



St. Anne's Parish

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26th 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: Closed Mon 19th Sept. 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 & Renovation Fund**

Last w/end Collection:

Weekly Offering: Envelopes £724.50 & Loose £182
Autumn Offering: £272

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: Charlie Hill, Bernadette McCaffrey.
Anniversary: Isabel Smith, Kathleen Lynch, Agnes Toner.

Foodbank:

Your continued generous support is gratefully appreciated. Sadly with the increase in food 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.

Parish Finance Committee: Our next meeting will be this Tuesday 27th September at 7.30pm.

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

- The first of the faults attributed to the rich man is his insensitivity to the abject poverty of those around him. When have you discovered that it is when you are aware of the needs of those around you and seek to make some response that you bring out the best in yourself?
- The second fault attributed to the rich man is the way he ignored the word of God coming through Moses and the prophets. How have the gospels, the scriptures or your faith opened you up to a deeper and more satisfying perspective on life?
- Some people look to the spectacular for a sign of God's presence and action. For Jesus the lessons we need are not to be sought in the spectacular, but in the ordinary things of everyday life. Where have you found reminders of God's presence in the world around you?
- 'An authentic faith – which is never comfortable or completely personal – always involves a deep desire to change the world, to transmit values, to leave this earth somehow better than we found it ... All Christians, their pastors included, are called to show concern for the building of a better world.' (Pope Francis, *Evangelii gaudium, The Joy of the Gospel*, No. 183)

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Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Amos 6:1. 4-7

The almighty Lord says this:



Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion
and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria,
Lying on ivory beds
and sprawling on their divans,
they dine on lambs from the flock,
and stall-fattened veal;
they bawl to the sound of the harp,
they invent new instruments of music like David,
they drink wine by the bowlful,

and use the finest oil for anointing themselves,
but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all.
That is why they will be the first to be exiled;
the sprawlers' revelry is over.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 145

Response: *My soul, give praise to the Lord.*

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

Response

2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger.

Response

3. He upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age.

Response

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy 6:11-16

But, as a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.



Gospel Acclamation Jn 10: 27

Alleluia, alleluia!

The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord,
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke 16:19-31

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.



'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames".

"My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning so that they do not come to this place of torment too". "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them.". "Ah no, Father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead".'

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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 8th 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

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.

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 6th 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.

"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!