



St. Anne's Parish

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**3rd Sunday in Advent
Gaudete Sunday**



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



Christmas in St. Anne's

Christmas Eve Mass: 9pm

Christmas Day: 11am

Sunday Dec. 26th: 11am



Remember:

The Obligation to attend mass remains suspended!

Numbers inside the church are still restricted

Please consider joining us online as a family!

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 £1,000.20, Loose £66.60
Monthly Offering: £523**

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

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Sort Code 93 83 00**

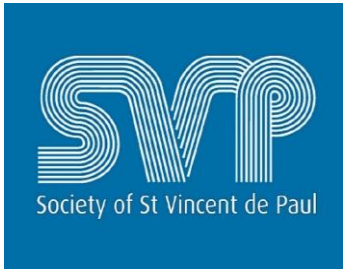
FoodBank: As always, thank you for your continued generous support. The collection boxes are available outside the church every day from 10am to 4pm.

We Remember Them

Recently Deceased: Mona Fox (Bangor), Mary Cleary (Funeral Thurs 10am), Rita Gunning.

Anniversaries: Mary Turley, Joseph Blaney, Desmond McGlinchey, Kathleen & Simon Clarke, Noel Marshall.

St. Vincent de Paul Annual Appeal



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Account Name:

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Today's Liturgy of the Word

Scripture Theme

John the Baptist inaugurates the Gospel already from his mother's womb he welcomes the coming of Christ and rejoices in being 'the friend of the bridegroom whom he points out as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the Prophet Zephaniah 3:14-18

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,
Israel, shout aloud!
Rejoice, exult with all your heart,
daughter of Jerusalem!

The Lord has repealed your sentence;
he has driven your enemies away.



The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst;
you have no more evil to fear.
When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem:
Zion, have no fear,
do not let your hands fall limp.

The Lord your God is in your midst,
a victorious warrior.
He will exult with joy over you,
he will renew you by his love;

he will dance with shouts of joy for you
as on a day of festival.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 12

Response:

Sing and shout for joy, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

1. Truly, God is my salvation,
I trust, I shall not fear.
For the Lord is my strength, my song,
he became my saviour.
With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation. *Response*

2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!
Declare the greatness of his name. *Response*

3. Sing a psalm to the Lord
for he has done glorious deeds,
make them known to all the earth!
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. *Response*

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 4: 4-7



I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation Is 61:1

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 3:10-18



When all the people asked John,
'What must we do, then?'

he answered,

'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.'

There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him,
'Master, what must we do?'

He said to them,

'Exact no more than your rate.'

Some soldiers asked him in their turn,
'What about us? What must we do?'

He said to them,

'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all,

'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His

winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

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St. Anne's Primary School and Nursery Unit – Enrolment in Nursery Unit and Primary 1 for September 2022.

Nursery

Children born on or between 02/07/18 and 01/07/19 are eligible to apply for a place in a pre-school education provider. The application procedure opens on **Monday 10th January 2022 at 12noon**, with the online portal available from that time.

Application portal closes at **12 noon on Friday 28th January 2022.**

Primary 1

Children born on or between 02/07/17 and 01/07/18 must begin their Primary education in September 2021. The application procedure opens on **Monday 10th January 2022 at 12noon**, with the online portal available from that time. The application portal closes at **12 noon on Friday 28th January 2022.**

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we are unable to hold our usual Open Days for the Nursery Unit and the Primary School. On our website you can view our online prospectus, which includes a virtual tour of the Nursery Unit and Primary 1. You will also find further presentations regarding the school and the admissions process on our website. The website will also provide you with other insights into the life of St. Anne's Primary School and Nursery Unit. The website address is www.saintannesps.com. Please feel free to contact the school office if we can be of any help during this process.