



St. Anne's Parish

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The Forth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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.

We Remember Them

Anniversaries: Kevin McNeill, Anne McGlinchey, Margaret Walsh, Billy Craig, Dorothy Hart.

Your Giving

This w/end - **Weekly Offering & Renovation Fund**

Weekly Offering: Envelopes £711 & Loose £380.20

Why not 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
Sort Code 93 83 00

FoodBank: The collection boxes are available outside the church each day from 10am to 4pm. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

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.

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

1. The people of Nazareth could not accept that this local boy had something to teach them. Fixed ideas about people can at times block us from hearing what is being said. What a difference when we drop our prejudices! Perhaps you have experienced hearing an important truth when you focussed on what was being said, rather than on the person saying it?

2. The anger of the people arose when Jesus confronted them with God's inclusive ways. For them, God was 'their God' and God's blessings were for them. Jesus reminded them that this is not God's way. When have you been challenged to think in new ways and not to be excluding some people from your thoughts or concerns? Was there good news for you in the challenge?

3. Jesus continued his work despite the opposition. Have there been times when despite opposition you have been able to 'walk through the people' and 'continue on your way'? Have you seen this courage in others?

Today's Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

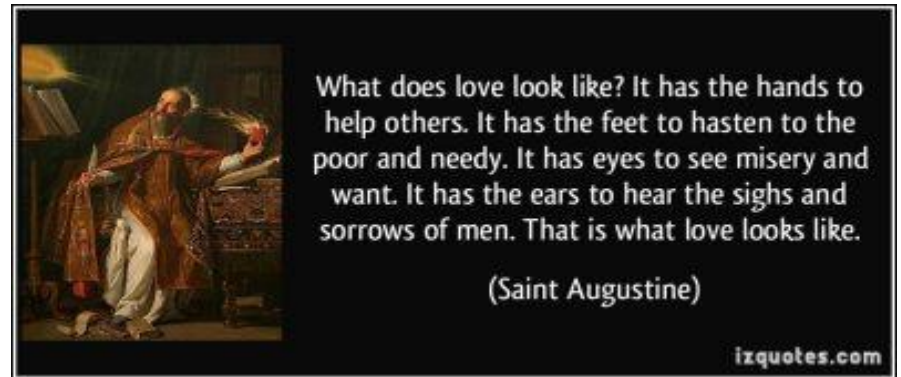
A reading from the book of the Prophet Jeremiah 1:4-5. 17-18

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying,

'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you;
before you came to birth I consecrated you;
I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.
So now brace yourself for action.

Stand up and tell them all I command you.

Do not be dismayed at their presence,
or in their presence I will make you dismayed.
I, for my part, today will make you
into a fortified city,
a pillar of iron,
and a wall of bronze
to confront all this land:
the kings of Judah, its princes,
its priests and the country people.
They will fight against you
but shall not overcome you,
for I am with you to deliver you –
it is the Lord who speaks.'



Responsorial Psalm Ps 70

Response: My lips will tell of your help.

1. In you, O Lord, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.
In your justice rescue me, free me:
pay heed to me and save me.

Response

2. Be a rock where I can take refuge,
a mighty stronghold to save me;
for you are my rock, my stronghold.
Free me from the hand of the wicked. *Response*

3. It is you, O Lord, who are my hope,
my trust, O Lord, since my youth.
On you I have leaned from my birth,
from my mother's womb you have been my help. *Response*

4. My lips will tell of your justice
and day by day of your help.
O God, you have taught me from my youth
and I proclaim your wonders still. *Response*

SECOND READING

Shorter form

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 13:4-13

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known.

In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.



Gospel Acclamation Jn 14: 5

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life, says the Lord;
no one can come to the Father except through me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 4: 21-30

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue,
'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen'.
And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips

They said,
'This is Joseph's son, surely?'
But he replied,



'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me,

"We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside".

And he went on,

'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country. 'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

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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/>