



St. Anne's Parish

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



LUKE 18:1-8

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 £681 & Loose £178.70

Next W/end: World Missions Collection

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: Betty Mulholland, Al Logan.

Anniversary: Enda Neil, Mary MacAleenan, Chris Torney.

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

- The purpose of prayer is not to change God's mind but to change ourselves, and we can be slow to move. When have you found that persistence in prayer strengthened your faith in the presence of God with you in that struggle?
- The context of the story may be a concern about the delay in the final coming of the Lord. Have there been times when your persistence in prayer, or action, was eventually rewarded after a period when you had doubts about the outcome? What, for you, have been the fruits of persistent prayer?
- Behind the story lies the final question of Jesus: Who does have faith? Who have been models of faith and trust in God for you? How has that trust been shown in their lives? How is it shown in yours?

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Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Exodus 17:8-13

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, *'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.'* Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill.

As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.



Responsorial Psalm Ps 120

Response: *Our help is in the name of the Lord*

who made heaven and earth.

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains:
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth. **Response**

2. May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard. **Response**

3. The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night. **Response**

4. The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming
both now and for ever. **Response**

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy 3:14-4:2

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our mind,
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke 18:1-8



Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart.

'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself,

"Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death".'

And the Lord said: 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily.

But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

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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!