



St. Anne's Parish

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The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday of the Word of God

Catholic Schools Week

This Week in St. Anne's

Sunday Mass: 5pm Vigil & 11am

Masses this week: Tues & Wed 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**

Weekly Offering: Envelopes £994.05 & Loose £166.66
Living Youth: £197

We recommend 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: 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: Vincent Smith, Fionntan McGarvey, Jim McAuley.

Anniversaries: Elizabeth Dynan, Patsy & Michael Ranaghan, Jim Ranaghan.

Church Cleaning Appeal

As part of our risk assessment for the safety of parishioners attending the church, there needs to be a cleaning regime in place to sanitize the "high touch" surfaces after every Mass and service. A very dedicated team of people have been doing this, and the more general cleaning of the church, over the last 18 months. However, as time goes on, it is inevitable that some people have found that they can no longer commit to this. As a result, we are now appealing for some new volunteers who would be willing to join our team. The commitment is 20/30 minutes on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evening every two or three weeks. Do you think you could offer your time for this? If so, please leave your name and contact details with the Parish Office 028 90610112, or on the WhatsApp group. We would be very grateful for your help. Thank you.

Catholic Schools: *Living Life to the Full*

23rd JANUARY – 30th JANUARY 2022



Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

1. The scene in the synagogue marks the launch of the public ministry of Jesus in Luke. Jesus was filled with the Spirit and sent. He came bursting with a message to communicate. When have you had the experience of being enthused by something in that way? Who have been the people you met who had that kind of enthusiasm?
2. His message was addressed to those who were poor, oppressed, blind, or captives. Who are these today? In what ways have you been, or are you, among these? How has the message of Jesus been good news for you, freed you, given you new sight, or revealed God's favour to you?
3. The message Jesus had was one of liberation and he told his listeners that it was being fulfilled even as they listened. It is being fulfilled even as we hear it **NOW**. If this does not resonate with you right now, when has the gospel given you an experience of liberation?
4. This is the Sunday of the Word of God, the word that gives life. The written word of God is not always easy to understand. What has helped you to be more at home with the Bible so that you could find there encouragement, hope, inspiration, meaning and purpose in life?

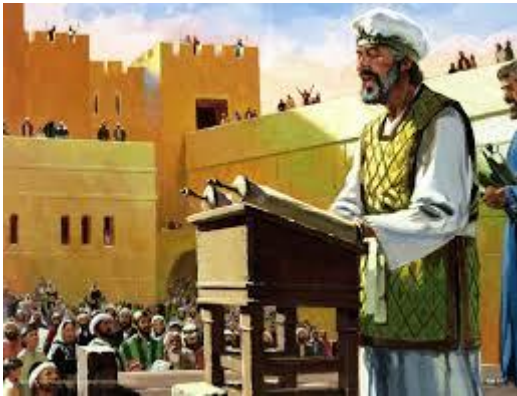
Today's Liturgy of the Word

Scripture theme

The teaching of the Church on the Liturgy of the Word is expressed in these texts Jesus states that the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled in himself: so, the Scripture word is proclaimed in church. Christ is really present in his Word. That Word challenges us to a renewal of life, as the people rediscovered their identity when Ezra read the Law to them.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the Prophet Nehemiah 2-6. 8-10



Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the

book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose; in full view of all the people—since he stood higher than all the people—Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, 'Amen! Amen!'; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then (Nehemiah—His Excellency—and) Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.'

For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said,

'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 18

Response: Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. *Response*

2. The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. *Response*

3. The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. *Response*

4. May the spoken words of my mouth,
the thoughts of my heart,
win favour in your sight, O Lord,
my rescuer, my rock! *Response*

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 4: 18

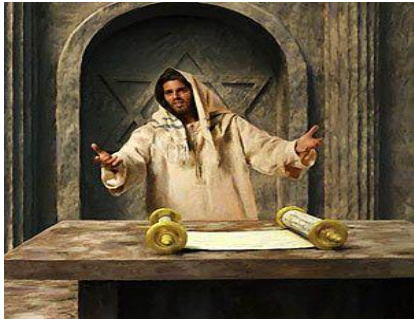
Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21



Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the

beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll, he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me.

He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen'

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"Patrick Kavanagh – A Poet for Spring"

with Sr Una Agnew SSL PhD hosted by Drumalis via Zoom from 11am – 12:15 pm (2, 9 & 16 March 2022)

"As we embark on the season of spring, we celebrate in poetry the way Kavanagh senses the stirrings of his soul as the earth comes alive in Spring. His liturgy of the seasons enhances his poetic pilgrimage from Monaghan to the Grand Canal." (Una Agnew SSL) Suggested Donation: £30 per person. For further details or to book a place, please contact Drumalis during office hours (Mon-Fri, 9 am – 5 pm) – 028 28272196/28276455 or email drumalis@btconnect.com

Prayer for Grandparents

Lord Jesus, you were born of the Virgin Mary,
the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.

