



# St. Anne's Parish

**Pastoral Community of Derriaghy & Colin**

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## **Fourth 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 & Needy Parishes**

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: £890 Loose £221.10**

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!

## **Lent in St. Anne's**

**Every Tuesday night at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre**

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

**This Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March Guest –**

**Rev. Corrina Heron**

**Dunmurry Presbyterian Church**

**We Remember Them**

**Recently Deceased:** Brian Maguire, Briege Wilson, Dolores Ferris, Jaison Pallassery Varkey, Bridie Smyth.

**Anniversary:** Maureen O'Hagan, Thompson Clark.

**First Penance:** Please keep in your prayers the children of St. Anne's PS who are celebrating their First Penance this week.

### **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**

### **Laetare (Rejoicing Sunday)**

#### **First Reading - 1Samuel 16:1. 6-7, 10-13**

The lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.'

When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him', but the Lord said to Samuel, David -King 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances, but the Lord looks at the heart.'

Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.'

Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes. Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

## **Responsorial Psalm Ps 32**

**Response:** *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

### **Second Reading**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 5:8-14

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, Christ will shine on you.

## Gospel Acclamation Jn 8:12

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!  
I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have eternal life.  
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

## Gospel

*A reading from the Gospel according to John 9:1-41*

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man. and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one'. Others said, 'No, he only looks like him'. The man himself said, 'I am the man'.

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see'. Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath'. Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied, 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him, he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied, 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you'. The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

Jesus said: 'It is for judgement that I have come into this world, so that those without sight may see and those with sight turn blind'.

Hearing this, some Pharisees who were present said to him, 'We are not blind, surely?'

Jesus replied: 'Blind? If you were, you would not be guilty, but since you say, "We see", your guilt remains.







## Getting the past out of the present

Bringing healing to our lives through the practice of forgiveness



**Fr Jim Cogley PP**  
OUR LADY'S ISLAND PARISH

Many of us can struggle with forgiveness, letting go of the past so that we can best live out our lives.

Fr Jim Cogley, Parish Priest from the Diocese of Ferns, is a psychotherapist whose special interest is exploring how the past that is unacknowledged can still influence the present both at personal and ancestral level.

Supported by Fr Peter Carlin PP, join us for a day of creative prayer and reflection to explore core human issues and experience the healing power of forgiveness in a prayerful environment.

 Saturday 29th April, 2023

 10 AM - 4 PM, light lunch & refreshments provided  
Donation on the day

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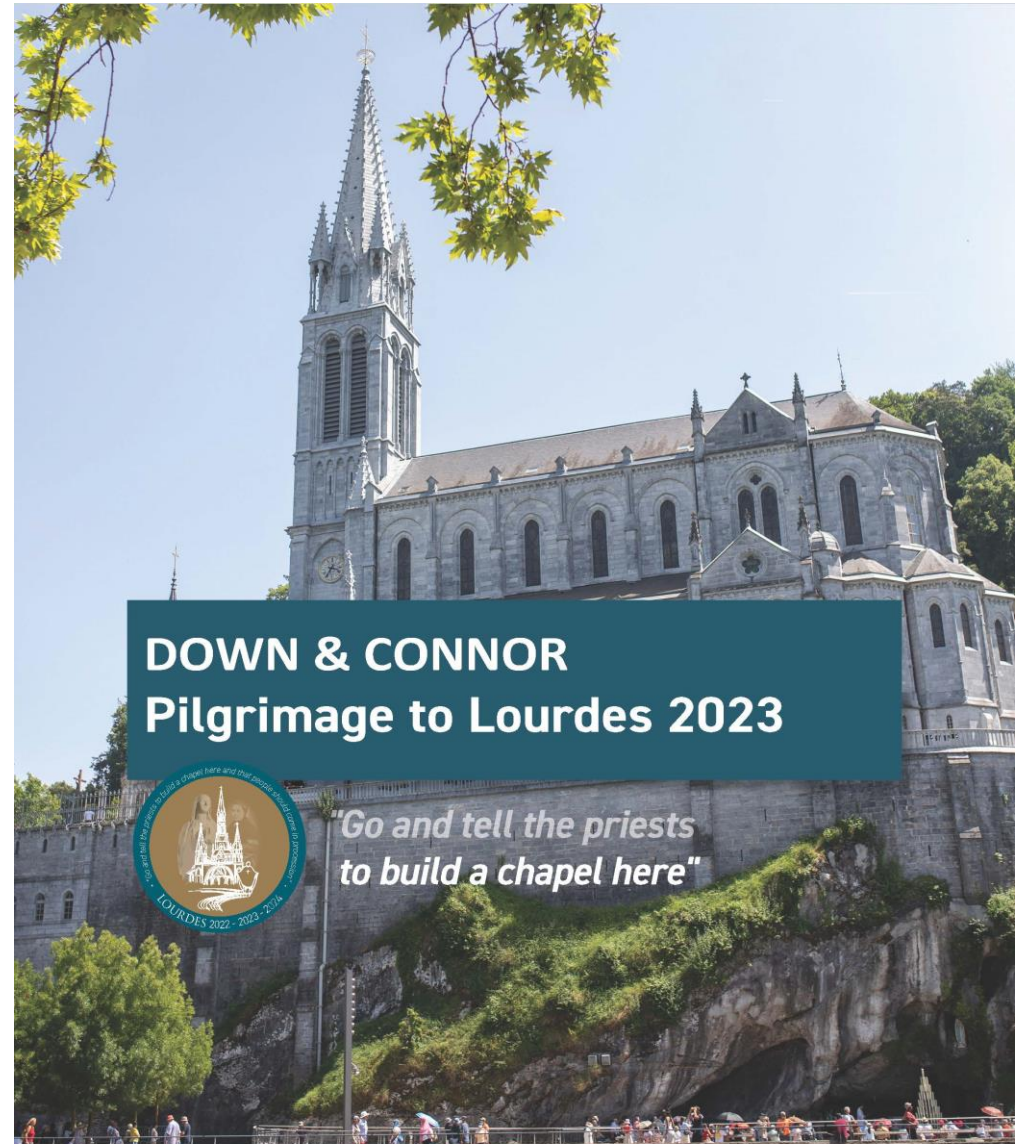
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to build a chapel here"*

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