



St. Anne's Parish

Pastoral Community of Derriaghy & Colin

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Fifth 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**

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: £795.38 Loose £285.50
Needy Parishes: £560.57**

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 28th March Guest –

**Prof Sir Michael McBride
Chief Medical Officer NI**

We Remember Them

Recently Deceased: Martin McCreight, Jaison Pallassery Varkey.

Anniversary: Maurice O'Hare, Noel Agnew, George Burleigh, Pamela Morgan.

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.



St Anne's One World Group presents..

'The Letter'

An inspiring and beautiful film, a plea to all to look after our earth.

St Anne's Parish Centre

Sunday 26th March

3pm-5pm

Come along to hear how we, as armchair activists, can change the world!



"LEGION OF MARY MORNING STAR VOLUNTEERS"

Catholic men and women wanted to join The Legion of Mary, to help with the mission of the Legion to care for the spiritual and temporal needs of vulnerable and homeless men living in Morning Star House. For more information please call 07596128437 after 5pm any day."

The Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the book of the Prophet Ezekiel 37:12-14

"The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks."



Responsorial Psalm Ps 129

Response: *With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.*

I. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading.

Response

2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you. *Response*
3. My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak.
Let the watchman count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord. *Response*
4. Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity. *Response*

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:8-11

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 11: 25. 26

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord,
whoever believes in me will never die.
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to John 11:1-45

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with the two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. – It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. The sisters sent this message to Jesus, ‘Lord, the man you love is ill’.
On receiving the message, Jesus said, ‘This sickness will end not in death but in God’s glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified’.

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, ‘Let us go to Judaea’. The disciples said, ‘Rabbi, it is not long since the Jews wanted to stone you; are you going back again?’ Jesus replied: ‘Are there not twelve hours in the day? A man can walk in the daytime without stumbling because he has the light of this world to see by; but if he walks at night he stumbles, because there is no light to guide him.’

He said that and then added, ‘Our friend Lazarus is resting, I am going to wake him’. The disciples said to him, ‘**L**ord, if he is able to rest he is sure to get better’. The phrase Jesus used referred to the death of Lazarus, but they thought that by ‘rest’ he meant ‘sleep’, so Jesus put it plainly, ‘**L**azarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe. But let us go to him.’
Then Thomas – known as the Twin – said to the other disciples, ‘Let us go too, and die with him’.

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, ‘If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you’.

'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day'. Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said, 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in a low voice, 'The Master is here and wants to see you'. Hearing this, Mary got up quickly and went to him. Jesus had not yet come into the village; he was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were in the house sympathising with Mary saw her get up so quickly and go out, they followed her, thinking that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

Mary went to Jesus, and as soon as she saw him she threw herself at his feet, saying, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died'. At the sight of her tears, and those of the Jews who followed her, Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see'. Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away'. Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day'. Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone.

Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said: 'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!'

The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free'.

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.



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Fr Jim Cogley PP
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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

 120 Cliftonville Road
BELFAST BT14 6LA

Register now: (only 30 spaces)

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**“Follow Christ
loving as he
loved you,
giving himself
up in our place
as a fragrant
offering.”**

- Eph 5:2

DIOCESAN VOCATION RETREAT

Sometimes, to hear
Christ's fragrant
offering, it takes all of
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cultivate the seed of
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Directed by Fr Stephen Langridge



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.

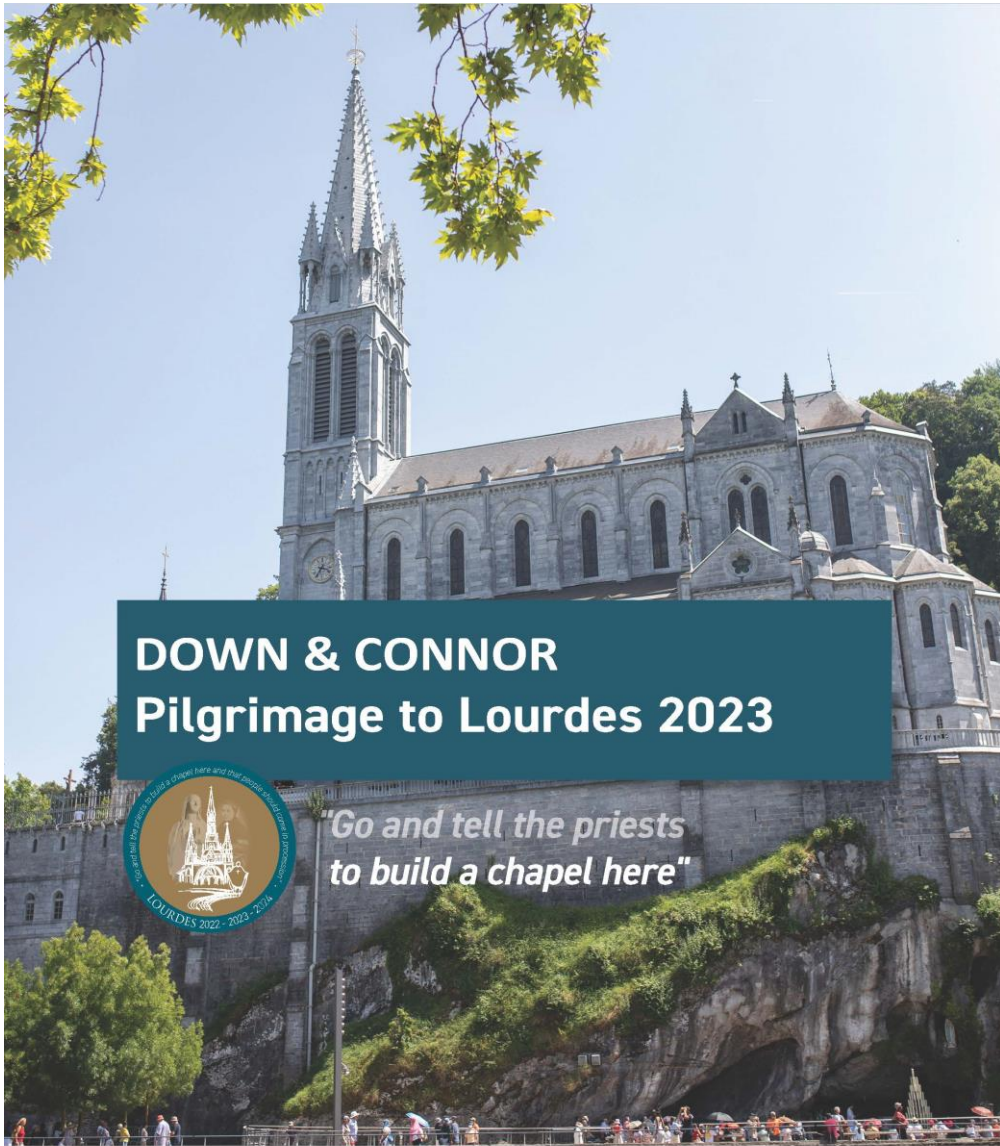


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to build a chapel here"*

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6 Nights (11-17 July) 5 Nights (12-17 July) Youth Team (11-17 July)

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lourdes@downandconnor.org (028) 9077 0162
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