Look with love on grandparents the world over.

Protect them! They are a source of enrichment for families,
for the Church and for all of society.

Support them!

As they grow older, may they continue to be for their families
strong pillars of Gospel faith,
guardians of noble domestic ideals, living treasuries of sound
religious traditions.

Make them teachers of wisdom and courage,
that they may pass on to future generations the fruits of their
mature human and spiritual experience.

Amen

"Spiritual Challenges in Later Life"

with Sr Una Agnew SSL PhD hosted by Drumalis via Zoom from 11am – 12:15 pm (25 Jan, 1, 8, 15 & 22 Feb 2022)

"Spiritual well-being in later life is a potential that needs to be explored even as it is happening within us and among us. During this series, we will explore together this rich season of grace that we call ageing." (Úna Agnew SSL)

Suggested Donation: £50 per person. For further details or to book a place, please contact Drumalis during office hours (Mon-Fri, 9 am – 5 pm) – 028 28272196/28276455 or email drumalis@btconnect.com

4 Corners Festival 2022

The 4 Corners Festival 2022 is a 10th Anniversary celebration that begins in St Anne's Cathedral and ends in St Peter's. This year the weeklong series of thought-provoking events will be around the theme Common Ground, Common Good.

We are particularly excited to present Dr Austen Ivereigh, the Pope's biographer and collaborator, at our opening event [Let Us Dream](#); Carl Frampton talking to us in [Carl At Clonard](#); and the Archbishop of Canterbury closing the festival at [Come And Live On Common Ground](#). There's sure to be something to pique your interest at this unique Christian Festival.

Come and join us between January 30th and February 6th, somewhere across Belfast's four corners or online.

Browse all the events here, or see highlights programme attached: <https://4cornersfestival.com/>

 Catholic Schools Week 2022
Catholic Schools Living Life to the Full

Catholic Schools: Living Life to the Full

23 JANUARY – 30 JANUARY 2022



MONDAY

Living Life to the Full with God

TUESDAY

Living Life to the Full Together

WEDNESDAY

(Grandparents' Day)

Celebrating Being Together Again

THURSDAY

Living Life in Wonder and Awe

FRIDAY

Living Life and Facing the Future

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place from 18 -25 January 2022. The theme chosen for this year is 'We Saw His Star in the East'. Materials for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been prepared by the churches of the Middle East.

Background to the theme for 2022 – 'We Saw His Star in the East'

The story of the Magi visiting the Holy Family in Bethlehem is one very familiar to us. The Magi have sometimes been seen as a symbol of the world's diversity – different religions and cultures – that comes to pay homage to the Christ-child. The story might therefore represent the unity of all created that God desires.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2022 has been prepared by the churches of the Middle East, the history of which was, and still is, characterised by conflict and strife, tainted with blood and darkened by injustice and oppression. The Christians of the Middle East offer these resources conscious that the world shares many of the travails and much of the difficulties that it experiences, and yearns for a light to lead the way to the Saviour who is the light that overcomes darkness.

Serving the Gospel today requires a commitment to the human being, especially the poorest, the weakest and those marginalised. It requires from the churches transparency and accountability in dealing with the world, and with each other. This means churches need to cooperate to provide relief to the afflicted, to welcome the displaced, to relieve the burdened, and to build a just and honest society. This is a call for churches to work together so that young people can build a good future according to God's heart, a future in which all human beings can experience life, peace, justice, and love.

Resources

The resources for 2022 are now available for use. Click [here](#) to download a wide range of resources including materials available in the Irish language. The resources include a prayer service and daily prayer for the home that includes Scripture, a meditation, prayer, questions and a practical 'Go & Do' section.

Archbishops of Armagh mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2022

A video marking the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has been prepared by Archbishop Eamon Martin, Archbishop of Armagh and Archbishop John McDowell, the Church of Ireland Archbishop of Armagh. In this video the archbishops reflect on the theme of Christian unity.

A new Prayer inspired by the theme for 2022

The General Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity are offer this prayer inspired by the the for this year's Week of Prayer:

Heavenly Father,
as the Magi journeyed towards Bethlehem led by the star,
so by your heavenly light,
guide the Catholic Church to walk together with all Christians during this time of synod.
As the Magi were united in their worship of Christ,
lead us closer to your Son and so to one another,
so that we become a sign of the unity that you desire for your Church and the whole creation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen