



St. Anne's Parish

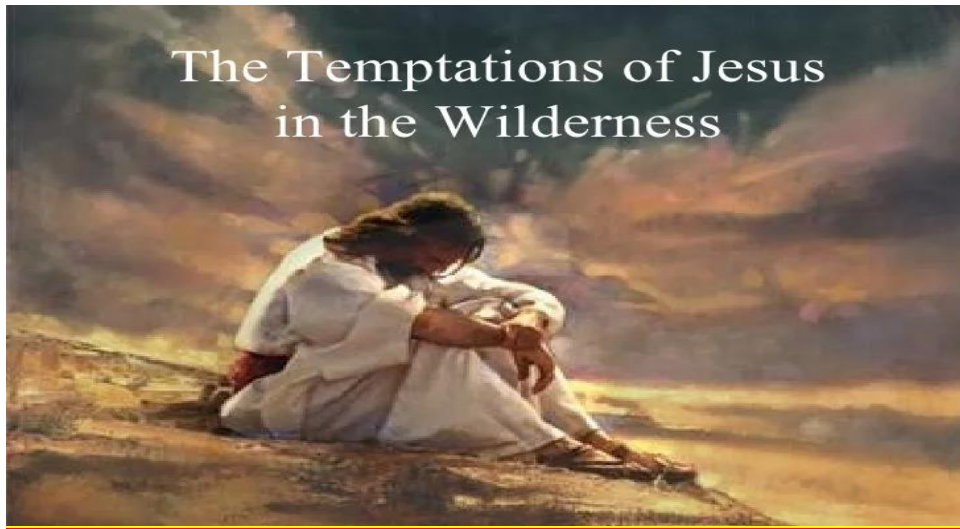
Pastoral Community of Derriaghy & Colin

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First Sunday in Lent



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 & Renovation Fund**

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: £784.50 Loose £205.25
Sick & Retired Priests: £417.50

A "**Digital Collection Plate**" for those who wish to donate using Credit or Debit Cards is now available. It is located in the main porch of the church. 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.

This Lent in St. Anne's

Every Tuesday night at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre

Fr. Peter in conversation with.....?

This Tuesday 28th Feb. Guest – Paul Clark UTV

We Remember Them

Anniversary: Agnes McGreevy, James Gahan, Odhran McLaughlin, Ann Prior, Annie Callaghan.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Genesis 2:7-9 3:1-7

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.



The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".'

Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.'

The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 50

Response: Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin.

Response

2. My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned:
what is evil in your sight I have done.

Response

3. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

Response

4. Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise.

Response

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Romans 5:12-19

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of

'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:4

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!
Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves'. But he replied, 'Scripture says: 'Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God'.



The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God' he said 'throw yourself down; for scripture says: 'He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone'.

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: *'You must not put the Lord your God to the test'.*

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these' he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.'

Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: *'You must worship the Lord your God and serve him alone.'*

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.



Trócaire Boxes are now available for collection at the church door.

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.



NO GREATER LOVE

Lent is a season of reflection and preparation as we look forward to the celebration of Easter. 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 the opportunity to meet others from across the Diocese to pray, share and reflect together. There are 2 sessions to choose from

- (1) Online via zoom beginning Monday 27th February for 5 weeks @7pm
- (2) Venue: Tobar Mhuire Monastery and Retreat Centre, Crossgar beginning Thursday 2nd March @10am.

For further enquiries please contact the Living Church Office
livingchurch@downandconnor.org 02890690920

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/>

POETRY AND PRAYERS – A MONASTIC TRAIL AROUND LOUGH NEAGH

We are pleased to announce that we have two tours available for public booking for this new spiritual tour, led by Jim Deeds and Christine Doherty. The dates are March 4th, 2023, and March 25th, 2023.

