



# St. Anne's Parish

**Pastoral Community of Derriaghy & Colin**

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## 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



**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 & Tues 9am to 1pm. **Closed Wed -Fri.**  
**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 & Monthly Offering**

### **Last w/end Collection:**

**Weekly Offering: Envelopes £797 & Loose £258.56**  
**Renovation Fund: £351.40**

Why not set up a **Standing Order**. You can download the forms from our website...or **Donate Online** to St. Anne's Parish  
**A/C No. 07707787 Sort Code 93 83 00**

A "**Digital Collection Plate**" for those who wish to donate using Credit or Debit Cards is now available. It is "contactless", and you can also Gift Aid your donation. It's so simple!

### **We Remember Them**

**Month's Mind:** Carrie Wilson.  
**Anniversary:** Brigid Brannigan, Pat Boden, Thomas Madden, Declan Duffy.

### **Foodbank:**

Your continued generous support is gratefully appreciated. Sadly with the increase in food & fuel poverty the need for the bank continues to grow. We again thank our regular donors for their generosity and encourage others to join in giving to those most in need.

**St Anne's Choir:** We meet for rehearsal every Thursday at 7pm in the church and new members would be very welcome.

**St. Anne's Bowling Club:** We would warmly welcome new members...come and give it a go! We meet on Monday evenings in the Parish Centre from 8pm to 9.30pm. Beginners very welcome!

### **Seeing Your Life Through The Lens of The Gospel**

1. Faith can move mountains... well it can certainly get us moving. Recall a time when you were full of self-doubt, scepticism about a project, or lacking trust in God. What was that like? Contrast this with times when you believed in yourself, or in the value of a project you had undertaken, or when your faith and trust in God was strong. What kind of faith have you found enriched your life?
2. Faith is like a mustard seed, small, and sometimes we may be tempted to wait till our faith grows. Part of the message in the gospel is to use the faith we have, even though it may be small. That is how we grow in belief in ourselves and in God's presence in our lives. Does your experience back up this?
3. It is nice when what we do is recognised and acknowledged, but the desire for recognition leaves us vulnerable. It is not always forthcoming. It can be helpful if our main motivation in doing something is the value of the action itself. Have you experienced this?
4. This is particularly true when it comes to love. Love is a free gift. What is given lovingly is not given because of a claim. What is your experience of the freedom of love given and received?

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## **Liturgy of the Word**

### **FIRST READING**

A reading from the book of the Prophet Habakkuk: 1:2-3; 2:2-4



How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes.

Then the Lord answered and said,

'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. 'See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

### **Responsorial Psalm Ps 94**

**Response: O that today you would listen to his voice!**

***Harden not your hearts.***

**1.** Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord.

**Response**

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand.

**Response**

3. O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work.

**Response**

## SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy 1:6-8. 13-14



That is why I am reminding you now to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his

prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in you.

## Gospel Acclamation 1 Sam 3: 9

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia

## GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke 17: 5-19



The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith'.

The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have

your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told?

So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty".'

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**'Liturgy after Covid – Approaches to Liturgy in light of our experience of the Pandemic'**

**A one-day Seminar hosted by Down and Connor Liturgy Commission**

**St Brigid's Parish Hall, 38 Derryvolgie Avenue, Belfast, BT9 6FP**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2022 Registration 9.30am Seminar 10.30am to 4.30pm**

**The Diocese of Down and Connor Liturgy Commission warmly invites clergy, permanent deacons and those in liturgical ministry, in particular Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and members of Parish Pastoral Councils in the Diocese of Down and Connor to attend this Seminar.**

**The cost is £10 per person and tea/coffee will be provided. Please bring a packed lunch.**

**To help with seating and other arrangements it will be helpful to have approximate numbers and so if you plan to attend, please contact Malachy McKeever by e-mail at [liturgy@downandconnor.org](mailto:liturgy@downandconnor.org)**

**A Prayer for the Earth (from Laudato Si, 246)**

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.  
Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor,  
help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.  
Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,  
to be filled with awe and contemplation,  
to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.  
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.





## What is RCIA?

RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a process to introduce the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church to individuals who wish to learn more about Catholicism, including the opportunity, if they wish, to become Catholic through the Sacraments of Initiation.

RCIA is a time of teaching, formation and conversion to come to know, love and develop a relationship with God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

### How do I sign up for RCIA?

The first step is to request a registration form by emailing [rcia@downandconnor.org](mailto:rcia@downandconnor.org).

### When and where does RCIA meet together?

We meet Thursday nights from 6.30 - 8.00 pm at St Mary's Hall, Chapel Lane, Belfast BT1 1HH from October to May. The start date for the programme is Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

### What is the format of the sessions?

The sessions begin with prayer, followed by teaching, question and answer and small group discussion and concludes with prayer.

### What is the cost for attending RCIA?

There is a minimal cost to you to attend RCIA. Resources are provided by the diocese.

### May I bring my spouse/fiancé to the sessions?

Yes, you may. We encourage your spouse/fiancé to attend the sessions with you.

### If I have been baptized in another church, do I need to be baptized again?

In most cases, you do not need to be baptized again. The Catholic Church requires that you were baptized with water, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We will need a copy of your baptismal certificate or other proof of baptism from the church where you were baptized. Proof of baptism may include a letter from the church, a copy of the membership record indicating that you were baptized, etc.

### I was told I need a sponsor who is a baptized and confirmed Catholic, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church. What if I don't know anyone who could do that?

Don't worry about it. We have people who volunteer to fulfil the sponsor role.

### Do I have to attend every session?

Our desire is to have you attend all sessions. RCIA is certainly a place where you will learn about what the Catholic Church believes and teaches; however, it is much more than that. It is a process of getting to know Jesus Christ and growing together in community. RCIA is a process of conversion to a life with Christ. This process takes time and commitment on your part.

### How many sessions can I miss?

RCIA is a building-block process and each session builds on the one before. However, we realise that there may be situations which would cause someone to be unable to attend. Therefore, absences are handled on a case-by-case basis. If you must miss a session, arrangements can be made to provide you with a copy of the notes from that session.

### Can a Catholic attend to learn more about their faith?

Yes, we have had many people do this in the past and would love to have you join us to learn more about your Catholic faith!



## What is RCIA? Would you like to help others?

*"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'" Isaiah 6:8*

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RCIA is a time of learning to come to know, love and develop a deeper relationship with God.

Those who have been involved in helping present the programme have without exception found it to be a very inspiring and rewarding experience.



We are currently looking for new members to assist in this year's programme. You do not need any particular skills or training as there are opportunities to get involved in different ways at different levels. If you would be interested, would like more information or perhaps you have even attended the course before, please feel free to contact RCIA by telephone or text at 07761014607 or email us at [rcia@downandconnor.org](mailto:rcia@downandconnor.org).

*"so all of us, in union with Christ, form one body, and as parts of it we belong to each other." Romans 12:5*

We would be delighted to hear from you!