



St. Anne's Parish

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

29th October 2023



**“Good Teacher,
what is the greatest
commandment?”**

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.

**Feast of All Saints: Wednesday 1st November
Mass at 10am
(Holyday of Obligation)**

**Feast of All Souls: Thursday 2nd November
Mass at 10am.**

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 & Renovation Fund**

**Last w/end: Weekly Offering Env: £746.70 Loose: £342.05
World Missions: £595.35**

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!

November: Month of the Holy Souls

During November our weekday masses will be offered for all those whose names are included in the November Dead Lists. Stationary is available at the entrance to the church, or you can download and print off the stationary from our website. The completed lists along with the customary offering should be left in the basket provided in the church or left into the Parish office.

Recently Deceased: Eileen Cairns.

Anniversaries: Patrick Bleakley, John McGarvey, Frank Wilson.

Pathways to the Future – St. Anne’s

An invitation to come and join Fr. Peter in the Parish Centre on **Tuesday the 7th November from 7.30pm - 9 pm**. This is an evening of prayer and reflection, exploring the nature of leadership in a Church context. It will be a relaxed gathering. Jim Deeds from St Teresa’s Parish will facilitate the meeting. There will be some input from Jim on what leadership means and some conversation, using the ‘Conversations in the Spirit’ model that is being used at this very moment in the Vatican as part of the Synod. We will all leave with a better understanding of the qualities that good leadership asks us to develop and an understanding of how we might help lead into the future for our parish and our family of parishes.

PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE

In today’s Gospel, Christ gives us the simple yet challenging instruction on how to live as Christians - with complete, all-consuming love for God, loving others as we love ourselves.

The need to follow and to loudly proclaim this great commandment is needed now more than ever. We are living in turbulent times, where the love of God can seem absent and disregard for others can sadly be manifest in the threat or reality of war in many parts of the world, including the Holy Land. God’s Spirit is calling us, each one of us, to be that voice proclaiming His commandment to love. He is calling us to be the light of hope and the message of love in the world, to renew and to grow His Church, creating new disciples for Christ. New disciples who will live their lives loving and serving God and others in His parishes and in our communities.

Through *Pathways to the Future*, as we work to renew and grow God’s Church in love in Down and Connor, we ask for your prayers that God may send His Spirit to guide us, and that we may discern His wishes as we make plans for our future.

It was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the Gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you ...it was from you that the Word of the Lord started to spread”

1 Thessalonians 1:6, 8

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

We Remember Them – Our annual service of remembrance for our deceased loved ones, especially those who have died in the parish since last year, will be held on **Monday 20th November at 7.30pm**. Everyone is welcome.

Foodbank:

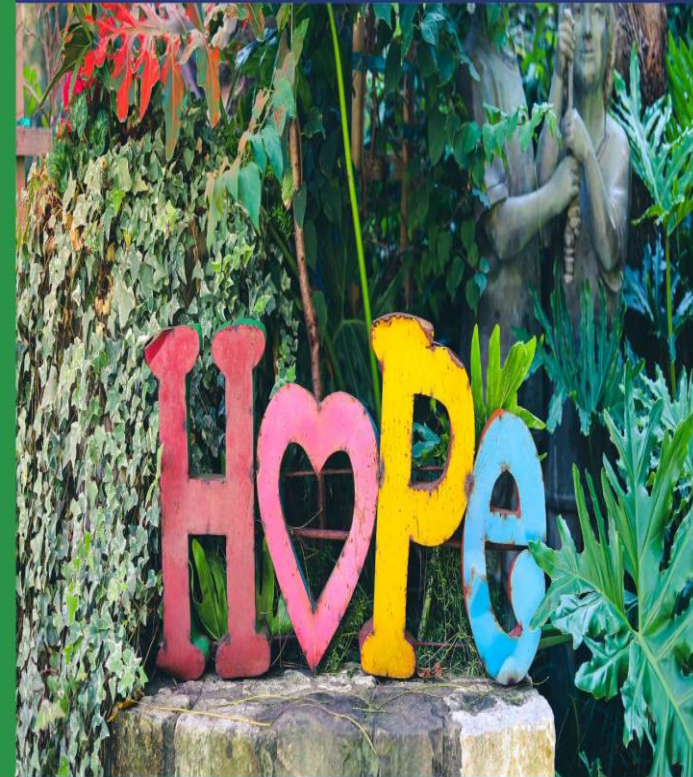
Your continued support is gratefully appreciated. The need for the bank continues to grow. Thank you again for your generosity and please encourage others to give to those most in need. The collection boxes are outside the church door 10am to 4pm.

Four Evenings to prepare Advent 2023: A voice crying in the Wilderness

The word of God is a kind of sacrament, a place of encounter. Over four Tuesday evenings in November, Scripture scholar Fr. Kieran O’Mahony explores the Sunday readings for Advent 2023. This year, we return to the Gospel of Mark but because Mark is short, our readings are enriched with texts from John and Luke for the third and fourth Sundays of Advent. Each of the Sunday readings will be located in its historical and literary setting before exploring the spiritual potential for our times. An ideal Advent preparation for parish personnel and anyone interested in the biblical message of Christmas. **November 7, 14, 21, 28, @ 7.30 pm at the Belfast Jesuit Centre, Donegall Street BT1 2FL**
Email belfastjesuitcentre@gmail.com to book your place.

Jesus said you shall love with all your heart soul mind
Great Commandment
neighbor LOVE you shall heart yourself
this is the first mind

GOD IS CALLING YOU TO BE THE LIGHT OF HOPE
AND TO SPREAD HIS MESSAGE OF LOVE TO
RENEW AND GROW HIS CHURCH IN
DOWN AND CONNOR.



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