



# St. Anne's Parish

**Pastoral Community of Derriaghy & Colin**

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## 6th Sunday of Easter

**This Week in St. Anne's**

**Sunday Mass: 5pm Vigil & 11am**

**Masses this week: Tues, Wed & Thurs 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.

**Cemetery Sunday:**

Hannahstown: Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm

**First Holy Communion:** Sat 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> May and 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> June.

## **Your Giving**

This w/end - **Weekly Offering**

**Weekly Offering: Envelopes £1166.30 & Loose £292.10**  
**Education of Students to the Priesthood: £357.50**

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

**OR Donate Online** to St. Anne's Parish

**A/C No. 07707787**  
**Sort Code 93 83 00**

A new **"Digital Collection Plate"** for those who wish to donate using Credit or Debit Cards is now available for use in the main entrance porch.

## **Financial Report for year to December 2021**

Our Annual Financial Report is available to view on our website.

## **We Remember Them**

**Recently Deceased:** Thomas McCamley, Brigid McConnell, Paddy Feeney.

**Music in St. Anne's** – Would you be willing to help with our liturgical music in church? Do you like to sing? Do you play a musical instrument? Have you been an important part of our music ministry before Covid-19? We would love to have you share once again your talent for music! Come along this **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm**. Everyone is most welcome, and you only need a love for music and worship. Why not bring along a friend too?

**Foodbank:** The collection boxes are available outside the church. Thank you for your continuing generosity. Your giving makes all the difference for so many families during these very difficult days.

### **Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel**

- Jesus seeks to reassure his followers in the face of his imminent death. Although he will be leaving them, he promises them the gift of the Spirit. How have you been aware of the gift of the Spirit of God in your life?
- Remember times of separation from a loved one, through change of residence or other circumstances. How has the love between you been a support after the separation?
- To his followers Jesus promises 'we will come and make our home with them'. Our God is not a distant God but one who lives in us. What has helped you to be aware of the closeness of God to you?
- 'Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid'. When you have been anxious, who have been the Jesus people for you who were able to calm your anxiety. How did they do this? For whom have you been one who calmed anxiety?

### **St. Anne's One World Group**

Our recent Table Quiz raised a tremendous **£1346.50** for the wonderful work being carried out by Fr. Tony Coney at the Children's Home in Lima. A big **Thank You** to all those who came along and supported this event.

## **Liturgy of the Word**

### **FIRST READING**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2. 22-29

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved'.

This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us; and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols; from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

## Responsorial Psalm Ps 66

**Response:** *Let the peoples praise you, O God;*

*let all the peoples praise you.*

1. O God, be gracious and bless us  
and let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth.  
and all nations learn your saving help. *Response*

2. Let the nations be glad and exult  
for you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples,  
you guide the nations on earth. *Response*

3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
May God still give us his blessing  
till the ends of the earth revere him. *Response*

## SECOND READING

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse 21:10-14. 22-23

**I**n the spirit, he took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

**I** saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

## Gospel Acclamation Jn 14: 23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me, he will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to John 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples:  
'If anyone loves me, he will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him,  
and we shall come to him  
and make our home with him.  
Those who do not love me do not keep my words.  
And my word is not my own:  
it is the word of the one who sent me.  
I have said these things to you  
while still with you;  
but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,  
whom the Father will send in my name,  
will teach you everything  
and remind you of all I have said to you.

Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you,  
 a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you.  
 Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.  
 You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return.  
 If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I  
 am going to the Father,  
 for the Father is greater than I.  
 I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it  
 does happen you may believe.

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## St Anne's Parish: Financial Report for year to December 2021.

Once again, we are pleased to provide our Annual Financial Report to the Parish. Below you will see, for comparison purposes, the financial summary for each of the last 5 years up to 31 Dec 2021.

The financial outturn for 2021, which shows a surplus of £76,640 is remarkable, especially given the impact that the Covid-19 pandemic had on our ability to meet together in our usual numbers. This figure is a further testimony to the generosity of parishioners, for which I am most grateful.

Some key points to note from the figures presented below are the increase in collections of approximately £14,000 and the near doubling of Gift Aid income to £37,543 compared to last year; please note however that some of this Gift Aid figure is attributable to timing differences in the receipt of payments from the Inland Revenue. Costs have been contained as much as possible. We did however spend £16,557 on cameras and sound equipment which enables us to broadcast services live via YouTube. This cost is included under 'Repairs and Maintenance' heading. During the year we were able to provide reduction of £65,000 to our parish solidarity loan. At year end we still owed £394,662. Trend in our debt is reducing and our plan is to continue to reduce this debt as soon as possible, while covering our usual obligations and providing for the future. I would take this opportunity to advise that the Parish received a very generous bequest in April 2022 which will be used to further reduce our debts and will also support ongoing parish expenditure including cost of resurfacing our car park, which will be completed in June 2022. Many parishioners have switched to making their donations by Standing Order or via Online Banking, and we would strongly encourage these

methods, if they are suitable for you. Please contact the Parish Office on 02890 610112 or email stannes@downandconnor.org if you need a standing order form. You can also download a form from our website.

A new '**Digital Collection Plate**' for those who wish to donate using Credit or Debit Cards is also now available in our main entrance porch.

Once again, many thanks to our Finance Committee for their help and support, and to everyone who supports St. Anne's in any way.

*Very Rev. Peter O'Hare P.P.*

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<b>Income:</b>					
Collections	156,301	153,065	152,717	114,471	128,323
Building Fund	21,304	23,378	22,738	17,358	16,922
Gift Aid	32,178	27,832	37,064	18,079	37,543
Fundraising and Miscellaneous	9,366	6,729	4,707	26,816	17,476
Parish Centre	35,709	37,240	37,675	16,980	19,450
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>254,858</b>	<b>248,244</b>	<b>254,901</b>	<b>193,704</b>	<b>219,714</b>
<b>Expenditure:</b>					
Salaries	59,241	76,674	74,667	55,382	47,618
Liturgical Costs	24,124	20,394	17,734	12,671	6,598
Running Costs	30,283	29,420	29,468	30,006	29,838
Interest & Fees	12,497	11,767	12,904	3,831	2,175
Diocesan Payments	31,715	35,452	37,712	33,105	32,123
Parish Centre	28,188	26,132	13,086	7,698	2,355
Repairs and Maintenance	10,479	26,974	43,947	8,460	22,367
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>196,527</b>	<b>226,813</b>	<b>229,518</b>	<b>151,153</b>	<b>143,074</b>
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>58,331</b>	<b>21,431</b>	<b>25,383</b>	<b>42,551</b>	<b>76,640</b>
<b>Loan Balance 31 Dec</b>	<b>526,781 dr</b>	<b>497,281 dr</b>	<b>477,238 dr</b>	<b>459,662 dr</b>	<b>394,662 dr</b>