



# St. Anne's Parish

**Pastoral Community of Derriaghy & Colin**

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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**

**& Education of Students to the Priesthood**

**Last W/end - Weekly Offering: £648 Loose: £315.14**

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:** Alice Moley, Sean McGarry.

**Anniversaries:** Brigid McConnell, Hughie Maynes.

**Cemetery Sunday**

Hannahstown Cemetery

Tullyrusk Cemetery

St Peter's the Rock Cemetery

Sunday 28 May at 3pm

Sunday 4 June at 1.30pm

Sunday 4 June at 3.00pm

## PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE

In the Gospel this Sunday we hear the mission that Jesus gives his Church - "Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations." And that is still our mission today. Here in Down and Connor, our Pathways to the Future programme has been set up to help us go out, make disciples and share the love of Christ more effectively in the coming years.

One initial task is the count of Mass attendance which is happening across the diocese this weekend. On a practical level this helps us to get an accurate snapshot of who is connecting with our local parishes at this time. But it also encourages us to reflect about who isn't coming and how we might go out and share the Gospel with them.

That might seem a daunting task and it will mean doing some things differently in the future. But if we work together as a whole Church - lay people, religious and clergy, guided by the Holy Spirit - God promises that our efforts will be fruitful. Let's pray for the courage and imagination to go out and make disciples here in Down and Connor.

### 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.

## The Ascension of the Lord

### 21 May 2023 • world Communications Day

The Lord asks a lot of us but only because he assures us of his empowering presence. He has placed his mission in our hands and he has promised us all the resources that we need. There is a strong message coming through in today's feast that the Church must be a community in mission, guided by the God's Spirit and confident of God's protection. Individually and collectively, we are called to make disciples and the Lord empowers us to do that through the giving of his Holy Spirit. Disciples are made by other disciples, by the Lord working through his disciples. We bring each other to the Lord.

*Martin Hogan,*

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

### Seeing your life through the lens of the Gospel

1. Jesus meets the disciples for the last time. His final words give them direction for their future. Perhaps you can recall such parting moments in your own life – leaving home, school, college, or the death of a loved one. Was there an occasion when the words spoken to you gave you direction for the future?
2. Perhaps you can identify with Jesus in the story, when as a parent, teacher, or in some other way you sent someone on his/her way in life, knowing that you would not be with him or her as in the past. When did the way you parted help the other to make his or her way in life?
3. Despite this extraordinary encounter with Jesus some of the disciples doubted. Dealing with questions and doubt is part of an adult faith journey. How have your questions and doubts helped to shape the faith you have today?

4. Jesus commissioned this collection of believing and doubting disciples to carry on his work. We inherit that mission today. How do you see yourself as commissioned to continue the mission of Jesus?
5. Jesus told his disciples that although he would not be physically with them, he would be with them in a new way right through life. Have there been times when you were reassured by the love and support of another even though s/he was not physically present with you? What are the things that help you to be aware of the presence of the risen Jesus with you on life's journey?

## The Liturgy of the Word

### FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11



In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is', he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water

but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?'

He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 46

**Response:** God goes up with shouts of joy;  
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

**1.** All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. **Response**

**2.** God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. **Response**

**3.** God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. **Response**

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 1:17-23



May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his

right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come.

He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

**Gospel Acclamation Mt 28: 19**

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Go, make disciples of all the nations.

I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 28:16-20 .



The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the

Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. 'And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

### **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 17<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 12 Noon in St Malachy's Church, 24 Alfred Street, Belfast BT2 8EN

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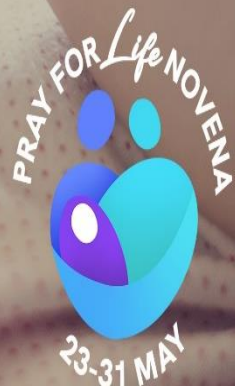
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**The Mass** is nothing short of amazing. The words, the gestures, and the rituals of the Mass are rich in meaning. Everything we say and do in the Liturgy is steeped in biblical language. We invite you to join us for the programme, ***A Biblical Walk Through the Mass (Edward Sri)*** where we will explore the roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and reflect on their profound significance. We hope that this fascinating tour of the Mass will renew your faith and deepen your love & devotion to the Holy Eucharist.

This programme will be facilitated by Fr Paul Byrne and Aishling Steen beginning on **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May @7pm for 5 weeks online via zoom.**

To book your place please contact the Living Church Office at **02890690920**

or e-mail [\*\*livingchurch@downandconnor.org\*\*](mailto:livingchurch@downandconnor.org)

### **Dunmurry Presbyterian Church**

We are delighted to be holding the following event for parents / carers... 'Inspiring A Faith That Lasts' with Caroline Bradley from Care for the Family. It will take place on Monday 19th June at 7pm in Dunmurry Presbyterian. Please register for the event by following the Eventbrite link. Any proceeds will go to Care for the Family. Everyone welcome

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/633982487687>