



# St. Anne's Parish

**Pastoral Community of Derriaghy & Colin**

Fr. Peter O'Hare, PP  
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## The Transfiguration of the Lord 6<sup>th</sup> August 2023



### 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 & Monthly Offering**

**Last w/end: Weekly Offering** Env £699 **Loose** £272.59  
**Renovation Fund:** £315.40

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!

Anniversaries: Carrie Boyle, Maureen Hargy.

Foodbank - The collection box will be outside the church each day from 10am to 4pm. Your continued generosity is very much appreciated.

### 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

## Season of Creation 2023

The Season of Creation has a special significance for the Catholic Church, particularly since Pope Francis established 1 September as an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. The Season of Creation is marked throughout the Christian world from 1 September to 4 October (Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi) and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment.

This year's theme is "Let Justice and Peace Flow" taking inspiration from the Prophet Amos who declares: "Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!" (Amos 5: 24). And so we are called to join the river of justice and peace, to take up climate and ecological justice, and to speak out with and for communities most impacted by climate injustice and the loss of biodiversity. As the people of God, we must work together on behalf of all Creation, as part of that mighty river of peace and justice.



**A Mighty River**  
Amos 5: 24

**Let Justice  
and Peace Flow**  
Season of Creation 2023

## Society of Saint Vincent De Paul

### Conference of St. Anne

Financial Report for year ending 31 December 2022

<b>Income</b>	
Church Collections	£15,165.23
Donations	£11,183.88
Secret Bag Donations	£27.71
Internal Grant	£1,790.00
	<b>£28,166.82</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	
Cash Assistance	£15,380.00
Food Vouchers/Hampers	£2,200.00
Furniture White Goods, etc.	£6,832.87
Fuel	£1,539.24
Outings/Holidays	£104.11
Conference Expenses	£575.65
S.V.D.P. N.I. Regional Office (Annual Levy)	£1,682.11
	<b>£28,313.98</b>

The members of St. Anne's Conference wish to thank all those who have given such generous support to the Society throughout the year, with cash, furniture etc. We would also like to thank you on behalf of the many people who have benefited from your generosity and who cannot thank themselves.

Rose Ferguson  
President





## What is RCIA?

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RCIA is a time of searching, listening within, teaching, formation and conversion to come to know, love and develop a relationship with God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

### How do I sign up for RCIA?

The first step is to request a registration form by emailing [rcia@downandconnor.org](mailto:rcia@downandconnor.org).

### When and where does RCIA meet together?

We meet Thursday nights from 6.30 - 8.00 pm at St Mary's Hall, Chapel Lane, Belfast BT1 1HH from October to May. The start date for the programme is Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

### What is the format of the sessions?

The sessions begin with prayer, followed by teaching, question and answer, small group discussion and concludes with prayer.

### What is the cost for attending RCIA?

There is a minimal cost to you to attend RCIA. Resources are provided by the diocese.

### May I bring my spouse/fiancé to the sessions?

Yes, you may. We encourage your spouse/fiancé to attend the sessions with you.

### If I have been baptized in another church, do I need to be baptized again?

In most cases, you do not need to be baptized again. The Catholic Church requires that you were baptized with water, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We will need a copy of your baptismal certificate or other proof of baptism from the church where you were baptized. Proof of baptism may include a letter from the church, a copy of the membership record indicating that you were baptized, etc.

### I was told I need a sponsor who is a baptized and confirmed Catholic, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church. What if I don't know anyone who could do that?

Don't worry about it. We have people who volunteer to fulfil the sponsor role.

### Do I have to attend every session?

Our desire is to have you attend all sessions. RCIA is certainly a place where you will learn about what the Catholic Church believes and teaches; however, it is much more than that. It is a process of getting to know Jesus Christ and growing together in community. RCIA is a process of conversion to a life with Christ. This process takes time and commitment on your part.

### How many sessions can I miss?

RCIA is a building-block process and each session builds on the one before. However, we realise that there may be situations which would cause someone to be unable to attend. Therefore, absences are handled on a case-by-case basis. If you must miss a session, arrangements can be made to provide you with a copy of the notes from that session.

### Can a Catholic attend to learn more about their faith?

Yes, we have had many people do this in the past and would love to have you join us to learn more about your Catholic faith!



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## What is RCIA? Would you like to help others?

*"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am, send me'." Isaiah 6:8*

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RCIA is a time of learning to come to know, love and develop a deeper relationship with God.

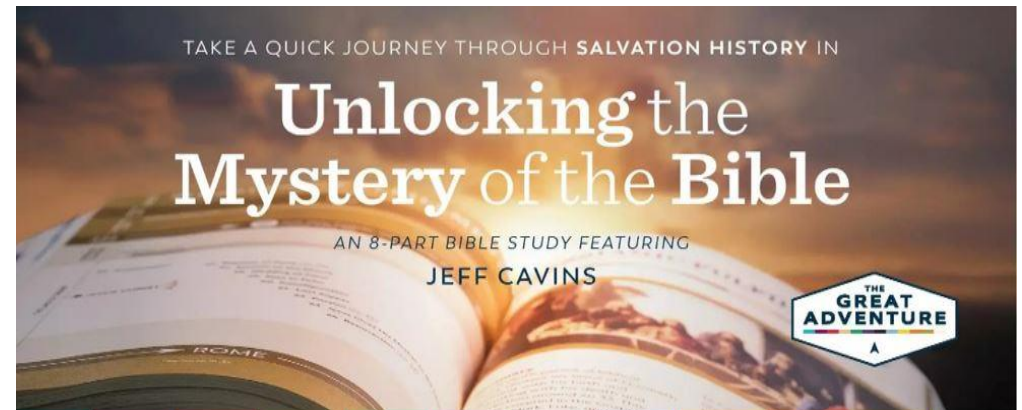
Those who have been involved in helping present the programme have without exception found it to be a very inspiring and rewarding experience.



We are currently looking for new members to assist in this year's programme. You do not need any particular skills or training as there are opportunities to get involved in different ways at different levels. If you would be interested, would like more information or perhaps you have even attended the course before, please feel free to contact RCIA by telephone or text at 07761014607 or email us at [rcia@downandconnor.org](mailto:rcia@downandconnor.org).

*"so all of us, in union with Christ, form one body, and as parts of it we belong to each other." Romans 12:5*

We would be delighted to hear from you!



## Join Us Online

Facilitated by Fr Paul Byrne & Aishling Steen  
from the Living Church Office.

Begins Monday 18th September 2023  
@ 7pm

8 Weekly Sessions

Concluding with a Retreat Day

Saturday 18th November 10am - 4pm (Holy Rosary Parish Centre)

Cost £30

Spaces are Limited. Registration closes on Monday 11th September.

To book your place:

Call: 028 90690920

Email: [livingchurch@downandconnor.org](mailto:livingchurch@downandconnor.org)

