



St. Anne's Parish

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Third Sunday in Lent



This Week in St. Anne's

Sunday Mass: 5pm Vigil & 11am

Masses this week: Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri 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: £1382.06 Loose £197.10

Monthly Offering: £727

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!



St. Patrick's Day: Fri 17th March

- Holyday of Obligation
- Mass at 10am

This Lent in St. Anne's
Every Tuesday night at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre

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

This Tuesday 14th March Guest –

Fr Martin O'Hagan – "The Priests"

Tuesday 21st March – **Rev Corrina Heron**
Dunmurry Presbyterian Church

We Remember Them

Recently Deceased: Fr. James Sheppard.

Month's Mind: Brian Kennedy

Anniversary: Danny Cregan, Tom Mulligan, Vera Marshall, Angelo Fusco, Niall Holmes.

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.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Exodus 17:3-7



Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses.

'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?'

Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people? he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!'

The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You

must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 94

Response: *O that today you would listen to his voice,
harden not your hearts.*

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord.

Response

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand.

Response

3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

Response

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Romans 5:1-2. 5-8

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory and this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 4: 42.15

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
Lord, you are really the saviour of the world; give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty.
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to John 4:5-42

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: If you only knew what God is offering and



who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water'.

'You have no bucket, sir,' *she answered* 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well

and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?'

Jesus replied 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him,

welling up to eternal life'. 'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.'

'Go and call your husband' said Jesus to *her* 'and come back here.' The woman answered, 'I have no husband'. He said to her, 'You are right to say, "I have no husband"; for although you have had five, the one you have now is not your husband. You spoke the truth there.'

'I see you are a prophet, sir' said the woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know: for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants.

God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes, he will tell us everything'. '*I* who am speaking to you,' *said Jesus* 'I am he. '

At this point his disciples returned, and were surprised to find him speaking to a woman, though none of them asked, '*What do you want from her?*' or, '*Why are you talking to her?*'

The woman put down her water jar and hurried back to the town to tell the people. 'Come and see a man who has told me everything I ever did; I wonder if he is the Christ?' This brought people out of the town and they started walking towards him.

Meanwhile, the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, do have something to eat; but he said, '*I* have food to eat that you do not know about'. So the disciples asked one another, '*Has* someone been bringing him food?' But Jesus said: 'My food is to do the will of the one who sent me, and to complete his work. Have you not got a saying: 'Four months and then the harvest?' Well, I tell you: Look around you, look at the fields; already they are white, ready for harvest! Already the reaper is being paid his wages, already he is bringing in the grain for eternal

life, and thus sower and reaper rejoice together. For here the proverb holds good: one sows, another reaps; I sent you to reap a harvest you had not worked for. Others worked for it; and you have come into the rewards of their trouble.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world'.



Trócaire Boxes are available for collection at the church door.

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/>



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.

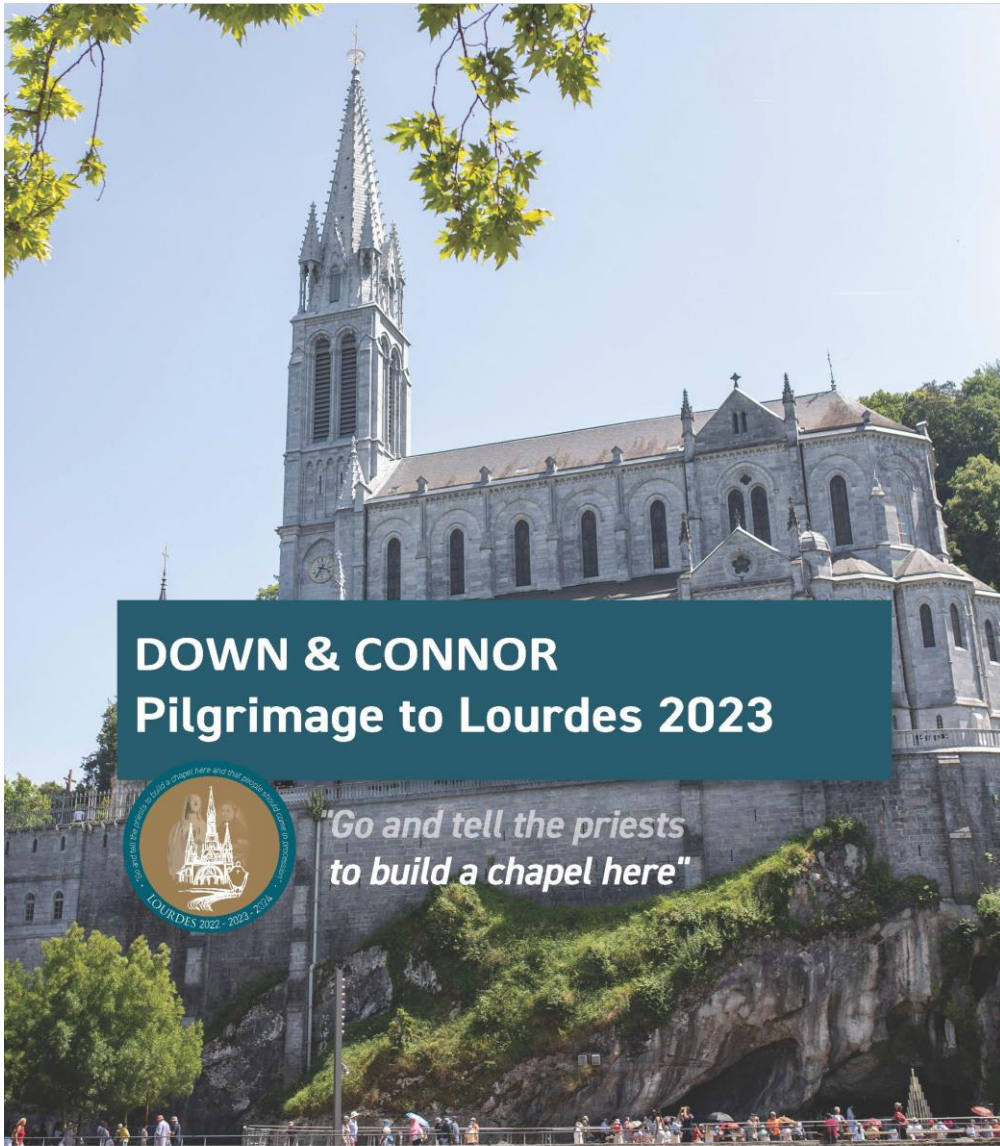


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to build a chapel here"*

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11th - 17th July 2023

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