



# St. Anne's Parish

**Pastoral Community of Derriaghy & Colin**

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## **3<sup>rd</sup> 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 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**

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**

### **Last W/ends Collection:**

**Weekly Offering: £1345 Loose £238.55**  
**Living Youth: £334**

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. The collection boxes will be outside the church from 10am to 4pm each day.

### **We Remember Them**

**Recently Deceased:** Pat McCrystal, Danny O'Loan.

**Anniversary:** Fionntan McGarvey, Anne McGlinchey, Thomas Hargy.

## **Seeing Your Life Through The Lens of The Gospel**

1. 'The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light' ... Jesus applies this to himself and his message. Who have been the Jesus people who have been a source of light to you? Have you been such a light for others?
2. His message was a call to repentance, to a change of attitude toward God, from seeing God as one to be feared, to seeing God as a God of love. When have you heard that call in your life? What was it like for you?
3. Jesus invited disciples to join him in his mission. In responding, the disciples 'left their nets' to follow Jesus. Sometimes we have to disentangle ourselves from other things to give ourselves freely and wholeheartedly to a commitment. Have you experienced being 'enmeshed' and being free? Where did you find life?
4. In v 23 we have a summary of the ministry of Jesus – 'proclaiming the good news of the kingdom' and witnessing to this by teaching and healing. Who have been the people you have known who have witnessed to the 'kingdom', the reign of God in our world? What have been the signs that accompanied their witness? When have you done this yourself?

John Byrne OSA

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**"TWO CITIES"** - Cappella Caeciliana and New Dublin Voices present a concert of choral music in St. Malachy's Church, Alfred Street, at 7.30pm on Saturday 28th January. Tickets (£15) and more information from [www.caeciliana.org](http://www.caeciliana.org) and Matchetts, Wellington Place. Free entry for students and under 25s.

### **Safeguarding Training Dates for 2023**

New dates have been added to the training Calendar for 2023.

<https://downandconnorsafeguarding.com/available-training/>

## **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2023**

18th - 25th January

Dunmurry Ministry Fellowship

### **Joint service for Christian Unity**

When: Sunday 22nd at 7pm

Where: Our Lady Queen of Peace

Everyone is welcome



# Catholic Schools: Walking Together in Faith and Love

22 JANUARY-29 JANUARY

**MONDAY**

**Walking Together in Faith**



**TUESDAY**

**Walking Together in Love**



**WEDNESDAY**

**Walking Together to Celebrate  
(Grandparents Day)**



**THURSDAY**

**Walking Together to Transform our World**



**FRIDAY**

**Walking Together in Hope**



## Living Church – Faith Development Conference

The Living Church Office is hosting a Faith Development Conference in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Shaw's Bridge, Belfast, on Saturday 28th January 2023.

This course will equip you with the skills and resources to lead faith development programmes in your parish, with your prayer group or organisation. Five excellent Programmes are being showcased and there will be an opportunity to meet with the developers and presenters of the programmes in taster sessions that they will run.

**David Wells** is our keynote speaker for the day. David began his career as a teacher and is an international speaker. David has supported many of the Dioceses in England, Scotland and Wales and is looking forward to connecting with us in the Diocese of Down and Connor. David has served on several working parties of the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales and has been a guest lecturer at three English Universities. David is the author of two books *The Reluctant Disciple* and *The Grateful Disciple* and has developed the resources *Beloved Disciple* and "You, Your Children and Their Catholic Faith".

### The Resources

Participants on the day will receive 5 resources. Three resources have been created by the Living Church office and a further two in partnership with VERITAS and Scripture Union Ireland.

**1. BEATITUDES FOR TODAY** this resource is based on the successful book *The beatitudes of Pope Francis* written by Aidan Donaldson and published by Veritas. In partnership with Veritas, this has been made into a 5-session programme where participants can reflect on the Gospel and the Catholic Social Teaching of the Church. Inspired by the Christian witness of 5 Irish people highlighted in the case studies participants will then be supported to think of their own action plans in relation to the Beatitudes.

### **2. NUA ORIGINS**

Many parishes have requested a resource that can be used with young people or indeed parents and young people together. The NUA origins series consists of eight episodes looking at the nature of God and our identity, the meaning of Jesus's death, prayer, the Scriptures, and a closer look at those who encountered Jesus.

