



St. Anne's Parish

Pastoral Community of Derriaghy & Colin

Fr. Peter O'Hare, PP
Rev Pat McNeill, Deacon
Sr. Mary Murray, Parish Sister

Parish Office: 02890610112
www.saintannesparish.net

Parish Centre: 07745169205
Email: stannes@downandconnor.org

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

22nd October 2023



This Week in St. Anne's

Sunday Mass: 5pm Vigil & 11am

Masses this week: Tues & Wed 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 & World Missions**

Last w/end: Weekly Offering Env: £906 Loose: £224

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: Teresa Erne, Eileen Cairns, Josephine McDonald.

Anniversaries: Deirdre Deery, Bronagh & John Taggart.

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. The story sees a mixture of religion and politics, a potentially explosive combination. Jesus does not ask us to avoid politics, but that our involvement in the affairs of the world be informed by the perspective of the Reign of God. How does the gospel give you a vision of how your involvement in society should be?
2. Pharisees and Herodians were not natural allies but a shared dislike of Jesus brought them together in an attempt to discredit him. Perhaps you experience the same opposition in society today when you profess to being a Catholic. Jesus did not get into an argument with them but simply professed his belief in the priority of God in his life. What have you found helpful in bearing witness to the fact that you are still a Catholic?
3. Jesus recognises that we can be faced with conflicting claims for attention. He does not tell us how to solve that dilemma but challenges us to make sure that our allegiance to God takes priority. When have you been faced with a conflict of loyalties? What helped you to get your priorities right?

John Byrne OSA Email jbyrneosa@gmail.com

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

LET US ASK OURSELVES WHAT PART WE
PLAY IN THE LIFE AND ACTIVITY
OF THE CHURCH?



PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE

DIOCESE OF DOWN AND CONNOR



PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE

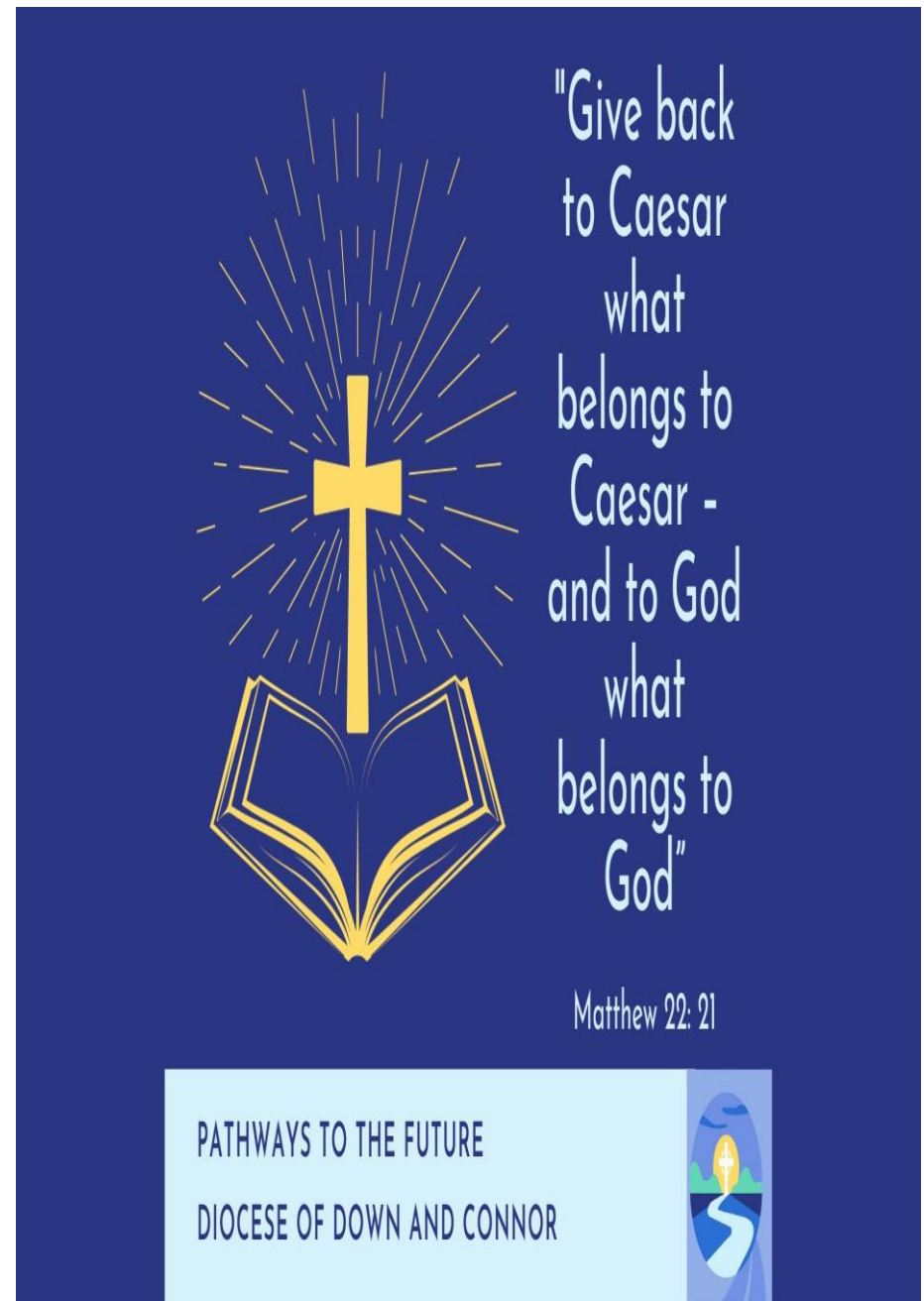
In 1959, Pope Saint John XXIII called for an ecumenical council with the purpose of bringing the Church "up to date". The Council, Vatican II, concluded its work in 1965 having produced 16 documents, one of which was on the role and participation of the laity in the life of the Church. It said "As sharers in the role of Christ the Priest, the Prophet, and the King, the laity have an active part to play in the life and activity of the Church" and that "as far as possible, the laity ought to collaborate energetically in every apostolic and missionary undertaking sponsored by their local parish". It continues "For it is a duty and honour for Christians to return to God a part of the good things they receive from Him." (Decree on the Laity, Chapter III, section 10)

There is a strong resonance in these statements with our Gospel passage today, where Jesus challenges us to give back "to God what belongs to God". Through our baptism, we are citizens of God's Kingdom and we have been given the gifts of the Holy Spirit to serve our King and our fellow citizens. This is Mission Sunday, when we are called to give financial and spiritual support to our brothers and sisters overseas who share our faith, and to missionaries who spread the Good News and provide life-giving support to those in need. Our missionary duty is not, however, limited to one Sunday in the Church's year and to the work of others in distant lands only. Our missionary role continues day by day in our parishes and communities using the gifts that God has given us and that His spirit sustains in our service to others and working with our clergy.

We find ourselves again at a moment of bringing the Church "up to date". As we plan for the renewal of our Church in Down and Connor through *Pathways to the Future*, and as the Church worldwide journeys together in the Synod, let us ask ourselves what part we play in the life and activity of the Church. Today's Gospel challenges us to consider how we are paying our dues to our King in our daily lives and within our communities of faith. May the Holy Spirit guide and encourage us, and may God arm us "*that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from Me, all is nothing*" (Isaiah 45:6)

"you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ"

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5



"Give back
to Caesar
what
belongs to
Caesar -
and to God
what
belongs to
God"

Matthew 22: 21

PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE
DIOCESE OF DOWN AND CONNOR