



# St. Anne's Parish

**Pastoral Community of Derriaghy & Colin**

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## **The Baptism of the Lord**



**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:** Open - 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**

This w/end - **Weekly Offering**

**25<sup>th</sup> Dec / 26<sup>th</sup> Dec / 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan:**

**Weekly Offering: Envelopes £873.30 & Loose £314.05**  
**Christmas: £877, Monthly Offering: £456.50**

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:** Fr Peter and the Foodbank Team wish you all a Happy New Year and would like to thank you again for your great generosity last year. We have begun accepting donations again and look forward to another successful year. The collection boxes are available outside the church each day from 10am to 4pm. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

## **We Remember Them**

**Recently Deceased:** Rev. Paul McCormick (Downpatrick), Christopher O'Neill.

**Anniversaries:** Patrick & Patricia O'Hare, Eugene Casey.

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

### **Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible**

The Bible is at the heart of our faith and our relationship with God. Reading the Bible should bring us closer to Christ, but many people find it hard to even begin.

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible is an 8-week online programme written by Jeff Cavins and facilitated by the Living Church office. Course participants will receive a resource pack and connect online for a time of teaching, discussion and prayerful reflection.

There are three groups available:

Wednesday Morning at 11am beginning on Wed 12th January

Wednesday Evening at 7pm beginning on Wed 12th January

Monday Evening at 7pm beginning on Mon 17th January

To register you can complete an online form

<https://forms.office.com/r/g3FWFK5x8w>

or e-mail [a.steen@downandconnor.org](mailto:a.steen@downandconnor.org)

Come and join us for a programme will give you a way to read the bible, understand it and so experience its life changing power.

### **Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel**

1. The people were searching and John pointed them in the direction of Jesus. On your life's journey who have been the John the Baptist people for you, people who have pointed you in the right direction?
2. The Baptism of Jesus was a very special moment for him that affirmed him in his identity as Son of God and in his mission. Recall the experiences that affirmed you – either in your sense of who you are, or in relation to the direction you were taking in life.
3. The Baptism of Jesus marks a transition point in his life, and the start of his public ministry. Recall the transition points in your own life. Where did you see the grace of God at work in those times?
4. This experience of Jesus occurred when he was at prayer. What part has prayer played in opening you to being aware of God in your life? What part has prayer played in helping you through a transition point in your life?

### **Scripture theme**

*Jesus is anointed with the Spirit and his power; He is proclaimed Messiah. He now goes about doing good, working the signs that make him known as the Servant of God. He is the one who brings good news to the poor and tells of salvation. Through our Baptism each one of us is ordered to the life of Christ – Priest, Prophet and King – and the Father looks on us with favour.*

### **FIRST READING**

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

'Console my people, console them'  
says your God.  
'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem  
and call to her  
that her time of service is ended,  
that her sin is atoned for,  
that she has received from the hand of the Lord  
double punishment for all her crimes.'

A voice cries,  
'Prepare in the wilderness  
a way for the Lord.  
Make a straight highway for our God  
across the desert.  
Let every valley be filled in,  
every mountain and hill be laid low,  
let every cliff become a plain,  
and the ridges a valley;  
then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed  
and all mankind shall see it;  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain,  
joyful messenger to Zion.  
Shout with a loud voice,

joyful messenger to Jerusalem.  
Shout without fear,  
say to the towns of Judah,  
'Here is your God'.

Here is the Lord coming with power,  
his arm subduing all things to him.  
The prize of his victory is with him,  
his trophies all go before him.  
He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,  
gathering lambs in his arms,  
holding them against his breast  
and leading to their rest the mother ewes.



### **Responsorial Psalm Ps 103**

**Response: Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are.**

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!  
Lord God, how great you are,  
clothed in majesty and glory,  
wrapped in light as in a robe!  
You stretch out the heavens like a tent. *Response*

2. Above the rains you build your dwelling.  
You make the clouds your chariot,  
you walk on the wings of the wind,  
you make the winds your messengers  
and flashing fire your servants. *Response*

3. How many are your works, O Lord!  
In wisdom you have made them all.  
The earth is full of your riches.  
There is the sea, vast and wide,  
with its moving swarms past counting,  
living things great and small. *Response*

4. All of these look to you  
to give them their food in due season.  
You give it, they gather it up:  
you open your hand, they have their fill. *Response*

5. You take back your spirit, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they came.  
You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth. *Response*

### **SECOND READING**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

'God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should. h.e justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.



### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded:

'This is my Son, the beloved. Listen to him.

'Alleluia!

### **GOSPEL**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22



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.

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you'.

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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.