



St. Anne's Parish

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2nd Sunday of Christmas



This Week in St. Anne's

Sunday Mass: 5pm Vigil & 11am

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

Confessions: Before masses!

Remember -

All services are streamed live online



Parish Office: Re-opens Tuesday 4th Jan. 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

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

OR Donate Online to St. Anne's Parish

A/C No. 07707787
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FoodBank: The collection boxes will resume this Tuesday 4th Jan.

We Remember Them

Recently Deceased: Patrick Whyte (England), Margaret Kennedy.

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

- This prologue to John's Gospel is a piece of poetry. Like all poetry one of the ways to enter into it is to read it a few times slowly and let the words and images speak to you.
- The prologue proclaims Jesus as the true light come into the world. How has Jesus, and the message of Jesus, been a light for you in your life?
- The prologue also affirms the transforming power of faith: 'to all who received him ... he gave power to become children of God'. How would you describe the difference it makes to you to have faith as part of your life?
- In Jesus we get a glimpse of God and of the love of God. But as 'Jesus people' in the world today we also are called to be witnesses to the light. Who has been a witness to you? To whom have you been a witness?

Today's Liturgy of the Word

Scripture theme

When peaceful silence lay over all, and night had run half of her swift course, the all-powerful word leaped down from heaven, from the royal throne (cf. Entrance antiphon).

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus 24:1-2. 8-12

Wisdom speaks her own praises,
in the midst of her people she glories in herself.
She opens her mouth in the assembly of the Most High,
she glories in herself in the presence of the Mighty One.



'Then the creator of all things
instructed me,
and he who created me fixed a place
for my tent.
He said, "Pitch your tent in Jacob,
make Israel your inheritance".
From eternity, in the beginning,
he created me, and for eternity I shall
remain.
I ministered before him in the holy
tabernacle,
and thus was I established on Zion.
In the beloved city he has given me
rest,
and in Jerusalem I wield my authority.
I have taken root in a privileged people,
in the Lord's property, in his inheritance.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 147

Response: The Word was made flesh and lived among us.



1. O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
Zion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates,
he has blessed the children within you. *Response*

2. He established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command. *Response*

3. He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees. *Response*

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 1:3-6. 15-18



Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determining that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved.

That will explain why I, having once heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus, and the love that you show towards all the saints, have never failed to remember you in my prayers and to thank God for you. May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory be to You , O Christ, proclaimed to the pagans;
Glory be to You , O Christ, Believed in by the World
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to John 1-1-18

In the beginning was the Word:
and the Word was with God
and the Word was God.
He was with God in the beginning.
Through him all things came to be,
not one thing had its being but through him.
All that came to be had life in him
and that life was the light of men,
a light that shines in the dark,
a light that darkness could not overpower

A man came, sent by God.
His name was John.
He came as a witness,
as a witness to speak for the light,
so that everyone might believe through
him.
He was not the light,
only a witness to speak for the light.

The Word was the true light
that enlightens all men;
and he was coming into the world.
He was in the world
that had its being through him,
and the world did not know him.
He came to his own domain
and his own people did not accept him.



But to all who did accept him
he gave power to become children of God,
to all who believe in the name of him
who was born not out of human stock
or urge of the flesh
or will of man
but of God himself.

The Word was made flesh, he lived among us,
and we saw his glory,
the glory that is his
as the only Son of the Father,
full of grace and truth.

John appears as his witness. He proclaims:
'This is the one of whom I said:
He who comes after me ranks before me
because he existed before me'

Indeed, from his fulness we have, all of us, received –
yes, grace in return for grace,
since, though the Law was given through Moses,
grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ.
No one has ever seen God;
it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart,
who has made him known.

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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.