



St. Anne's Parish

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4th Sunday in Advent



This Week in St. Anne's

Christmas Day Mass: 9pm Vigil & 11am

Masses this week: Tues & Wed at 10am

Confessions: Suspended!

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!**
- **The risk of transmission of the Omicron variant of Covid-19 is at least 2.5 times higher than that of the Delta variant!**
- **Numbers inside the church are still restricted!**
- **If you are vulnerable, please join us online.**
- **Please consider joining us online as a family!**

Parish Office: Mon, Tues & Wed 9am to 1pm. Office closes on Wednesday and reopens on Mon Jan 3rd, 2022.

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 £949.50, Loose £155.60
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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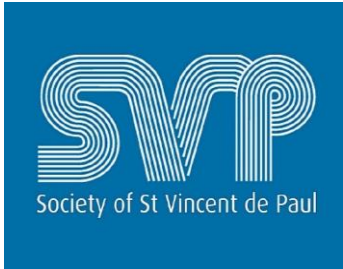
FoodBank: As always, thank you for your continued generous support. The collection boxes are available outside the church until Wed 22nd Dec from 10am to 4pm.

We Remember Them

Recently Deceased: Mary Cleary, Josephine McCreesh (Kerry)

Anniversaries: Vivian Brennan, Florrie Maynes.

St. Vincent de Paul Annual Appeal



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Today's Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the Prophet Micah 5:1-4

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
the least of the clans of Judah,
out of you will be born for me
the one who is to rule over Israel;
his origin goes back to the distant past,
to the days of old.



The Lord is therefore going to
abandon them
till the time when she who is to
give birth gives birth.
Then the remnant of his brothers
will come back
to the sons of Israel.
He will stand and feed his flock
with the power of the Lord,
with the majesty of the name of
his God.
They will live secure, for from
then on he will extend his power
to the ends of the land.
He himself will be peace.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 79

**Response: God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.**

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. *Response*

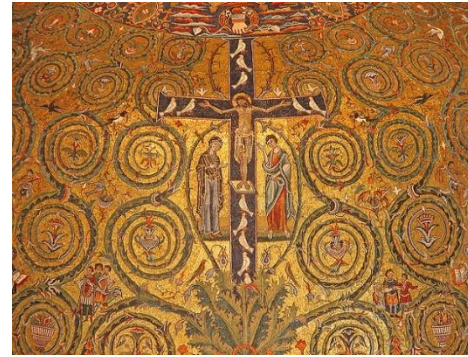


2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. *Response*

3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. *Response*

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 10:5-10



This is what he said, on coming into
the world:

You who wanted no sacrifice or
oblation,
prepared a body for me.
You took no pleasure in holocausts
or sacrifices for sin;
then I said,
just as I was commanded in the
scroll of the book,
'God, here I am! I am coming to

obey your will.'

Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as
the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the
holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in
them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He
is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will
was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and
for all by Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 1: 38

Alleluia, alleluia!

'I am the handmaid of the Lord,'

'let what you have said be done to me.'

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 1:39-45

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy.'

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How to make an act of Perfect Contrition

Through an act of Perfect Contrition, you can receive the forgiveness of your sins outside of confession, even mortal sins, provided that you determine yourself to correct your life and make a firm resolution to go to sacramental confession as soon as possible, when it becomes once more available.

- In reality or in your mind kneel at the foot of a crucifix and mentally repeat: "Jesus, my God and my Saviour, in the midst of your agony you remembered me, you suffered for me, you wanted to purify me from my sins".
- Contrition is "perfect" if you repent of your sins because you love God and you sincerely regret having offended Him and having contributed Christ's sufferings on the Cross.
- Recite, slowly and sincerely, an act of contrition focusing on the goodness of God and your love for Jesus: "O my God, since you are so good, I am sincerely repentant for having sinned against you and with the help of your grace I will no longer sin. Amen".
- Make a firm resolution to go to sacramental confession as soon as possible

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.