



# St. Anne's Parish

**Pastoral Community of Derriagh & Colin**

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**34<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

**This Week in St. Anne's**

**Sunday Mass: 5pm Vigil & 11am**

**Masses this week: Tues & Wed 10am !**

**Confessions: Sat 4.30pm or before any mass.**

**Remember -**

**All services are streamed live online**



**Parish Office:** Mon, Tues & Wed 9am to 1pm.  
**(Closed Thurs & Fri this week!)**

**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.

## **Your Giving**

**Last W/end: Envelopes £625.00 Loose £142.55**

**Trócaire: £4373.82**

This w/end - **Weekly Offering & Bishops Commission's**

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**

## **East Africa Fund**

The 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, took place last weekend and our parish collection to date has come to **£4373.82**. Thank you! Trócaire teams are already responding on the ground and are providing life-saving assistance and resources. Any further 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](http://www.trocaire.org)

## **Advent Meditations with Joseph and Mary**

The Living Church office are offering two online programmes following the footsteps of Joseph and Mary as they travel towards Bethlehem. The program runs for 4 weeks and provides 1 hour of prayer and reflection with scripture and participants will receive an accompanying prayer journal to use each day at home. Advent meditations with Joseph begins on Thurs 25th November at 7pm. Advent meditations with Mary begins on Sunday 28th November at 7pm. If you would like to join please e-mail [livingchurch@downandconnor.org](mailto:livingchurch@downandconnor.org) indicating which programme you are interested in.

## **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.

**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:

**Account Name:** St. Vincent de Paul Conference of St. Anne  
Account No. 65576181 Sort Code: 938300.

## **Safeguarding Sunday - Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2021**

This year, as Bishop of the Diocese, I have designated Sunday 21st November as 'Safeguarding Sunday'. This is an opportunity for all the parishes to renew our commitment to the pastoral care of victims of sexual abuse as well as children, young people, and adults in our parishes.

On Sunday 21 November at 3pm, I will lead a Prayer Service from St Peter's Cathedral. Everyone is welcome to join online with me and diocesan representatives of Safeguarding for this Prayer Service via Church Services TV. To join, kindly follow the links to the Cathedral webcam: <http://www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral>

+ Noel Treanor  
Bishop of Down and Connor

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

- 1.** The feast we have today, and the gospel, give us an opportunity to reflect on the different ways in which we, and others, exercise influence and leadership. The authority of Pilate came from position and power. The authority of Jesus came from his integrity and what he stood for. Recall leaders you have known whose influence was like that of Jesus (teachers, community leaders, family members).
- 2.** The values of the kingdom of God cannot be imposed. It is never a matter of fighting battles or forcing others into compliance. Perhaps through experience you have learned the limitations of the use of force, as a parent, a teacher, a group leader. What has been the good news, the learnings for you, in this?
- 3.** Jesus came to bear witness to the truth, and we are all created for a purpose. Who are today's witnesses to truth in the world? Who are the people whose witness to truth has impressed you, either now or in the past? In what way have you been able to be a witness to truth? What was it like for you to be such a witness?

## **The Facts of Death**

At some stage when we were children someone took us aside – usually behind closed doors – to explain what were called 'the facts of life'. But some of us don't learn the 'facts of death' until we stand at our parents' graveside – and for this there is no dress rehearsal.

If we are blessed to be granted the time span of our own parents, we will continue to protect our children and we in turn will cradle theirs. But it is still we who are next.

That process of letting go which began at birth is completed at death. There is a freedom granted with the deaths of one's parents and not just from the burden of care – though there is that too – but a freedom to move into a larger space, a freedom in some way to be more fully ourselves. This is perhaps their most important legacy, their last gift, and I am happy to have received it, and not left it unopened, unrecognized at the graveside.

*Anne Thurston, 'Small Wonders: Stories of Love, Loss and Letting Go',*

O Lord, grant us that love which can never die, which will enkindle our lamps but not extinguish them, so that they may shine in us and bring light to others. Most dear Saviour, enkindle our lamps that they may shine forever in your temple. May we receive unquenchable light from you so that our darkness will be illuminated and the darkness of the world will be made less. Amen.

*Prayer of St Columban, Memorial, 23 November*

## Today's Liturgy of the Word

### Scripture Theme

*Christ, King of the Universe. Christ did not seek earthly domination in his kingship, but rather the liberation of the weak and oppressed. The Christian community shares in the royal dignity of Christ by showing to the world that service which was Christ's.*

### FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the Prophet Daniel 7:13-14

I gazed into the visions of the night.  
And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,  
one like a son of man.  
He came to the one of great age



and was led into his presence.  
On him was conferred  
sovereignty, glory and kingship,  
and men of all peoples, nations and  
languages became his servants.  
His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty  
which shall never pass away,  
nor will his empire be destroyed.

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 92

**Response: *The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.***

1. The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;  
the Lord has robed himself with might,  
he has girded himself with power. **Response**
2. The world you made firm, not to be moved;  
your throne has stood firm from of old.  
From all eternity, O Lord, you are. **Response**
3. Truly your decrees are to be trusted.  
Holiness is fitting to your house,  
O Lord, until the end of time. **Response**

### SECOND READING

A reading from the Book of the Apocalypse 1:5-8

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness,  
the First-born from the dead, the Ruler  
of the kings of the earth. He loves us  
and has washed away our sins with  
his blood, and made us a line of kings,  
priests to serve his God and Father; to  
him, then, be glory and power for ever  
and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming  
on the clouds; everyone will see him,  
even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn  
over him. This is the truth. Amen. *'I am the Alpha and the Omega'* says  
the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.



### Gospel Acclamation: Mt 24:42

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!  
Alleluia!



## GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 18:33-37

Pilate asked Jesus 'Are you the king of the Jews? '

Jesus replied,

'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?'

Pilate answered,

*'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?'*

Jesus replied,

'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.'

'So you are a king then? said Pilate.

'It is you who say it,' answered Jesus.

'Yes, I am a king.

I was born for this,

I came into the world for this:

to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'



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# Sharing the Good News

NEWSLETTER OF THE IRISH CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE

## "What a cruel time the pandemic has been for the dying and the bereaved" – Archbishop Eamon Martin

On Sunday 14 November, Archbishop Eamon Martin concelebrated the Mass of Remembrance for those who died during the pandemic in the Basilica of Our Lady of Knock, Co Mayo, in the Archdiocese of Tuam, with bishops and clergy from across Ireland.

During his homily, the Primate of All Ireland said, "We are gathering today to remember all those who died during the Covid-19 pandemic. What a cruel time it has been for the dying and the bereaved.

"Sadly, in many cases during the Covid pandemic, those precious, final moments saw increased heartbreak. At a time when physical closeness is so important, and our caring instinct is to hug someone, or hold their hand, it was distressing that often the final words of love and prayer had to be spoken over a telephone, or from behind windows and screens, or masks or visors."

Drawing attention to the frontline workers fighting Covid, the Archbishop continued, "In a special way today in Knock we remember, with deep gratitude and prayer, the 'heroes' who kept our health, emergency, chaplaincy and other essential services going during the pandemic, often denying themselves in the cause of compassion, charity and love. And they are still doing it, today and every day. "Let society never forget them, and always ensure that our carers and health workers are appreciated, fully resourced and rewarded for their goodness."

You can read Archbishop Martin's homily in full and view more images from the Mass on [www.catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie).



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