



St. Anne's Parish

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28th 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 – 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**

Last w/end Collection:

Weekly Offering: Envelopes £749.50 & Loose £165.22

Monthly Offering: £614

Standing Orders – September

Weekly Offering £4152.83, Monthly Offering £709

Diocesan Collections £299.30, Renovation Fund £399.70

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

Recently Deceased: Ann Shaw, Malachy McLoughlin.

Month's Mind: Patricia Kerr.

Anniversary: Mona & Georgette McCrystal,

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.

Liturgy of the Word

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. The cure of the lepers is not just a physical cure, it also brought the people healed back from exclusion into the community. Perhaps you have experienced the movement from exclusion to inclusion. What was it like for you to be accepted once again when you had felt excluded?
2. Who were the Jesus people for you who brought about this change? For whom have been able to do this, perhaps by healing a rift with a friend, or by listening to the opinion of someone you had dismissed out of hand, or by opening the door in some other way to another?
3. Some people work hard at breaking down barriers in society, seeking inclusion for those who find themselves labelled as lepers by society or by a section of society. Where have you seen this happening? Who has been doing this kind of work? Where is the good news in such action?
4. When we do good for another, we may not do it for the thanks we hope to get, but it can hurt when no gratitude is shown. Sometimes it is those closest to us who can take us for granted. What helps you to cope in such circumstances?
5. How have you experienced the positive effects of thanks given and received?

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FIRST READING:

A reading from the second Book of Kings 5:14-17



Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him.

'Now I know' he said 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing'. Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No", allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 97

Response: *The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.*

1. Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation.

Response

2. The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth
and love for the house of Israel. **Response**

3. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy.

Response

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy 2:8-13

Remember the Good News that I carry, '*Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David*'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.

If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.

If we disown him, then he will disown us.

*We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful,
for he cannot disown his own self.*

Gospel Acclamation 1 Jn 6: 63

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Your words are spirit, and they are life:

you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke 17:11-



Now on the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, '*Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.*' When he saw them, he said, '*Go and show yourselves to the priests.*'

Now as they were going away, they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, '*Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.*'

And he said to the man,

'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

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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!