



St. Anne's Parish

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This Week in St. Anne's

Sunday Mass: 5pm Vigil & 11am

Masses this week: Tues at 10am

Confessions: Before masses.

Parish Office: 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**

Holy Land Collection 7/04/23 £669 Loose £286.75
Weekly Offering 9/04/23 £ 751.50 Loose £403.40
Easter Offering 9/04/23. £ 1108
Weekly Offering 16/04/23 £1260.40 Loose £191.74
Trócaire £4400

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

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!

We Remember Them

Month's Mind: Martin McCreight.

Anniversaries: Edward Michael Walsh, Richard Adams.

Foodbank

The Foodbank Team would like to thank you for your continued generosity. The collection box is available at the church entrance each day from 10am to 4pm.

Please return your Trócaire boxes to the church at mass times or to the parish office!

Seeing your life through the lens of the Gospel

1. Jesus joined the despondent disciples and listened to them. 'We had hoped...'.... When you have been upset or disappointed, who has joined you along the road? To whom have you been able to pour out your heart? Who was a 'Jesus person' to you, listening to you in respectful silence? To whom have you been a Jesus person?
2. Jesus then helps them to see things in another light by opening the scriptures to them. When did you have the experience of finding your heart 'burning within you' with new hope for the future? Who/what helped you to change after a setback?
3. The disciples invite Jesus to join them at table – there follows a recognition of who he is. We meet many people on the road of life. Usually we meet and pass on. Occasionally we meet someone whom we invite into our homes, into our hearts, in a deeper way. In what way in such relationships have you experienced the presence of God or of Jesus?
4. After Jesus had gone the disciples went to bring the good news to others. When have you met others who told you what happened to them along their road? What effect did this sharing have on you? When have you done this with others? When was such a conversation 'good news' for you or others?

Thought for the Day

- The four speeds of prayer are slow, slower, pause and reverse.
- God promises believers a safe landing but not a smooth passage.
- Jesus does not just call believers. He calls disciples who will follow him through suffering love to the cross.
- Prayer is more about trust and hope than about arranging the world to suit me.
- I cannot work miracles, but by active loving I can work healing all the time.
- It is always a mistake to do nothing because I can do just a little.
- Before you sleep, name one thing for which you are grateful that day.

Liturgy of the Word for the 3rd Sunday of Easter

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed them in a loud voice:

'Men of Judaea, and all you who live in Jerusalem, make no mistake about this, but listen carefully to what I say. Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

"I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy; my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon

my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence.”

‘Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, ‘what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God’s right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.’

Responsorial Psalm Ps 15

Response: Show us, Lord, the path of life.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: ‘You are my God.
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.’ **Response**
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **Response**
3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. **Response**
4. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. **Response**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Peter 1:17-21

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 24:32

Alleluia, Alleluia!
Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke 24:13-35

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, ‘What matters are you discussing as you walk along?’ They stopped short, their faces downcast.



Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days'. 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders

handed him over to be sentenced to death and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them.

Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight.

Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'



