



St. Anne's Parish

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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

5th November 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 & Monthly Offering**

**Last w/end: Weekly Offering Env: £840 Loose: £307.45
Renovation Fund: £387.90**

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 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 in the Parish office.



Anniversaries: Joseph McQuillan, John O'Hagan, James Quinn.

Pathways to the Future – St. Anne’s

An invitation to come and join Fr. Peter. We have a job to do - to begin conversations about the future. The first such conversation will happen on this **Tuesday 7th November, at 7.30** in the **Parish Centre**. We are going to have an evening of prayer and reflection, exploring some of the qualities that God will ask us to display as we, together, create a vision, for our parish and our family of Parishes. It will be a relaxed gathering. Jim Deeds from St Teresa’s Parish will facilitate the meeting. All of you are invited. All of you are welcome. Remember we all have gifts. Don’t be put off by the little voice inside that can sometimes seek to convince us that we have nothing to offer. You do. Come along and be part of the conversation!

HOW CAN YOU ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THE
RENEWAL OF THE CHURCH IN
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PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE



We are all challenged by Pope Francis, clergy and lay alike, to set out as missionary disciples with ‘Hearts on fire, feet on the move’ (Lk 24:13-35). Bishop Donal McKeown, Apostolic Administrator, has chosen today to write to all the faithful of the Diocese with a further missionary challenge for each one of us to step up to - to actively participate in the renewal of the Church in Down and Connor. He calls on us to be “voices of hope” for the Church and for the generations of faithful to come.

On Friday we celebrated the Feast of St Malachy with a Day of Prayer for the Mission of the Church in Down and Connor, and began a time of prayer, sharing, listening, and discernment. We ask you to respond to Bishop McKeown’s call and get involved in the conversations about the future of your parish that will take place in the weeks ahead. We want you to share your hopes, your aspirations, and your concerns. We want you to think about what the suggested Families of Parishes that have been shared with you today means for your parish and what it means for you personally. What role could and will you play as part of your Family of Parishes?

A meeting on *Pathways to the Future* will be held on Tuesday 21st November in the Holy Rosary Parish Centre, Ormeau Road, Belfast. To register, please contact the parish office on 028 90610112 or stannes@downandconnor.org This is your opportunity to join the conversation about the future of our Church in Down and Connor and to be a voice of hope for the future.

“... as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God’s message, you accepted it for what it really is, God’s message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.”

1 Thessalonians 2:13

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.



PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE

SUGGESTED FAMILIES OF PARISHES

DOWN 1 Newcastle Lower Mourne Upper Mourne (Kilkeel)	CONNOR 7 Lisburn Blaris Glenavy & Killead Aghagallen & Ballinderry	BELFAST 15 Holy Family St Gerard's Greencastle	
DOWN 2 Castlewella Drumaraod & Clanvaraghen Dundrum & Tyrella Kilcoo Loughinisland	CONNOR 8 Antrim Randalstown Duneane	BELFAST 16 Carrickfergus St Mary's on the Hill St James Whitehouse	BELFAST 22 St Colmcille's St Matthew's St Anthony's
DOWN 3 Downpatrick Dunsford & Ardglass Bright (Killough) Saul & Ballee Kilclief (Strangford)	CONNOR 9 Larne Ballyclare Carnlough Glenarm	BELFAST 17 Sacred Heart Holy Cross St Vincent de Paul	BELFAST 23 Holy Rosary St Bernadette's
DOWN 4 Crossgar (Kilmore) Killyleagh Drumbo & Carryduff Saintfield & Carrickmannon	CONNOR 10 Ballymena (Kirkinriola) Ahoghill Portglenone	BELFAST 18 St Patrick's St Peter's St Mary's St Malachy's	BELFAST 24 St Brigid's St Anne's
DOWN 5 Newtownards & Comber Kircubbin (Ardkeen) Ballygalget Portaferry	CONNOR 11 Cushendall Cushendun Glenravel & Braid Glenariff	BELFAST 19 St Paul's St John's Corpus Christi	BELFAST 25 Holy Trinity St Teresa's
DOWN 6 Holywood Bangor	CONNOR 12 Armagh Ballycastle Ballintoy Culfeightrin	BELFAST 20 St Agnes St Michael the Archangel Hannahstown St Oliver Plunkett	
	CONNOR 13 Coleraine Portstewart Portrush Ballymoney	BELFAST 21 Derrigahy Christ the Redeemer Our Lady Queen of Peace St Luke's Nativity	
	CONNOR 14 Loughguile Dunloy & Cloughmills Rasharkin		

'Voices of Hope'

Pastoral Letter from Most Rev. Donal McKeown D.D.,

5th November 2023

St Paul, writing to guide, strengthen and support the growing Christian community in Ephesus, encouraged them all to reflect together on the nature of the Church, its various ministries and gifts, and to creatively consider how every individual could play their essential, unique and important part to grow and build up the Body of Christ.

'Speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.'

(Eph. 4: 15-16)

These prophetic words of St Paul take on added significance for us, the followers of Jesus within the Diocese of Down and Connor, as we continue our synodal journey of discernment to identify and meet the ever changing sacramental and pastoral needs of parishioners and society in our time.

In the weeks that follow, the **Pathways to the Future** initiative, which seeks to examine the mission, structures and priorities of the Diocese of Down and Connor for the years ahead, will come into new focus with the organisation of a series of parochial information and consultation sessions across the diocese and I would encourage you all to take this opportunity to share your personal hopes and dreams for the local Church.

Confronting this new reality will necessarily involve words to disturb the comfortable as we explore the restructuring of parishes, the development of new ministries and consider new ways to meet the increasing pastoral and sacramental needs. Change will be inevitable.

At the same time, it is also important to speak words that will bring comfort to the disturbed. The Church will continue to support the faith development of all and provide for the needs of parishioners in the abiding Truth that God is with his people.

This is an exciting time to be Church in Down and Connor and in the world. The world faces many challenges – poverty, climatic change and the threat of war. Now, as in Jesus' time, many people are harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd (Mt 9:36).

In the weeks and months ahead, I encourage you all to engage in the Christian dialogue and conversations that will be organised by the **Pathways to the Future** as we seek together to listen to one another, to embrace the truth in love and to discern new ways to be ministers of mercy in our day. I also encourage you to pay attention to the Signs of our Times and the concerns of our world so that we can truly be missionary voices of hope to all.

The Church needs to hear your voice. The Church needs each person to speak the truth in love. We need to embrace the challenges and we need voices of hope. Share your dreams and aspirations, your cares and concerns. Let us embark on our diocesan **Pathways to the Future** with realism, joy and hope and may God bless us all on our journey together.



Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Down and Connor



Be part of the conversation ...

Tuesday 21 November
Holy Rosary Parish Centre,
Ormeau Road, Belfast



Pathways
to the Future

Prayer, Sharing, Listening, Discerning

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