



St. Anne's Parish

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Fourth Sunday of Advent



This Week in St. Anne's

Sunday Mass: 5pm Vigil & 11am

Masses this week: Tues, Wed & Thurs at 10am

Confessions: Mon 7pm and before masses.

All services are streamed live online



Parish Office: 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.

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve 9pm Vigil
Christmas Day 11am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Monday 19th Dec 7pm
and before daily mass.

Your Giving

This w/end - **Weekly Offering**

Last w/end Collection:

Weekly Offering: Envelopes £590.81 & Loose £312.43

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!

Foodbank

The Foodbank Team would like to thank you for your generosity over the past year. Our last day for accepting donations before Christmas will be Wednesday 21st Dec. We will resume accepting donations on Tuesday 3rd Jan. Merry Christmas from the Foodbank Team

We Remember Them

Recently Deceased: Shane Loughran, Colin Russell.

Month's Mind: Grainne Adair.

Anniversaries: Desmond McGlinchey, Joe Blaney, Vivian Brennan

The St. Anne's One World Group would like to thank everyone for their very generous support for the recent auction, ballot, etc in the Parish Centre. The amount raised on the day was: Trócaire Gifts £1277.00; Auction/Ballot £1014.07; Donations £1005.40; Second-hand books £90.00

Trócaire

TRÓCAIRE GIFTS OF LOVE

When you buy a Trócaire Gift of Love, you're not just giving. You're joining the fight for justice. Buy a Trócaire Gift of Love and send some love around the world this Christmas.

When you buy a Trócaire Gift, your money goes to the developing world – buying life-changing gifts for people who really need them as well as funding critical work in Trócaire's justice, resource rights and women's empowerment programs.

When you buy online, you can choose either a traditional gift card or an e-card. The traditional card will be posted to your address within 7 working days.

The e-card will be emailed to your chosen recipient immediately or at a time you schedule. You will be able to enter a personal greeting in the e-card and send it to anyone you choose – a friend, family member or client.

Freephone 0800 912 1200.

Liturgy of the Word

General Themes: Our attention is now directed fully to the coming of Christ in the Christmas mystery. The Preface calls us to wonder at this great happening, to prepare for Christmas in prayer and praise. The psalm tells us to purify our hearts as preparation. Prayer and reconciliation should be features of these days.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah 7:10-14

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above'. 'No,' Ahaz answered, 'I will not put the Lord to the test.'

Then Isaiah said: Listen now, House of David:

are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men

without trying the patience of my God, too?

The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign.

It is this: the maiden is with child

and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call 'Immanuel,' a name which means "God is with us."



Responsorial Psalm Ps 23

Response: Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. **Response**
2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things. **Response**
3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob. **Response**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans *1:1-7*



From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God who, according to the human nature he took was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of

the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead.

Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 1:23

Alleluia, Alleluia!

'The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew *1:18-24*



This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph; being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do

not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

'The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him 'Emmanuel,' a name which means 'God-is-with-us'.

When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

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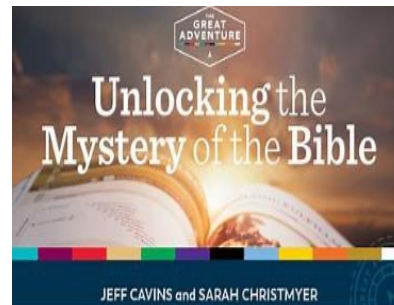
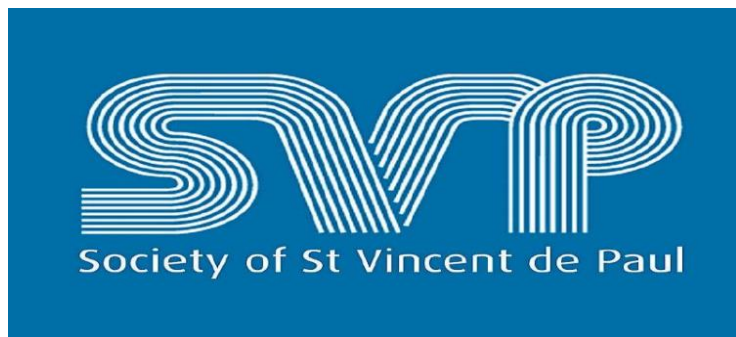
St. Anne's Primary School and Nursery Unit – Enrolment for September 2023.

Nursery Open Days - Tues 13th December, 2.30 – 3.30pm
Tues 10th January 2.30 – 3.30pm
Principal's address at 2.45pm

Primary 1 Open Days - Wed 14th Dec 1.00 –
2.00pm
Wed 11th January 1.00 –
2.00pm

Tour begins at 1.00pm
Principal's address at 1.45pm.

**The application procedure opens from noon on
Tuesday 10 January 2023 via the online portal.
The application portal closes at 12 noon on Friday 27
January 2023.**



**Beginning Tuesday
10th January @7pm
for 6 weeks**

**VENUE:
Tobar Mhuire Retreat
and Conference
Centre, Crossgar, Co.
Down**

*Booking early is
advised as places are
limited*



