



St. Anne's Parish

Pastoral Community of Derriaghy & Colin

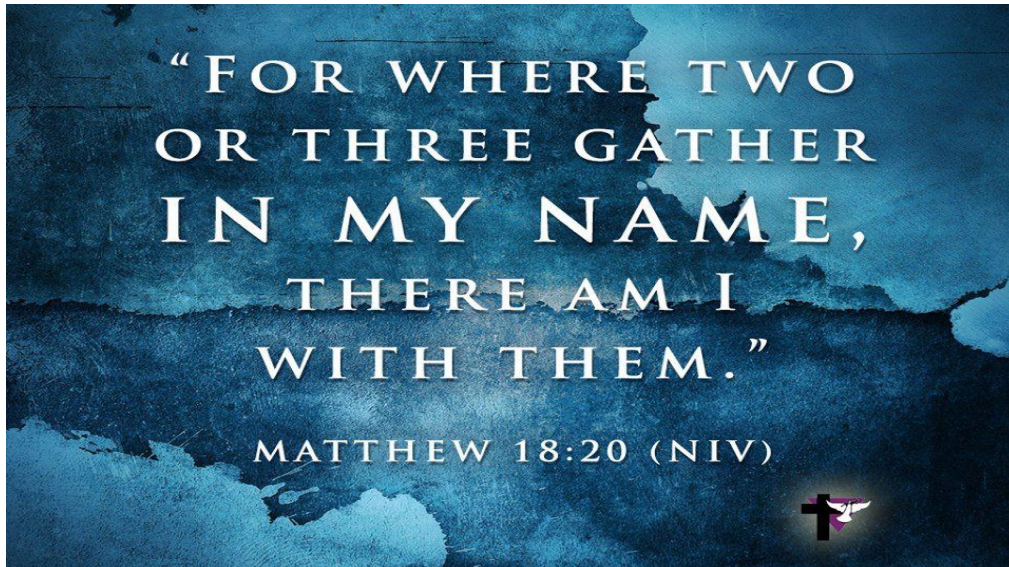
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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10th September 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: Thurs & Fri 9am to 1pm, closed Mon, Tues & Wed

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 Env £782 Loose £291.50
Monthly Offering: £646.74

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!

Recently Deceased: Fiona Quinn.

Anniversaries: Patricia Kerr.

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

Seeing your life through the Gospel

1. At the time Matthew was writing his gospel local church communities would have numbered no more than fifty people. They would be known to one another. Matthew presents the instructions of Jesus for dealing with people whose behaviour disrupted and harmed the community. Note the steps suggested. Simple directions but many of us do otherwise. We avoid difficult confrontations. We talk about the faults of others to everyone but themselves. We go over the head of someone who displeases us and make complaints. In your experience, which approach is life-giving for you and for others?
2. While Jesus is referring to a group situation, the advice can be applied also to personal difficulties and problems with others. What lessons has life taught you about constructive ways of dealing with conflict?
3. As individuals and communities we have the power to bind and to loose, to exclude people from relationship, or to open up and include others in relationship. When have you found it important to acknowledge this power in your own life?
4. Jesus also promises to be with his followers when they gather together. What does that mean to you? How have you experienced the presence of Jesus in his followers gathered together? During the recent lockdown due to the coronavirus, how did you experience the presence of Jesus in your faith community?

The Pope's Monthly Intention

For people living on the margins: We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

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

Prayer to Our Lady of Sorrows • Memorial 15 September

Our mother of sorrows, with strength from above you stood by the cross, sharing in the sufferings of Jesus, and with tender care you bore him in your arms, mourning and weeping.

We praise you for your faith, which accepted the life God planned for you. We praise you for your hope, which trusted that God would do great things in you. We praise you for your love in bearing with Jesus the sorrows of his passion.

Holy Mary, may we follow your example, and stand by all your children who need comfort and love.

Mother of God, stand by us in our trials and care for us in our many needs. Pray for us now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Beginning Experience

Beginning Experience is a peer ministry to the bereaved, separated and divorced, based within the Family Ministry of the Diocese of Down and Connor. The loss of a partner through death, separation or divorce is devastating. Beginning Experience is offering a programme of bereavement support in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Ave., Belfast on three Saturdays (September 30th; October 28th and November 25th, 2023) Booking essential. To find out more, contact Marie on [07896119669](tel:07896119669) or email belfastbe@yahoo.com

Season of Creation 2023

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. 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.

Tobar Mhuire Retreat Centre

We continue our series of conversations in Tobar Mhuire in which people share their experience of life, faith and finding hope in their lives. Our next conversation will be on Wednesday 20th September at 7pm with Rev Bill Shaw from the Duncairn Centre, Belfast, who will share his experience in peace and reconciliation. All welcome. Voluntary donation.

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2023 Pilgrimage Season



Living Church, Belfast
One Day Retreat
Saturday 23rd September 2023

Cost £55
Includes: Return Coach
Tea, Coffee & Scones on Arrival
Light Lunch
Retreat Day - Concluding with Mass

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PASTORAL/ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT

An opportunity has arisen where we seek to recruit into the role of Pastoral/ Administration Assistant within St Colmcille's Parish, Ballyhackamore, Belfast, BT4 3JB.

The post holder will be required to:

- Represent the Parish and assist the Parish Priest in the mission and pastoral care by working with those in the parish who require spiritual and practical support.
- Provide confidential, efficient, and effective administrative support to the Parish Priest, and assistant to visitors and parishioners who visit or make contact with the Parish Office.

Hours of work – 20 hours per week, flexibility will be required from time to time.

Rate of Pay: £11.50 gross per hour.

Full details relating to the vacancy can be found on the Diocesan website at: <http://www.downandconnor.org> clicking on the tab: [job vacancies](#) and on the Community NI and nijobs.com websites, where terms and conditions relating to the role can also be accessed by way of a Role Profile and Employment Application form.

We welcome applications from anyone who feels they meet the criteria as presented and are interested in playing an active role within the Diocese of Down and Connor.

Closing date for applications will be 12.00 noon on Monday 25th September 2023

Down and Connor Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer

GROWTH IN PRAYER AND REFLECTIVE LIVING

ONE-YEAR PROGRAMME FOR THOSE WHO WANT A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Living out faith isn't easy against the backdrop of our fast-paced, noisy and instantaneous culture. The **Growth in Prayer and Reflective Living** course will give you the tools and space to become attuned to God's voice in the midst of the clamour.



20 Monday evenings, via zoom, beginning on Monday 18th September 7.15—9.15pm. For further details on dates and fees, telephone 02828 272196 during office hours or email katrina@drumalis.co.uk.



Let us, help you, support your marriage & relationship

If you feel your relationship is in crisis or need a little guidance and feel that you and your partner could benefit from Marriage & Relationship Counselling, either face to face or online, contact your local Centre.

Every year we help thousands of couples rebuild and sustain healthy relationships.

Call us on **02890 233002** for all N. Ireland centres:

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