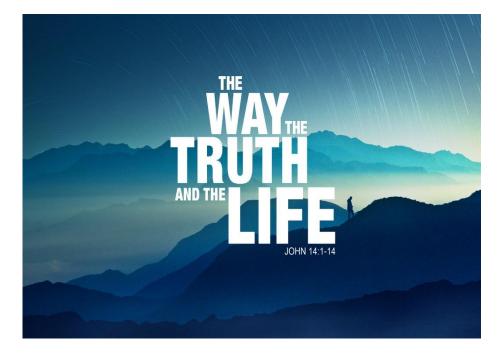




Pastoral Community of Derriaghy & Colin

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<u>This Week in St. Anne's</u>

<u>Sunday Mass</u>: 5pm Vigil & 11am

Masses this week: Tues, Wed & Thurs at 10am

Confessions: Sat 4.30pm & 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 & Monthly Offering

Last W/end - Weekly Offering: £693.20 Loose £99.55 Renovation Fund: £426

Why not set up a Standing Order. You can download theforms from our website...or Donate Online to St. Anne'sParishA/C No. 07707787Sort 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

Anniversaries: Sean MacAleenan, Damien O'Neill, Una Brennan, Ada Lunny,

Cemetery Sunday

Milltown Cemetery City Cemetery Hannahstown Cemetery Tullyrusk Cemetery St Peter's the Rock Cemetery Sunday 7 May at 3pm Sunday 14 May at 3pm Sunday 28 May at 3pm Sunday 4 June at 1.30pm Sunday 4 June at 3.00pm

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

- 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God. Believe also in me.' Trust in another person can help us in difficult times. Remember and give thanks for the people you were able to trust in difficult moments. Remember also when your faith in God helped you through anxious moments.
- Thomas struggled with the desire, which is in all of us, to know exactly the destination before we set out. Jesus invites us to make an act of faith and to take one step at a time. Can you recall times when it helped you to take that trusting attitude to life?
- Jesus proposed himself to Thomas as the way, the truth and the life. In what ways – either by his teaching or by his example – has Jesus been the way, the truth and the life for you on your faith journey?
- Philip wanted Jesus to give him a glimpse of God and got the surprising answer 'Whoever has seen me has seen the Father'. Jesus put a human face on the love of God. He gives us a glimpse of the divine. We are Jesus people in the world today, called to follow Jesus and to put a human face on the love of God for those who meet us. Who are the people whose love has helped you to believe in the love of God? To whom have you given an occasional glimpse of the divine?

Liturgy of the Word for the 5th Sunday of Easter

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of **G**od so as to give out food. You, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the **S**pirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word'. The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, **T**imon, Parmenas, and **Ni**colaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps* 32

Response:

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just. for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **Response** For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right. and fills the earth with his love. *Response*

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. *Response*

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Peter 2:4-9

He is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14: 10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me.' Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?'

Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the *F*ather except through me. If you know me, you know my *F*ather too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied'. 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me? '

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

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.

Service of Remembrance for Babies and Children who Died at the Dawn of Life

Monday 15th May 2023 at 7pm

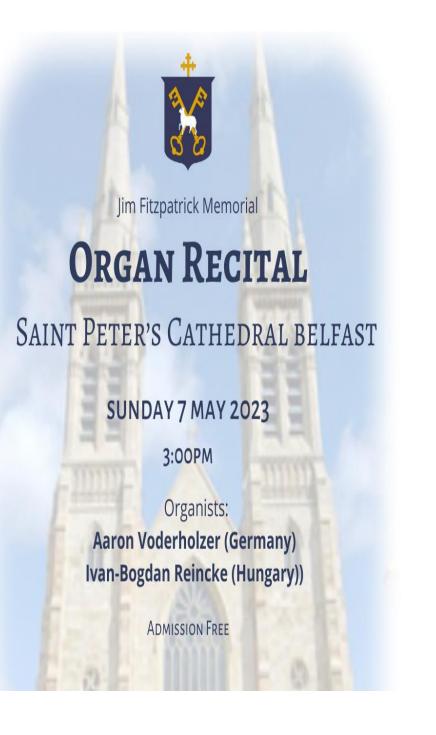
All are very Welcome

Apostolic Work, Down & Connor Centenary Celebration 1923 - 2023

The Council and Members invite you to join with them in celebrating this occasion. Most Rev Donal McKeown D.D. will celebrate Mass on Saturday 17th June 2023 at 12 Noon in St Malachy's Church, 24 Alfred Street, Belfast BT2 8EN Email: apostolic.work@btinternet.com

The West Belfast Historical Society

is meeting on Friday 12th May at 7.30pm in St. Michael's Parish Centre on Finaghy Road North The May talk is entitled "**OBSERVING BELFAST**" The Guest Speaker will be: **Mr. Billy McCullough** All are Welcome to Attend



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

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.





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Limited Spaces!

For more information please email: Lourdes@downandconnor.org

Price Only

11th - 17th July 2023

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5 nights	12-17 July	£769	Hotel Jeanne d'Arc Hotel Alba Hotel Mediterannee
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
full- A dep	board accommoda losit of £200 per pe	tion, courier serv erson is required	irport, transfers from and to Lourdes Airport, rices and other taxes. at the time of booking, weeks before departure.
Additonal Costs: A single room suppler Optional travel insurar		t applies	

 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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