They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

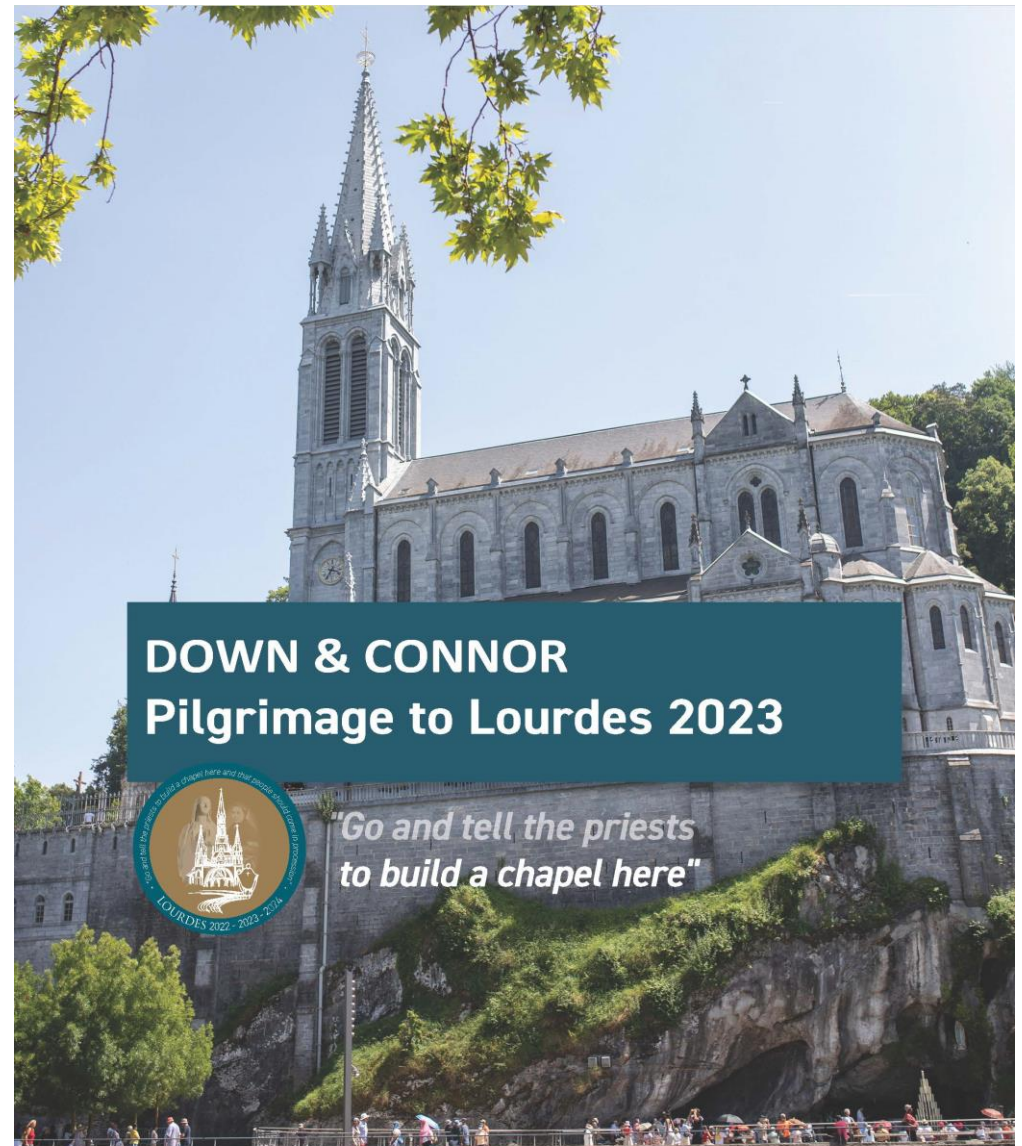
Down and Connor Pilgrimage to Knock

Sunday 11th June 2023 - Bus leaves St Anne's Church at 8.00 a.m. Cost of £45 includes morning tea/scones and evening meal in Killyhevlin Hotel. For bookings contact Frank Donnelly on 07852583086.



ACCORD NI is seeking applications for the Certificate in Counselling (Couple and Relationship) 1 year (part-time) programme. The Certificate in Counselling is validated by St Patricks College, Maynooth and is equivalent to Level 6 UK and Level 8 20 ECTS on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) (RoI). The Certificate course is an opportunity for qualified and experienced counsellors and psychotherapists to train in the specialism of couples counselling. Successful applicants will follow a 16-day Certificate programme which will provide: the clinical skills essential to couples work; in-depth knowledge relating to the handling of Infidelity, Trauma, Addiction, Neurodiversity, Physical & Mental Illness & Disability, Sex and Intimacy, Step-Family Dynamics, Diversity, Parenting Issues, the Impacts of Family of Origin, and Domestic Abuse in the couple context; self-awareness exercises specific to the needs of the couple and relationship counsellor. Course fees will be funded and placement will be provided by Accord NI. Closing date 19th May 2023

Tobar Mhuire Retreat Centre: You are invited to a series of conversations will take place in Tobar Mhuire over the coming months in which people share their experience of life and faith and finding hope in their lives. Participants will include people such as Rev Harold Good, Baroness Nuala O'Loan and Fr Aidan Troy CP. Our first conversation will be on Tuesday 2nd May at 7pm with Rev Bill (CEO, 174 Trust) who will share his experience in peace making in North Belfast. All welcome. Voluntary donation.



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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5 nights	12-17 July	£769	Hotel Jeanne d'Arc Hotel Alba Hotel Mediteranee
5 nights	12-17 July	£719	Accueil Notre-Dame for pilgrims requiring nursing and/or personal care
6 nights	11-17	£829	Hotel Jeanne d'Arc
<p>Fares are inclusive of return flights from Belfast International Airport, transfers from and to Lourdes Airport, full-board accommodation, courier services and other taxes. A deposit of £200 per person is required at the time of booking, with the balance payable approximately 8 weeks before departure.</p>			
<p>Additional Costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A single room supplement of £31 per night applies • Optional travel insurance is available • All pilgrims aged 18 or over will be subject to a Local Government Tax of €2.10 per person per night, this will be payable directly to your hotel on arrival in Lourdes 			

Pilgrimage Programme:

Our pilgrimage includes the celebration of Masses, including at the Grotto; celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick and Reconciliation; participation in the Blessed Sacrament and Candlelight processions and the Way of the Cross. Pilgrims will have the opportunity to visit Bartrès (additional cost). There is plenty of free time for your own personal prayer, to relax, and to explore the town of Lourdes.

Sick and Assisted Pilgrims:

For pilgrims applying to stay in the Accueil Notre-Dame

Pilgrims applying to stay at the Accueil Notre-Dame will be subject to a medical and care needs assessment by the Pilgrimage medical and nursing team. Details will be sent to you along with the acknowledgement of your application. Bookings for the Accueil Notre-Dame remain PROVISIONAL until confirmed by the medical team. If the medical team assess that we cannot meet your medical/nursing/personal care needs your deposit will be returned in full.

For pilgrims applying to stay in a Hotel

Pilgrims must be able to travel independently or be accompanied by someone who can provide for all their care needs. In the event of illness pilgrims will be directed to the locally available medical services. Our medical and nursing teams can not provide care for hotel-based pilgrims. Members of the Youth Team will be available to assist pilgrims with reduced mobility in getting to and from Pilgrimage events.

For Further information:

To request a booking application, or with further queries, please contact the Pilgrimage Office on (028) 9077 0162 or email us: lourdes@downandconnor.org

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