



St. Anne's Parish

Pastoral Community of Derriaghy & Colin

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Easter Sunday



This Week in St. Anne's

Sunday Mass: 5pm Vigil & 11am

Masses this week: No masses this week

Confessions: Sat 4.30pm and before masses.

All services are streamed live online



Parish Office: Closed this week. Re-opens Mon 26th April.

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 & Easter Offering**

Weekly Offering: Envelopes £918 & Loose £147.15

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

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Synod 2021/2023 - SYNODAL LISTENING IN OUR PASTORAL COMMUNITY.

In order to journey together, Pope Francis wants every person to take their place at the heart of the Church and to hear every voice and the voice of the Holy Spirit. Our local parishes are encouraged to come together, pray together, and enter into a Spiritual Conversation about our Church at this time. Bishop Treanor has encouraged each area of the Diocese to have a time of coming together as part of the Synod. Coming together to listen and share helps us build flourishing and resilient communities for the mission of the Church today. We invite you to come along and to take part in the synod by listening and talking to one another in an authentic, meaningful, and welcoming way.

If you would like to take part in this synodal moment then please feel welcome to join us on Thursday 28th April in Nativity Church, Poleglass from 7-9pm. The session will be facilitated by Paula McKeown and Jim Deeds from the Living Church office.



Trócaire Boxes

Please return your Trócaire boxes to the church at Mass times **or** to the parish office at opening hours.

ST ANNE'S ONE WORLD GROUP

QUIZ NIGHT on Friday 22nd April in Parish Centre at 7.30pm. Please come along and bring your friends.

Bereavement Support Group

Service of Remembrance for Children and Babies who have Died at the Dawn of Life on Monday 16th May 2022 at 7pm
We invite families to this short Service which will include the blessing of the Children's Remembrance Garden.
Refreshments afterwards with time to talk. Further detail to follow. Please pass on date to anyone who may be interested.

Foodbank: The collection boxes are available outside the church again from Monday 25th April. Thank you for your continuing generosity. Your giving makes all the difference these difficult days

We Remember - Anniversaries: Maureen Fitzsimons.

Obligation to attend Sunday/Holyday Mass

With the easing of Covid-19 restrictions, it is encouraging to see a return to a fuller liturgical life in our parishes. Thankful that we can once again gather as communities of faith, the Irish Bishops have announced that attending Mass on Sunday and Holydays of Obligation will from Easter Sunday (17th April 2022) once again be deemed an essential expression of faith. As always, those whose health is vulnerable or who are unwell will not be under any obligation to attend Mass.

Beginning Experience is a peer ministry to the bereaved, separated and divorced, based within the Family Ministry of the Diocese of Down and Connor.

The loss of a partner through death, separation or divorce is devastating. Beginning Experience is offering a programme of bereavement support in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Ave., Belfast on three Saturdays (April 30, May 28, and June 25.) Booking essential. To find out more, contact Phil: 02890 207645 or Marie 07896119669.

The Knights of St Columbanus - Centenary Anniversary Event

To celebrate the Anniversary of the death of its founder, local clergyman Canon James O'Neill. May 6th & 7th 2022 in Marine Hotel Ballycastle. You are invited to join our event to mark this anniversary with guest speakers: Friday 6th May 2pm Bishop Noel Treanor Down & Connor. Followed by Dr. Eamon Phoenix-a talk on the social, political and economic times in Ireland of Canon O'Neill 100 years ago. Saturday 7th May 2pm: Mickey Harte, All Ireland Winning Manager-My Faith Journey. Please do come along to either event that are free to drop in and attend.

"Come Away and Rest Awhile" CARA RETREAT

Are you a parent of a young person with a disability? Would you like to take some time out to pray, reflect and meet other parents?

If the answer is yes, we would love you to join us for a parents retreat at: Drumalis Retreat Centre beginning Friday 24th June, 6pm until Saturday 25th June, 4pm

For information or to register your interest contact: Louise McQuillan Tel: 07922437679 Email: l.mcquillan@downandconnor.org

A Biblical walk with the Blessed Mother – Online Course & Retreat Day

A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother will take us through the Scriptures leading us into a deeper understanding of Mary's life. Although Mary is mentioned in only a few chapters of the entire Bible, these are filled with rich insight which will help us to understand Mary's humanity and the extraordinary mission to which she was called by God. The programme will begin on **Monday 2nd May @7:00 pm** for 5 weeks meeting online and then concluding with a Retreat day on **Saturday 4th June 2022 10:00-4:30 pm**. Venue: Parish centre, Parish of Maghera, Newcastle. The cost of the programme including your study materials and the retreat day (including lunch) is £35.

To register e-mail livingchurch@downandconnor.org



An Easter Message Bishop Noel Treanor 13 April 2022

The Message of Easter is the celebration of life over death, of hope over despair, of offers of assurance in situations of vulnerability. The scriptures attest to how the resurrected Christ awakened faith. They tell of how He awakened new hope and new understanding in the disciples and then entrusted them to be courageous messengers of this Easter hope. His risen presence gave them new purpose and a new identity.

From the moment of that first Easter morning, across the centuries, Christians have celebrated the Risen Christ and joyfully proclaimed a message of hope and new life.

This is our history, our mission and our legacy. The Risen Christ also calls us to be messengers of an Easter vision in our personal circumstances, in our time and in our world.

In the Jewish religious tradition, during the meal of Passover, the youngest child asks a series of questions as they try to make sense of this ritual meal. Remembering and recalling the events of the past and responding to these inquiries, the Jewish parent helps the child to understand the significance of this traditional celebration. This dialogue between generations therefore becomes an opportunity to share and to pass on faith and meaning.

Within our Christian homes this Easter, conversation between children and parents also presents opportunities to share and to pass on faith and hope.

We all need to hear the Easter message again. With each gift of newborn life, God imparts an opportunity to hear the message of Easter anew. Generations of young people are entrusted with taking up the mission and there are seedlings of growth sprouting anew in our parishes and Pastoral Communities. The synodal pathway started by Pope Francis presents such an opportunity for us all. It is an opportunity to give new vitality to our own involvement in our faith communities and so grow our understanding that we all shape the life and experience of the Church.

As in the past, there are indeed many challenges to face. The years of the pandemic have had an impact on our pastoral communities and faith practice and it is as if we are all emerging from the tomb into the light of a new dawn. In our world, hatred and violence continues to live in the hearts of many. Death and Resurrection is a tangible reality in countries of crisis and conflict. The joyful message of Easter this year is obscured by scenes of death and destruction and the forced displacement of families from their homes in Ukraine and other war-stricken regions across the world. Yet many others are peacemakers who have arisen to offer support as these families arrive to our shores seeking safety.

May this Easter time be an opportunity for us all, with renewed vision and hope, to take up again Christ's Mission to be messengers of life over death, of hope over despair, of offers of assurance in situations of vulnerability and as Easter people to act as peacemakers.