<https://nuafilmseries.org/nua-origins-registration-form>

The accompanying journal was written in partnership with the Living Church office and a focus group from the Catholic Dioceses helped to shape the video scripts. Some filming of the resource took place in Belfast with young people from the Diocese and featured locations such as the Titanic and our own St Peter's Cathedral. We hope that this resource will serve a pressing need for local resources that captivate the attention and hearts of our young people.

### **3. LECTIO DIVINA FOR LENT**

This leader's guide will support leaders in delivering Lectio Divina in their parishes for Lent. We recognise that people do make an extra commitment over Lent and to provide them with the opportunity to develop their skills in Lectio Divina and deepen their connection to the Lenten scriptures is worthwhile. This may be a start to developing a consistent practice of Lectio Divina in the parish. Clergy might also find the leader's booklet useful in their own homily preparations for his Lent and if you contact the Living Church office, we can send you a copy.

### **4. MEDITATING WITH MARY**

Designed as a 3-session programme that can be used as a Triduum or over 3 weeks this programme allows people to pray with art and sacred scripture to reflect on the life of Our Lady. It has been delivered in a number of parishes in the Diocese to date with great review.

### **5. THE JOYS OF OUR LADY**

A 5-week programme that could be delivered over May or October when within the Church year we take time in devotion to Our Blessed Mother. This resource features the contemporary artwork of Jen Norton and is designed to be delivered in the Church with materials for people to reflect on at home.

Our keynote speaker will be Mr David Wells. David is an international speaker and author and has worked with Dioceses internationally encouraging and inspiring people to be leaders and sharing the Joy of the Gospel in their local parish communities.

Each delegate will receive lunch and will take home resources to support the delivery of these five programmes that can be delivered in the Parish. For more information, or to book online, go to: [www.livingchurchevents.com](http://www.livingchurchevents.com). Or to request an application form, contact Claire at the Living Church Office, 02890690920 or [livingchurch@downandconnor.org](mailto:livingchurch@downandconnor.org)



## *Beloved Disciples*

### Spirituality for the Autumn of Life

**"Old age, is where wisdom is woven, which in turn illuminates the lives of younger generations and the entire community."**

**Pope Francis**

Why not take some time this February/March to join us for the Beloved Disciples Programme which explores and celebrates the gifts that older people bring to our Church community. It reminds us that there is no such thing as retirement from the Kingdom of God and that we are called to discipleship at every age in our lives.

The programme, designed for the over 60's runs for 4 weeks. Over a cup of tea/coffee there will be opportunities for talking and listening and sharing what our faith means to us as we continue our journey seeking to grow in the love of Christ and others.

The programme for women, will begin on Friday 10th February at 11:00am at Living Church 120 Cliftonville Rd, Belfast, and will conclude on Friday 3rd March. Each session will be approximately one hour long and will be facilitated by Fr Paul Byrne from the Living Church Office. We look forward to welcoming you!

To Book Contact Claire: Tel: 028 9069 0920

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## **Foster Care Services and Support**

'There are children in crisis today in our local communities – children of all ages and all abilities. Can you spare an hour a day, an overnight or a weekend or more to make a difference in a child's life? If you can, then contact the Regional Fostering Team at [www.adoptionandfosteringcare.hscni.net](http://www.adoptionandfosteringcare.hscni.net) or on 0800 0720 137.... remember, every child is just one caring adult away from success'.

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### **Third Sunday of Ordinary Time: Year A; St Matthew Sunday of the Word of God & Catholic Schools Week**

**General themes:** The semi-continuous reading of St Matthew's Gospel begins this Sunday and deals with the call of the first disciples by Jesus. The scriptures are fulfilled in the person and work of Jesus. His call to repentance is urgent because the Kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

### **FIRST READING**

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah 8:23-9:3

In days past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations. The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

## **Responsorial Psalm Ps 26**

Response: The Lord is my light and my help.

1. The Lord is my light and my help;  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
before whom shall I shrink?            Response

2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord,  
for this I long,  
to live in the house of the Lord,  
all the days of my life,  
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,  
to behold his temple.                            Response

3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord!                                Response

### **SECOND READING**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Corinthians 1:10-13. 17

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul,' 'I am for Apollos,' 'I am for Cephas,' 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

## **Gospel Acclamation** Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom, and cured  
all kinds of sickness among the people

Alleluia!

## **GOSPEL**

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 4:12-23

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee,  
and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a  
lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way  
the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

'Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!

Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,

Galilee of the nations!

The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light;  
on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light  
has dawned.'

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message,  
'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers,  
Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were  
making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen.  
And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of  
men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of  
Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their  
father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once,  
leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogue  
proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of  
diseases and sickness among the people.