



St. Anne's Parish

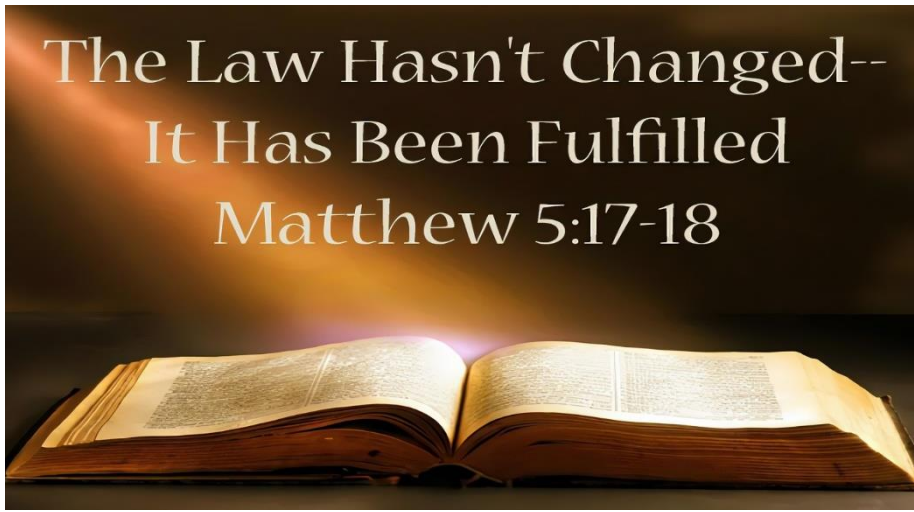
Pastoral Community of Derriaghy & Colin

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6th 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: £741.70 Loose £190.90
Monthly Offering: £757.89

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

Coming Soon..... Lent in St. Anne's

Fr. Peter in conversation with.....? details next week!

We Remember Them

Recently Deceased: Brian Kennedy.

Anniversary: Raymond Geary, Angela Trainor, Sarah Cooper, Brendan Horisk

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20.

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power.



He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 118

Response: *They are happy who follow God's law!*

1. They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law!

They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. **Response**

2. You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care. May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. **Response**

3. Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word. Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law. **Response**

4. Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end. Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. **Response**

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 2:6-10

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Sam 3:9

Alleluia, alleluia!
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 5:17-37

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved.

Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.

'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire.

So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother

first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.

'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

ASH WEDNESDAY – 22nd February

Ashes will be blessed and distributed during the 10am Mass.

Beginning Experience: The loss of a partner through death separation or divorce is devastating. Beginning Experience is offering 'a weekend away for a lifetime of change' at Drumalis Conference and Retreat Centre, Larne, Friday 10th – Sunday 12th March 2023. To find out more, contact Phil: 02890 207645 or Marie 07896119669.

Temperance Sunday: RTÉ will broadcast Mass next Sunday 19th February at 11am to mark Temperance Sunday 2023. Prayers will be offered for all who are in treatment for addiction and for those who are in recovery. The Offertory Hymn composed by Ephrem Feeley is a new arrangement of the Serenity Prayer.

Slow Down for Lent - led by Breige O'Hare. 11am – 3pm, 25 February 2023. Holy Rosary Parish Hall. Ormeau Road. Light-hearted. Plain English. No discussions - just God & you. Bring lunch. Tea/coffee provided. Donation £5. Book in: breigohare@firststepwell.com or ring 07565502662. Breige O'Hare (Mrs) well.com@ First Step Centre, 114-116 York Road Belfast. BT15 3HF www.firststepwell.com Mob: 07565502662

World Day of Prayer is on Friday 3rd March at 7pm in Dunmurry Presbyterian Church. Refreshments served afterwards. The theme for 2023 is "I have heard about your faith" based on Ephesians 1: 15-19 and has been prepared by a women's group in Taiwan. Although it is led by women, everyone -both men and women -are invited to attend.



Inter-Church Ash Wednesday Service
in Clonard Monastery

There will be the Imposition of Ashes for those who wish to receive them.

The Eucharist will not be celebrated at this service.

ASH
WEDNESDAY

22nd February 2023 at 7.30pm

Lent is a season of reflection and preparation as we look forward to the celebration of Easter. Why not join Living Church as we reflect together over Zoom on the final moments of Jesus' life. In a series of short films shot on location in the Holy land, **No Greater Love** is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Best-selling author, Edward Sri, will guide us through the final hours of Christ's life. Over 5 weeks we are given the opportunity to walk step by step with Jesus through the Scriptures from the Garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. At each session there will be opportunities to meet others from across the Diocese to pray, share and reflect together. The programme will be facilitated by Fr Paul Byrne & Aishling Steen. There are 5 online sessions – one for each week of Lent which will lead us into Holy week. Beginning: Monday 27th February for 5 weeks @7pm. To book your place on our online program please e-mail livingchurch@downandconnor.org

St Anne's Primary School PTA.

We are holding a Spring Ball on 25th March 2023 in the Devenish, to raise vital funds for St Anne's Primary School. The tickets are £35pp, which includes a drinks reception, 3-course meal and DJ until late. There will also be a raffle and auction on the night. Everyone is welcome. Tickets can be purchased via <https://www.stannespta.com/formal-booking/>

Dunmurry Presbyterian Church:

We have a small prayer group that meets monthly to pray for our children and this month we have a guest speaker coming from Care for the Family and they are speaking about *Inspiring a Faith that Lasts*, so we wanted to widen the invitation in case anyone from your church would be interested in coming too. It's on Monday 20th February at 9.30am. There is no charge but if you wish you can make a donation. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/care-for-the-family-inspiring-a-faith-that-lasts-tickets-530833205407>

Down and Connor Youth Team - Lourdes 2023

Applications are now being accepted for our Diocesan Youth Team trip to Lourdes in July 2023. Cost is £690 per person sharing, which includes return flights, transportation, full board accommodation, and insurance. Date: 11th – 17th July 2023. All applicants must be between the ages of 17 and 24 from July 2023. Limited Spaces available. For more information, please contact Lourdes@downandconnor.org



Price Only
£690

LOURDES YOUTH TEAM 2023



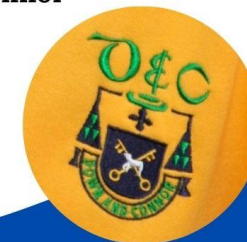
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Fares per person sharing.
Inclusive of return flights, transports,
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11th - 17th July 2023

Applications open now!

To all aged 17 - 24 yrs old from July
2023 to join the Down & Connor
Youth Team.



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For more information please email:
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