Here's what Tourism NI say about the tour,

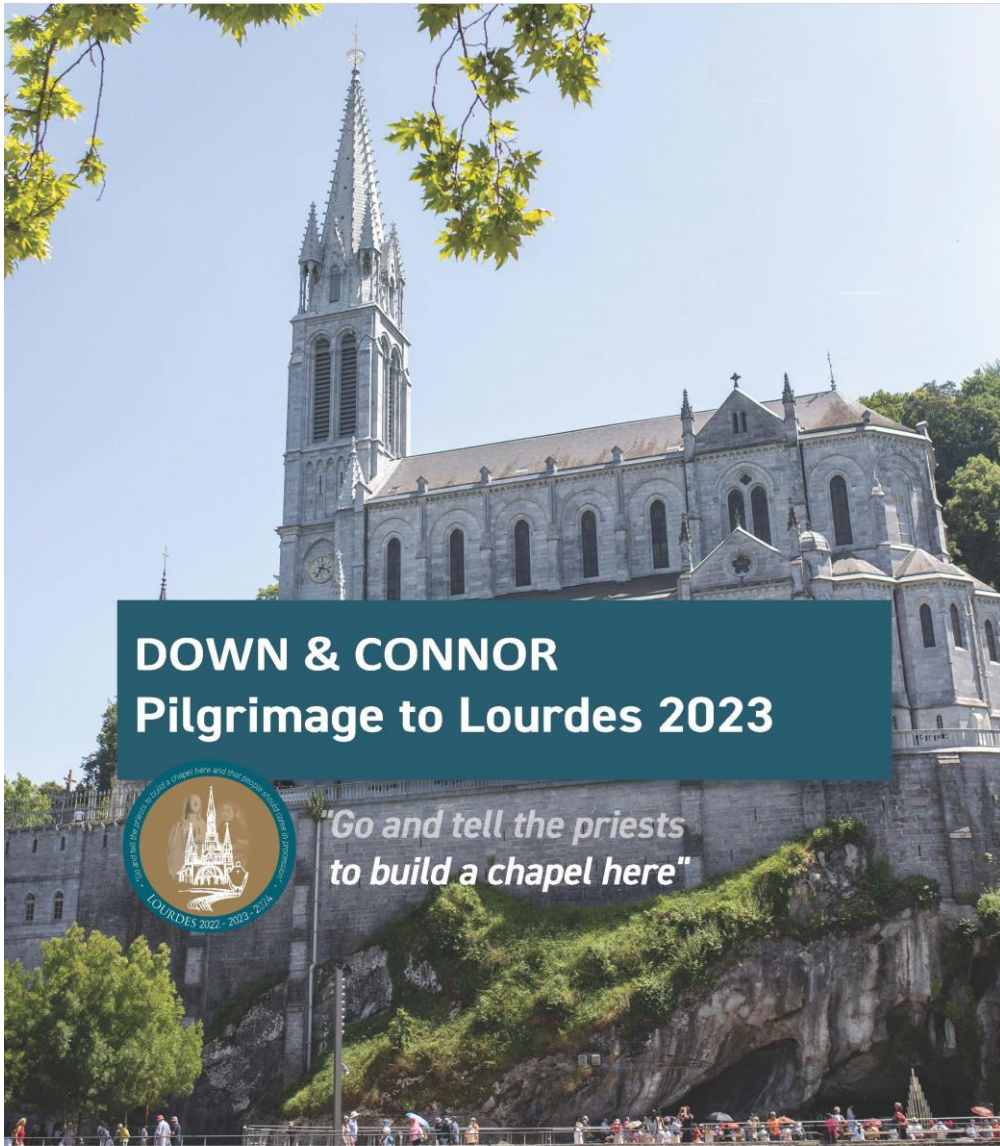
"Escape the day-to-day and discover a series of fascinating stories along the shores of the mystical Lough Neagh. You'll be invited to ponder spiritual themes with poetry and prayer bringing a serenity to the journey."

This one-day experience has 4 stop off points in total – Antrim Round Tower, Cranfield Old Church and Holy Well, Ardboe Stone Cross, Benburb Priory – and while participants will travel between them by coach, there will be a little walking so good shoes and clothes appropriate to the weather on the day are a must.

Cost per person is £80, inclusive of coach transfer to and between 3 Monastic sites, tea/coffee at the Lock Keeper's Cottage in Toomebridge, evening meal in Benburb Priory, historic information and spiritual guidance.

Coach pickup is at Castle Mall car park, Antrim at 10am, returning by 6pm on Saturday March 4th and 25th 2023.

Email poetryandprayers@hotmail.com to book a place, specifying how many people you would like to book for and which date/s you would like to go on.



DOWN & CONNOR Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023



*"Go and tell the priests
to build a chapel here"*

DOWN AND CONNOR DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE 2023
6 Nights (11-17 July) 5 Nights (12-17 July) Youth Team (11-17 July)

For more information contact the Pilgrimage Office
lourdes@downandconnor.org (028) 9077 0162
or visit www.downandconnor.org/lourdes



LOURDES YOUTH TEAM 2023



11th - 17th July 2023

Cost Includes:

Fares per person sharing.
Inclusive of return flights, transports,
full-board accommodation, insurance.

Applications open now!

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



Limited Spaces!

For more information please email:
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NURSES

WILL YOU LEND US A HAND?

The Down & Connor Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes is seeking volunteer registered nurses for our pilgrimage from 12th to 17th July 2023.



Working with other volunteer doctors and nurses in a specially designed care setting, you will be part of a very special and faith filled community.

For more information, please email your contact details to

lourdes@downandconnor.org

