



St. Anne's Parish

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This Week in St. Anne's

Sunday Mass: 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**

Last W/end - Weekly Offering: £1085 Loose: £287.95
Monthly Offering: £670

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

Recently Deceased: Fr. Kevin McMullan.

Anniversaries: Paul McCotter, Tommy McCamley.

Cemetery Sunday

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

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

Monday 15th May 2023 at 7pm

All are very Welcome

PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE

As a Church we are called to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ and share his love in the world. But we realise that our current way of doing things is getting more difficult to sustain. With smaller congregations and fewer priests we have to find new ways to ensure that the mission of the Church can be carried out in the future.

For this reason our Diocese of Down and Connor is undertaking a major programme of change called Pathways to the Future. It will look at the priorities and structures of the Church to see how we can best serve our 86 parishes and other ministries over the next twenty years.

A steering team of lay people and clergy has been preparing for this work in recent months and representatives of every parish have taken part in initial conversations. In the coming months we all have a chance to find out more and play our part. One important task is to collect accurate information and for that reason a census of Mass attendance across the diocese will be taken up next weekend.

This is a time of rebuilding and renewal for our diocese and we set off on the pathway confident that the Holy Spirit, sent to us by the Father, will guide us on our journey together. Please keep this project in your prayers!

Pathways to the Future Prayer

God of Love, You are with us in every transition and change.
As we enter into this new era with excitement and even some
anxiety,

we recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding
love.

We thank you for the gifts, talents and skills with which you
have blessed us.

We thank you for the work of others that gives breadth and
depth to our own work.

Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and
supporting one another.

We ask this in your Holy Name.

AMEN

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.

Thought for the Day

Easter makes us a hopeful people. We are hopeful because we know that, as St Paul puts it in his letter to the Romans, 'nothing that exists, nothing still to come ... can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord' –not even our own tendency to say 'no' to the Lord. The hope that we have does not come from anything in ourselves; it is rooted in the Lord's faithfulness to us. We are hopeful because we know that the Lord will never turn away from us; we are hopeful because we know that his 'yes' is always stronger than our 'no.'

Martin Hogan,

You Have One Teacher: Reflections on the Gospel of Matthew (Veritas)

Seeing your life through the lens of the Gospel

1. 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments', and specifically the commandment to love one another (cf. 13.34). How have you experienced the link between love of God and love of those around you?
2. Jesus is preparing his disciples for his imminent departure and for a future in which he would be with them in a different way. He would not 'leave them orphans' but send an 'Advocate' to 'be with (them) for ever'. 'He is with you, he is in you'. How have you experienced the presence of God with you in your life?
3. Perhaps you have also experienced the challenge of preparing another (a child, a friend) for a time when you would no longer be physically together. Recall how you gave the message of your ongoing support.
4. How have you experienced the presence and support of a loved one (parent, spouse, friend) when circumstances have separated you from them?
5. The proof of the ongoing presence of Jesus with his disciples is that 'I live and you will live'. Discipleship is about much more than rules and regulations. It is about being alive. How has discipleship helped you to be more fully alive?

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8. 14-17

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 65

Response: Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
sing to the glory of his name.

O render him glorious praise.

Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds' **Response**

'Before you all the earth shall bow.
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. **Response**

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.

Let our joy then be in him.

he rules for ever by his might. **Response**

Come and hear, all who fear God.

I will tell what he did for my soul:

Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer.
nor withhold his love from me. **Response**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter
of St Peter 3:15-18



Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts,
and always have your answer ready for
people who ask you the reason for the hope
that you all have. But give it with courtesy
and respect and with a clear conscience, so
that those who slander you when you are
living a good life in Christ may be proved
wrong in the accusations that they bring.
And if it is the will of God that you should
suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right

than for doing wrong. Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was,
had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the
body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14: 23

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.'

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to John 14:15-21



Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I

am in my Father and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

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.

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

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31 MAY 2023



WITH MARY TOWARDS THE SYNODAL ASSEMBLY

Mary, the Mother of God, is always with us on the synodal path, for she is also 'Mother of the Church' (*Mater Ecclesiae*); mother of all those who are companions and disciples of her Son.

PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE A DAY OF PRAYER

To place the Church's entire synodal process, especially the work of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, which will take place in Rome this October, under the protection of Mary, Mother of the Church.

WHERE?

Knock Shrine,
Knock,
Co. Mayo

WHEN?

Wednesday, 31st May 2023

WHAT TIMES?

11am: Prayer Service in the Apparition Chapel
12pm: Mass in the Basilica of Our Lady, Queen of Ireland
7pm: Rosary followed by Mass in Knock Parish Church

LIVESTREAM

Join us by livestream at www.knockshrine.ie if you cannot be with us on the day and please continue to pray for the synodal process in your daily prayers.



MORE INFORMATION

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