



St. Anne's Parish

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1st Sunday in Advent



This Week in St. Anne's

Sunday Mass: 5pm Vigil & 11am

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

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 community. Text your name and number to 07714691281 to be added to our WhatsApp group.

Your Giving

**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 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

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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 livingchurch@downandconnor.org 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

Recently Deceased: Kathleen Lawrenson, Mary McKenna
(Funeral Thurs 10am)

Anniversaries: 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.?

Today's Liturgy of the Word

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.



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St. Anne

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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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