

# St. Anne's Parish

# Pastoral Community of Derriaghy & Colin

Fr. Peter O'Hare, PP Rev Pat McNeill, Deacon Sr. Mary Murray, Parish Sister

# **30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**



This Week in St. Anne's

<u>Sunday Mass</u>: 5pm Vigil & 11am

**Masses this week:** NO masses this week

**Confessions**: Sat 4.30pm and before masses.

All services are streamed live online



Parish Office: Open Mon - Fri 9am to 1pm.

<u>Parish WhatsApp Group</u> – 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 & World Missions

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

Weekly Offering: Envelopes £821 & Loose £153.30

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**: Deirdre Deery. **Anniversary**: John McGarvey

# **November: Month of the Holy Souls**

During November our weekday masses will be offered for all those whose names are included in the November Dead Lists. Stationary is available at the entrance to the church, or you can download and print off the stationary from our website. The completed lists along with the customary offering should be left in the basket provided in the church or left into the Parish office.

#### 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.

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

# Seeing Your Life Through The Lens of The Gospel

- 1. We are often defensive in our relationships with others. We are reluctant to let another see us as we see ourselves. Occasionally we meet someone with whom we can be totally open and know we will be accepted. With whom have you had that kind of a relationship? What was it like for you to have that freedom?
- 2. Likewise with God, when we come to prayer pretending to be better than we are, we are hiding from God. What difference does it make when you pray to God, acknowledging your faults and limitations? Have you ever found that when you are humble in this way in prayer, God lifts you up?
- 3. The parable is also a cautionary tale against judging others negatively on the basis of externals. Perhaps God, who looks into the heart, sees them differently. When have you discovered there was more to another person than the negative picture you got from first impressions? What lessons did you learn for yourself from this?

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# **Liturgy of the Word**

#### FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14. 16-19

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story.

The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds.

The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives, he is inconsolable, nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.

And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 32

## Response: This poor man called; the Lord heard him.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad.

Response

- 2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The just call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress.
- Response
- 3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. *Response*

#### SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy 4:6-8. 16-18

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Gospel Acclamation** Mt 11: 25

Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

#### **GOSPEL**

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke 18:9-14

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else,

'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax



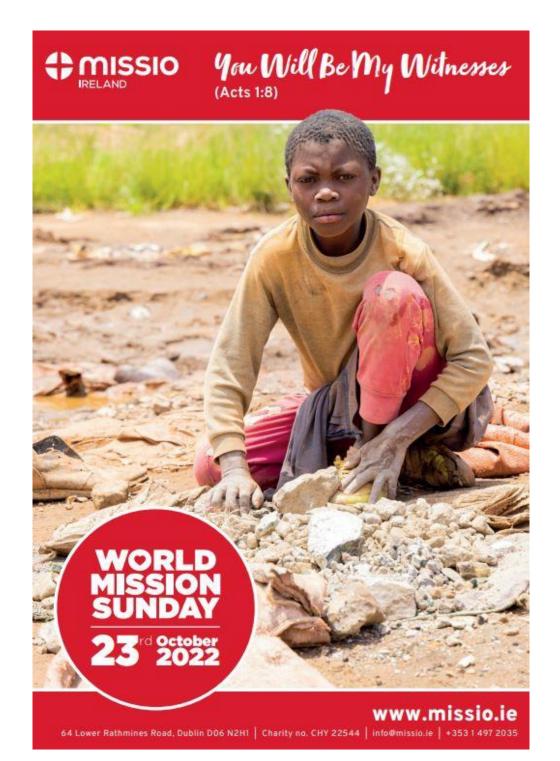
collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get."

The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner".

This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not.

For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

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# What is the theme for World Mission Sunday?

This year's theme is 'You Will Be My Witnesses' (Acts 1: 8). Every Christian is called to be a missionary and witness to Christ. The Church, the community of Christ's disciples, has no other mission than that of bringing the Gospel to the entire world by bearing witness to Christ. Each baptised person is called to mission, in the Church and by the mandate of the Church.

This weekend parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday.

The kindness shown will help overseas missionaries to continue to share the love of God with some of the world's most marginalised and vulnerable people.

Thank you for supporting in whatever way you can, and please remember it is more than an appeal for financial help. Missionaries also need spiritual support.

On World Mission Sunday missionaries take great strength in knowing that the faithful of the world are keeping them in their thoughts and prayers.

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