



### Pastoral Community of Derriaghy & Colin

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# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent



# <u>This Week in St. Anne's</u>

<u>Sunday Mass</u>: 5pm Vigil & 11am

Masses this week: Tues, Wed & Thurs at 10am

<u>*Confessions*</u>: Sat 4.30pm or before any mass.

<u>Remember</u> – 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 community. Text your name and number to 07714691281 to be added to our WhatsApp group.

## <u>Your Giving</u>

#### Last W/end: Envelopes £774.50 Loose £166.96 Bishops Commissions: £296 This w/end - Weekly Offering & Renovation Fund

We would recommend that you set up a **Standing Order. You can download the necessary forms from our website...or c**all the parish office on 028 90610112 and leave your details or email us on <u>stannes@downandconnor.org</u>

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

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### 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 e-mail **<u>livingchurch@downandconnor.org</u>** indicating which programme you are interested in.

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

### We Remember Them

**<u>Recently Deceased</u>**: Kathleen Lawrenson, Mary McKenna (Funeral Thurs 10am)

<u>Anniversaries</u>: Norah Quinn, Stephen Quinn, Claire Burleigh, Ann O'Neill, Louise Burleigh, Pat McKeown, Mary Murphy.

# St. Vincent de Paul

You could help save someone from impossible choices at Christmas.

Christmas is meant to be a time of togetherness and hope. But for many families, it will be filled with worry. In the winter, families around the country face impossible choices.

They will struggle with the decision of heating the house or having a Christmas dinner. Should they put presents under the tree, or oil in the tank?

Christmas is not the same for everyone, but with your help we can alleviate the struggle of families facing these impossible choices, and help ensure everyone is safe and warm, and can enjoy a little bit of the magic that comes with this season.

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

**1.** We live in a time when we are told that disaster lies ahead for us and for our planet if we do not change our ways. But perhaps this new awareness can be a prelude to us changing our ways? The gospel was written to give hope to Christians in danger. What gives you hope amid the dangers facing our world today?

**2.** Our church community is also in crisis. The numbers of people attending church services have dropped. We have fewer clergy and religious. Scandals have rocked the church community. What helps you to keep faith in such circumstances?

**3.** This passage can be taken as a metaphor for personal experiences when it seemed that your world was collapsing around you: plans thwarted, deep disappointment, something out of your control altering the course of your life, etc.? When have such experiences been a prelude to something new? Allow the dramatic language of the passage remind you of this experience, making sure that you recognise the double movement of collapse and liberation.

**4.** Jesus himself is the model in this gospel story as he taught his disciples the spirituality of 'waiting in joyful hope'. What difference has watchfulness (in the sense of being watchful in prayer) and hope made to you in facing difficult situations?

**5.** Advent is a time that calls us to be alert to the signs of the hidden presence of God in our world. What reminds you of this presence of God? Have there been occasions when something woke you up in an unexpected way to the presence of God in the world, e.g. through love, beauty, nature, etc.?

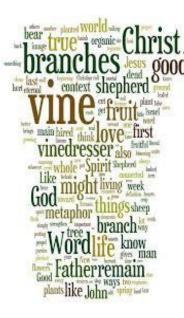
# <u>Today's Liturgy of the Word</u>

### Scripture Theme

The Advent spirit of waiting and longing for the Lord reminds us of the daily call to holiness. We are to be found blameless when he comes, living lives of honesty and integrity. We are to avoid the temptations to escapism from the true meaning of life.

### **FIRST READING**

A reading from the book of the Prophet Jeremiah 33:14-16.



**S**ee, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise, I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

'In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practice honesty and integrity in the land.

In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: the Lord-our-integrity.'

## **Responsorial Psalm** *Ps* 24

### Response: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

 Lord, make me know your ways.
 Lord, teach me your paths.
 Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour.

2. The Lord is good and upright.He shows the path to those who stray,he guides the humble in the right path;he teaches his way to the poor. Response

3. His ways are faithfulness and love for those who keep his covenant and will.The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him; to them he reveals his covenant. Response

### SECOND READING

### A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers and sisters, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as

you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.



#### **Gospel Acclamation** - Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke 21:25-28, 34-36



Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken.

And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power

and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.'

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

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