



St. Anne's Parish

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The Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Day of Prayer for Temperance

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



We Remember Them

Anniversaries: Agnes McGreevy, Odhran McLaughlin, Ann Prior, Annie Callaghan.

Ash Wednesday

Ashes will be blessed and distributed during our 10am mass this coming Wednesday 2nd March.



APPEAL

My heart aches greatly at the worsening situation in Ukraine. Despite the diplomatic efforts of the last few weeks, increasingly alarming scenarios are opening up. Like me, many people all over the world are feeling anguish and concern. Once again, the peace of all is threatened by partisan interests. I would like to appeal to those with political responsibility to examine their consciences seriously before God, who is the God of peace and not of war, who is the Father of all, not just of some, who wants us to be brothers and not enemies. I pray that all the parties involved refrain from any action that would cause even more suffering to the people, destabilising coexistence between nations and bringing international law into disrepute.

And now I would like to appeal to everyone, believers, and non-believers alike. Jesus taught us that the diabolical senselessness of violence is answered with God's weapons, with prayer and fasting. I invite everyone to make next 2 March, Ash Wednesday, a Day of Fasting for Peace. I encourage believers in a special way to dedicate themselves intensely to prayer and fasting on that day. May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war.

Pope Francis

Sacrament of Confirmation: We celebrate Confirmation on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday this week. Please keep in your prayers the boys and girls who will be confirmed.

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 & Renovation Fund**

Weekly Offering: Envelopes £570.11 & Loose £108
Sick & Retired Priests: £313.52

Why not set up a **Standing Order**. You can download the necessary forms from our website...or call the office on 028 90610112 or email us on stannes@downandconnor.org

OR Donate Online to St. Anne's Parish
A/C No. 07707787
Sort Code 93 83 00

The new set of Parish Giving Envelopes are ready for collection from this weekend. They can be picked up at the entrance to the church.

Foodbank: The collection boxes are available outside the church each day from 10am - 4pm. Thank you for your continuing generosity. Your giving makes all the difference these difficult days

"NO GREATER LOVE"

During Lent many people have traditionally involved themselves in special preparation for the feast of the Resurrection. In Lent 2020 we offered the opportunity to take "A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion" beginning in the Garden of Gethsemane and finishing at Calvary. Unfortunately, this was not completed because of the onset of the pandemic and a total lockdown. We would like to invite you to join us as we follow Christ's journey this Lent. **The programme will run for 5 Mondays at 7.00pm in the meeting room in the Parish Hall, beginning on Monday 7th March.** Each session is made up of a Scripture reading, a video presentation, reflection, and prayer. While it would be great to follow the complete journey from beginning to end, each session is a "stand-alone" event so please don't feel that if you cannot attend all the sessions, you should not attend any. As with all indoor gatherings, it is highly recommended that you wear a face covering so if it is at all possible, we would ask that you do. Everyone is very welcome. We look forward to seeing you.

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

- 1.** Can you remember an occasion when you were giving out about the behaviour of another person, and later realised you had some of the same fault yourself? Was that a wake-up call for you? Jesus tells us it is more constructive to correct our own faults, than complain about the faults of others.
- 2.** If we want to help other people, we need to have our feet on the ground, with a realistic awareness of our gifts and our limitations. Otherwise, we will be impractical, like the blind leading the blind. What has helped you to be realistic about what you can and cannot do?
- 3.** 'No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit.' This parable invites us to examine the motivation behind what we do. If our basic motivation is love, then our lives will bear good fruit. If love is absent from our lives, then the fruits will be conflict, disharmony and abuse of people for our own selfish ends.

Today's Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.
The kiln tests the work of the potter,
the test of a man is in his conversation.
The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit,
similarly a man's words betray what he feels.
Do not praise a man before he has spoken,
since this is the test of men.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 91

Response: *It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.*

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night. *Response*
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. *Response*
3. Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. *Response*

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 15:54-58

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

Gospel Acclamation Acts 16: 14

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

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 6: 39-45

Jesus told a parable to his disciples,
'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye", when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the

plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.

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DIOCESAN VOCATION WEEKEND

**“There are very few men who realise what God would make of them if they abandoned themselves entirely to his hands.”
(St. Ignatius of Loyola)**

Join us at the Vocations Weekend in Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne, from Friday 11 – Sunday 13 March 2022. You are invited to take this opportunity to carve some time out of your busy schedule, in order to listen to what God might be saying to you and what He might be calling you to. It may be that He is calling you to serve as a priest in His Church.

If you wish to attend this weekend or would like further information, contact: Fr. Kevin McGuckien Tel: 02890614567; Email: vocations@downandconnor.org



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Make time and space to hear
Christ's call to Priesthood