

St. Anne's Parish

Pastoral Community of Derriaghy & Colin

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The Fourth Sunday of Lent



This Week in St. Anne's

<u>Sunday Mass</u>: 5pm Vigil & 11am

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

Confessions: Sat 4.30pm & before masses!

All services are streamed live online



We Remember Them

Anniversaries: Pam Morgan, Alexander Murphy.

Parish Office: Open - Mon to Fri 9am to 1pm.

<u>Parish WhatsApp Group</u> – 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 £2441.50 & Loose £114.25 Needy Parishes: £434.50

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

OR Donate Online to St. Anne's Parish

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Ukraine Help

The Irish Bishops have asked for a Special Collection to be taken up at Masses this weekend to support humanitarian efforts in Ukraine and especially the families and children who have had to flee their homeland in advance of the Russian invasion. The proceeds of this Special Collection will be directed to Caritas Internationalis, which is the helping hand of the Church on the ground in the Ukraine and the surrounding region. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you.

"NO GREATER LOVE"

Join us as we follow Christ's journey this Lent. **The programme** will run on Mondays at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. Each session is made up of a Scripture reading, a video presentation, reflection, and prayer. Each session is a "stand-alone" event. Everyone is very welcome. We look forward to seeing you.

<u>Foodbank</u>: 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



Today's Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Joshua 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you'.

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover, they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread, and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33

Response: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

- 1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.

 The humble shall hear and be glad. Response
- 2. Glorify the Lord with me.Together let us praise his name.I sought the Lord and he answered me;from all my terrors he set me free. Response
- 3. Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. *Response*

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 5:17-21

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So, we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

Gospel Acclamation *Lk* 15:18

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 13:1-9

The tax collectors and the sinners, meanwhile, were all seeking his company to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained.

'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them. So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So, the father

divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your

paid servants." So, he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening and kill it; we are

going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he



answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening."

The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

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Passion Play Oberammergau 20-24 June 2022

Back in 2020, we had planned a special trip to see the world-famous Oberammergau passion play, which had to be postponed due to Covid. It is being performed this year now that restrictions have been lifted. Fr Colin Crossey plans to accompany the group which departs on 20th June to 24th June this year. Please contact the office at Christ the Redeemer if you are interested in this once-in a-lifetime opportunity. Accommodation can be arranged for single occupants for the first two nights only in Salzburg, as one of the highlights of this trip is to spend two nights in the village of Oberammergau, where people must be willing to share a room. Tickets to the Passion Play are Category 1 and it includes a city tour of Munich on arrival, fully guided tour of Salzburg and Sound of Music tour and including excursions trips to Innsbruck and Stams Abbey. Price 1479 euro per person sharing.

More details, Fr Colin Crossey at christtheredeemer@downandconnor.org, or directly to GTI, Dublin: 00 353 1 843 4734. or visit www.gtitravel.ie