



# St. Anne's Parish

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## **Feast of the Holy Family**



**This Week in St. Anne's**

**Sunday Mass: 5pm Vigil & 11am**

**Masses this week: No mass this week!**

**Confessions: Suspended!**

**Remember -**

**All services are streamed live online**



**Parish Office:** Closed until Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 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 £1091.25 Loose £235**  
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](mailto:stannes@downandconnor.org)

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

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

**FoodBank:** As always, thank you for your continued generous support. The collection will resume on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

## **We Remember Them**

**Recently Deceased:** Connie Melly Dyer

**Anniversaries:** Maureen Slevin, Jimmy Torney.

The infancy narratives in St Luke's gospel (Lk 1:1-2:52) fascinate in so many ways. Whether child or adult, imagination is fired, life experiences are evoked, and faith is awakened or revived for many. On that first Christmas in Bethlehem many journeys of faith came together in adoration of the Christ-child. Guided by the light of a star and discerning the path to follow, shepherds and wise men encountered God incarnate in a child. Falling to their knees in worship and prayer, a new light illuminated their minds and lives. As each arrived at the manger, 'heart spoke unto heart' as they encountered the human face of God and the divine face of humanity. This was a graced moment of divine revelation that would change their lives forever. Today, the light of that Christmas star beams into our lives, wherever we are on our own life's journey.

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

### **Scripture theme**

*The Holy Family is seen as the model for the human family, the religious community, and the Church itself. The celebration of the Incarnation has brought us to see God's closeness. In the Holy Family we see the ordinariness of the life of Jesus, the simple acceptance by Mary and Joseph of the marvels of God. In the daily life of family and community we can touch the divine, we can come closer to God. But we have to learn to live centred on God, with respect and love for each other.*

### **FIRST READING**

A reading from the first Book of Samuel 1: 20-22, 24-28

**Hannah** conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him.'

**When** a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.'

**When** she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull and the child's mother came to Eli. They slaughtered the bull and the child's mother came to Eli.

**She** said,  
'If you please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.'

There she left him, for the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 83: 2-3. 5-6. 9-10**

**Response: They are happy who dwell in your house, O Lord.**

1. How lovely is your dwelling place,  
Lord, God of hosts.  
My soul is longing and yearning,  
is yearning for the courts of the Lord.  
My heart and my soul ring out their joy  
to God, the living God.

*Response*

2. They are happy, who dwell in your house,  
for ever singing your praise.

They are happy, whose strength is in you;  
they walk with ever growing strength.

*Response*

3. O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer,  
give ear, O God of Jacob.

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield,  
look on the face of your anointed.

*Response*

### **SECOND READING**

A reading from the first letter of St John 3:1-2. 21-24

**Think** of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed, all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

**My** dear people,  
if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be

afraid in God's presence,  
and whatever we ask him,  
we shall receive,  
because we keep his commandments  
and live the kind of life that he wants.  
His commandments are these:  
that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ  
and that we love one another  
as he told us to.  
Whoever keeps his commandments  
lives in God and God lives in him.  
We know that he lives in us  
by the Spirit that he has given us.

**Gospel Acclamation**      *Acts 16: 4*

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Open our heart, O Lord,  
to accept the words of your Son.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke 2:2:41-52

Every year parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him,

'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' Jesus replied 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant.

He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

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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 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 12noon**, with the online portal available from that time. Application portal closes at **12 noon on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 12noon**, with the online portal available from that time. The application portal closes at **12 noon on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.saintannesps.com). Please feel free to contact the school office if we can be of any help during this process.