print off the stationary from our website. The completed lists along with the customary offering should be left in the basket provided in the church or left into the Parish Office.

We Remember Them: Our Annual Service of Remembrance for all our loved ones will take place **online** on Monday 15th November at 7.30pm. We remember all our dead but especially those who have died in our parish in the past year.

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

St. Vincent de Paul

Anyone wishing to donate, can do so online:

<u>Account Name</u>: St. Vincent de Paul Conference of St. Anne Account No. 65576181 Sort Code: 938300.

Support the Benedictine Community: Buy your Christmas gifts at the shop of Holy Cross Abbey, 119 Kilbroney Road, Rostrevor, Co. Down BT34 3BN Candles and Soaps made by the monks, Books and a range of different gifts. Shop opens 9-11am & 2.30-5pm www.benedictinemonks.co.uk

Leave me alone with God as much as may be.
As the tide draws the waters close in upon the shore,
Make me an island, set apart, alone with you, God, holy to you.
Then with the turning of the tide prepare me to carry your
presence to the busy world beyond, the world that rushes in on me
till the waters come again and fold me back to you.

Prayer of St Aidan of Lindisfarne, Feast of all the Saints of Ireland

Prayer for Those Suffering with Depression

(Pope's Intentions for November)

Lord, You know the darkness that envelops me. This cloud descends on me and, when it does, I seem to lose all perspective. It seems like it will never lift. I know I have pulled out of it before, but when it starts again, it clouds everything. Help me to trust in You in this difficult time. I know that after the rain, the sun shines again and that above the clouds, the sun is always shining. But please impress this conviction in my heart, so that Your gift of hope will carry me through. I believe that You can heal me and so I entrust myself to You. Give me the graces I need to 'hang in there' until Your healing Love, which I know is constantly working on me, finally penetrates and gives me the relief that I need. Amen.

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

- 1. The scribes are presented as ostentatious and devious, acting more out of self-interest than the love of God or people. There can be a element of self-interest in each of us. Perhaps there have been times when you have been disturbed by glimpsing in yourself 'other motives' in your doing good. Recall when you were awakened to this fact. Where was the good news for you in that awakening?
- **2.** In material terms what the widow had to offer was very little. Recall when you felt yourself called to give and gave even though you apparently had very little. Perhaps you have had the experience of finding that what you thought was little and insignificant meant a great deal to another person. Recall some of those moments.
- **3.** At this critical moment for the church Pope Francis has called a synod and has invited all believers to make a contribution. It's easy for us to see this as a call to professional church people, clergy and religious. They have always taken care of this kind of thing. Now the call is that the voices of the little ones can also be heard. How can you help this to happen in your church community?

Today's Liturgy of the Word

Scripture Theme

God is always pleased with an interior religion rather than with one that puts the stress on external observances. We are to examine our spirit of generosity, and our freedom from the goods of this life.

FIRST READING

A reading from the First Book of the Kings 17:10-16



Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said.

'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.'

She was setting off to bring it when he called after her.

'Please' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I

am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.'

But Elijah said to her,

'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself, and her son. The jar of meal was not spent, nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

Response: My soul, give praise to the Lord.

- It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed.
 It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. Response
- 2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. Response
- 3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked.

 The Lord will reign for ever,

 Zion's God, from age to age.

 Response

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 9:24-28
It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing

himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.



Gospel Acclamation Apoc 2: 10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 12:38-

In his teaching Jesus said,

'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

Jesus sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A



poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny.

Then he called his disciples and said to them,

'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

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