



St. Anne's Parish

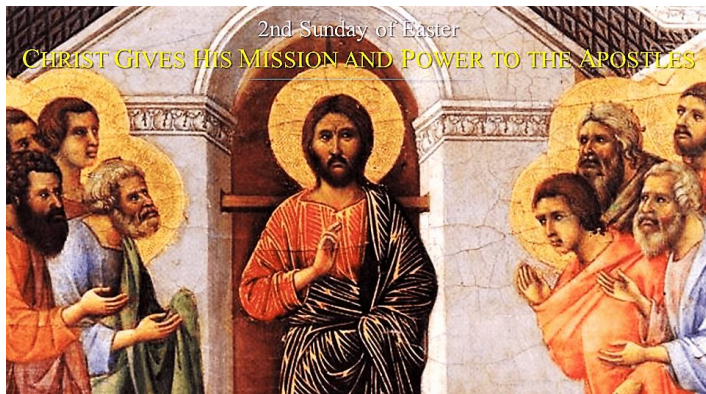
Pastoral Community of Derriaghy & Colin

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2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday



This Week in St. Anne's

Sunday Mass: 5pm Vigil & 11am

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

Confessions: Sat 4.30pm and before masses.

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 & Easter Offering**

Weekly Offering: Envelopes £551 & Loose £338.30
Easter Offering: £614, Holy Land Collection: £666.20

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.

Total so far: £2966.50

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 Them

Month's Mind: Tom Mulligan

Anniversaries: Ann Hagan, Ada Lunny, Una Brennan.

Belfast Marathon – Please remember that the Belfast Marathon will be held next Sunday 1st May. Traffic on the Upper Lisburn Road and at Finaghy will be disrupted!

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.

Liturgy of the Word

"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

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117

**Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.**

1. Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end,'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.'

Response

2. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,

a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;

we rejoice and are glad.

Response

3. O Lord, grant us salvation;
O Lord grant us success.
Blessed in the name of the Lord
Is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
The Lord God is our light. *Response*

SECOND READING

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse 1:9-13. 17-19



My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and

the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet,

'Write down all that you see in a book, and send it to the seven churches of Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea.'

I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One, I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

Gospel Acclamation Jn 20: 29

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to John 20:19-31

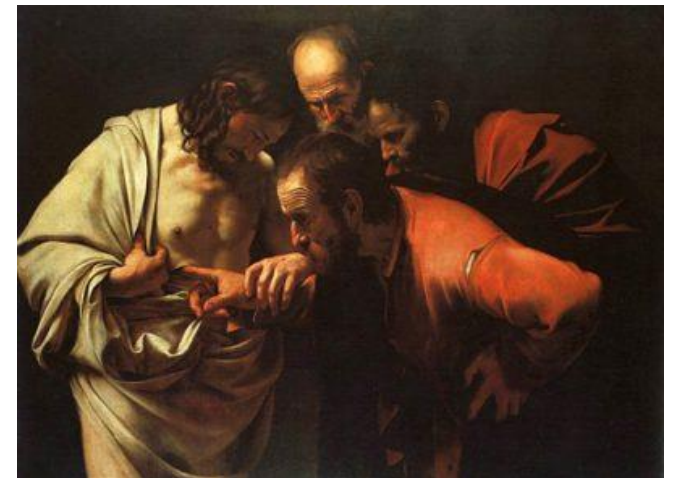
In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.'

Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and



Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them.

'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side.

Doubt no longer but believe.'

Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!'

Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked, and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.



On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

