



# St. Anne's Parish

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 £1721.50, Loose £81.10  
Renovation Fund: £399**

**Standing Orders in November: £6502.83**

This w/end - **Weekly Offering & Monthly 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](mailto:stannes@downandconnor.org)

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

**A/C No. 07707787**  
**Sort Code 93 83 00**

### **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](mailto: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:** Anna Prior (Ardglass), Bill Power (Killough)

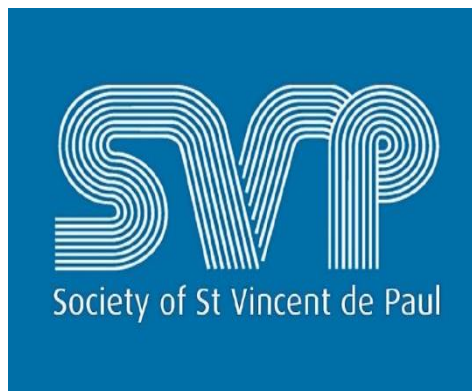
**Month's Mind:** James Quinn.

### **St. Vincent de Paul Annual Appeal**

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.

### **Many families will face impossible choices at Christmas.**



You can donate online:

#### **Account Name:**

St. Vincent de Paul Conference of  
St. Anne

**Account No.** 65576181

**Sort Code:** 938300.

## **Today's Liturgy of the Word**

### ***Scripture Theme***

*God's promises to us are fulfilled in Jesus Christ. We look forward to the Kingdom when, pure and blameless, we will reach the perfect goodness which Christ produces in us.*

### **FIRST READING**

A reading from the book of the Prophet Baruch 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress,  
put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever,  
wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you,  
put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head:  
since God means to show your splendour to every nation under  
heaven,  
since the name God gives you for ever will be,  
'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'.

Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east:  
see your sons reassembled from west and east  
at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered  
them.

Though they left you on foot,  
with enemies for an escort,  
now God brings them back to you  
like royal princes carried back in glory.  
For God has decreed the flattening  
of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills,  
the filling of the valleys to make the ground level  
so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God.  
And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade  
for Israel at the command of God;  
for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory  
with his mercy and integrity for escort.

## Responsorial Psalm Ps 125

**Response: *What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed, we were glad.***

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,  
it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs. *Response*

2. The heathens themselves said:  
'What marvels the Lord worked for them!  
What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad. *Response*

3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
as streams in dry land.  
Those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap. *Response*

4. They go out, they go out, full of tears  
carrying seed for the sowing:  
they come back, they come back, full of song,  
carrying their sheaves. *Response*

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 1:3-6. 8-11



Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you.

My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception. so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

## Gospel Acclamation Lk 3:4.6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.  
and all mankind shall see the salvation of God  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:



A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

Every valley will be filled in,  
every mountain and hill be laid low,  
winding ways will be straightened  
and rough roads made smooth.

And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

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