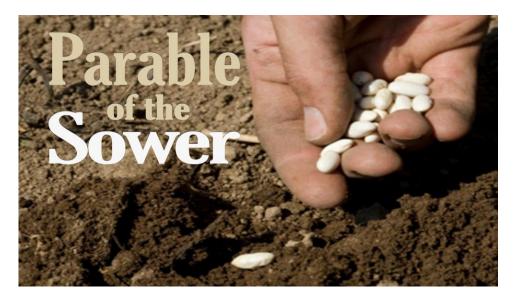




#### Pastoral Community of Derriaghy & Colin

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# 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

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

<u>Confessions</u>: 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 & Pastoral Services

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**

**<u>Recently Deceased</u>**: Maureen Barry, Bobby Murray, Ciaran Mallon, Oliver Burns.

## Foodbank - HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS

We will resume accepting donations next Saturday 22nd July. Please **do not** leave food at the church door when the boxes are not out.

As always, we wish to thank you for your continued generosity and we look forward to this ongoing support from Saturday 22nd July.

The Foodbank Team

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

- Jesus uses parables to make people think about their own responses to his message. As you read this parable you may recognize that at different times you have been like each of the different types of soil. As you recall times when you presented fertile soil for the word of God, what helped you create that receptive atmosphere? What lessons for life do you get from that?
- 2. The parable is also an invitation to us to ask ourselves why it is that there are times when we are unreceptive to a truth presented to us either in the word of God, or in the words of another. Perhaps you can recall occasions when it was only long after a conversation that you were able to acknowledge what has been an unwelcome truth. What did you learn from this?
- 3. Parents with children, teachers with pupils, speakers with listeners, are all like sowers in a field where the preparation of the soil is up to another the child, pupil or listener. They can sow the seed but cannot guarantee that it will bear fruit. At times there may be a temptation not to try any more. The challenge is to sow in hope. When have you been surprised by the harvest you have reaped?
- 4. 'We are wasting our time here' may sometimes be the apparent wisdom in a group. Have there been times when you have gone against this apparent wisdom and seen your efforts bear fruit?

John Byrne OSA

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Are you a Senior SmartPass owner? - You may be aware of proposed changes to the provision of bus passes to senior citizens. As these proposals are likely to have an impact on many older parishioners we wish to draw your attention to the public consultation currently being undertaken.

<u>Consultation on free and discounted fares on public transport</u> (concessionary fares) - NI Direct - Citizen Space

# World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly - 23 July

#### **<u>Prayer for Grandparents</u>** (Pope Benedict)

Lord Jesus, you were born of the Virgin Mary, the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne. Look with love on grandparents the world over. Protect them! They are a source of enrichment for families, for the Church and for all of society. Support them! As they grow older, may they continue to be for their families strong pillars of Gospel faith. guardian of noble domestic ideals, living treasuries of sound religious traditions. Make them teachers of wisdom and courage, that they may pass on to future generations the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience. Lord Jesus, help families and society to value the presence and roles of grandparents. May they never be ignored or excluded, but always encounter respect and love. Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed in all the years of life which you give them. Mary, Mother of all the living, keep grandparents constantly in your care, accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage, and by your prayers, grant that all families may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland, where you await all humanity for the great embrace of live without end. Amen

# 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

#### **PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE**

To find out more, we encourage you to read Bishop Donal McKeown's Pastoral Letter available on

www.downandconnor.org or www.pathwaystothefuture.org



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# SINGING FOR BOYS SUMMER 2023

# Monday 14 August – Friday 18 August

St Dominic's Grammar School 135 Falls Road Belfast BT12 6AE

Applications available from Saint Peter's Cathedral House or by emailing schola@downandconnor.org







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