



# St. Anne's Parish

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Pentecost Sunday

Check out our [YouTube Channel](#) – **St. Anne's Dunmurry**

All our services will be celebrated in **private** by Fr. Peter and uploaded onto our parish [YouTube](#) channel: **St. Anne's Dunmurry**.

When you go to YouTube ..... **please subscribe.....** to receive notifications of uploaded material. **Subscription is free!**

Mass will be celebrated for the intentions of all our parishioners. If you have a particular anniversary that you wish to have celebrated then please email Fr. Peter with the details.

**St. Anne's Mass: Sunday 11am, Tues, Wed & Thurs 10am**

- You can find resources for your use at home on our parish website [www.saintannesparish.net](http://www.saintannesparish.net) or the diocesan website – [www.downandconnor.org](http://www.downandconnor.org)

**We Remember them** –

**Recently Deceased:** Jane Millen, Ann McGivern, Brian Martin, Pauline O'Kane, Joanne McCloskey. **Anniversaries:** Mary Jo Ross

**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.

**St Anne's Parish Website:** [www.saintannesparish.net](http://www.saintannesparish.net)

It has an **extended version** of the weekly bulletin - Diocesan Directives, Webcams, Prayer Resources, Praying at home, Children's Corner etc and lots more. Please check for updates.



## **Re-opening our Church for Private Prayer**

Following the necessary Risk Assessment and having a deep clean of our church, we are now open for private prayer. Everything is in place!

### **Opening Times**

**Tues, Wed and Thurs 2pm to 4pm**

There will be a **One Way System** in place. All visitors will enter by the main door and exit by a side door. Hand sanitisers will be in place at the entrance and wipes will be available within the church for the cleaning of seats before and after use by visitors.

### **All visitors to our church for private prayer are asked to note**

No communal recitation of prayers led by and at the initiative of any individual (e.g. the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet etc) should take place during the time the church is open for private prayer.

Out of consideration for others, those praying are kindly asked not to overly prolong their visit if the maximum number of visitors is reached and someone else is waiting to enter the church for prayer.

**All visitors are asked to strictly observe social distancing rules and only occupy the marked seating.**

## Your Giving:

This w/end - **Weekly Offering & Church Renovation Fund**

- You may wish to set up a **Standing Order** and if so, call the parish office on 028 90610112 and leave your details or email us on [stannes@downandconnor.org](mailto:stannes@downandconnor.org)



OR

- Donate online** to St. Annes Parish

**A/C No. 07707787 Sort Code 93 83 00**

OR

- Envelopes**- Parishioners can use their weekly envelopes as usual and when Government policy allows us, we will look at measures to safely collect them.

Your continued helpful generosity would be very much appreciated. Thank you in anticipation

OR

- Use the "**Donate**" button on our home page of this website.

### **Please.....I need a little help!**

Do you need a helping hand...at this difficult time? Do you need some medicine picked up from the chemist? Do you require some food items to be delivered to you? Would you like someone to take the dog out for a walk? Or would you just like someone to have a wee chat with? Then please don't hesitate or be afraid to call us on 02890 610112 or send an email to [stannes@downandconnor.org](mailto:stannes@downandconnor.org) or use the contact form on the parish website.

**Bereavement Support Group:** Have you suffered the pain of loss and bereavement? Talk in confidence – call 90610112 and a member of the Group will contact you.

## Readings

**First Reading Act 2:1-11.** When people tried to ascend to God, by means of the tower of Babel, their languages were confused. Now, as God descends to people, by means of the Holy Spirit, that confusion of languages is overcome.



**Second Reading 1Corr 12: 3-7, 12-13.** Again, the Spirit is portrayed as the principle of unity. Whether it is in languages, or in the various tasks Christians are called to perform, the unifying force is the Spirit. A lack of unity points to heedlessness of the promptings of the Spirit.

**The Gospel Jn 20:19-23.** It is no small thing that the Lord's first greeting to his disciples is 'Peace be with you.' It is no small thing that this greeting is given twice. Peace, shalom, is the sum of all God's blessings. Only Christ can confer it in its fullness.

## The spiritual communion

*Those who are unable to make sacramental Communion with Christ by participating in the Eucharist, can express the desire to receive him in their spirit with these words that help to make spiritual communion with him:*



My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present  
in the Most Holy Sacrament of the  
Altar.

I love you above all things and desire  
to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you  
sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite  
myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen



**Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel: Jn 20:19-23**

1. Jesus comes into a room full of fear. Sometimes it is fear itself that makes us close the door on others and on God. Occasionally a person comes along with the gift of breaking through our closed doors, a person who comes to be with us in our fears. Do you have memories of people getting through to you and being with you despite your closed doors? Who brought you peace in a time of anxiety?

2. Jesus showed his wounds to his friends. Moments of grace can occur when another shows us their vulnerable side, or when we do that with them. Let your memories speak of such experiences to you.

3. As Jesus was sent by the Father, so he sent out the disciples. This evokes images of receiving and handing on the things that give life: values, meaning, sense of purpose, love. Who are the people who gave you life by what they handed on to you? To whom have you handed on what is life-giving?

4. In our tradition, the final verse reminds us of the Sacrament of reconciliation but its meaning is broader than that. Spirit-filled people are people who forgive. What difference has it made to you and others when you forgive rather than hold sins against others?

John Byrne OSA

You most likely are aware of the amazing initiative in the UK when 65 churches sang the Aaronic Blessing online from their homes. If not see: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PUtlI3mNj5U>

It now has now **2.9 million hits on You Tube in 3 weeks** and was warmly welcomed by Boris Johnson who called it "a *sensational singing piece*" which brought "together Christians of all denominations from across our UK".

Inspired by this, a number of Irish leaders, including Fr. Martin Magill PP and Philip McKinley, have taken an initiative to have a **sung Irish blessing** around **Be Thou my Vision**. See below for the background.

Irish Church Together, along with other groups, have encouraged churches and ministries to respond. Some **250 Church Groups from North and South** have now responded from every county in Ireland and the organisers are working hard to do a compilation of as many of these as possible to get in one video.

They plan to launch it on **Pentecost Sunday 31st May on You tube by 9am**. Here is the link for it:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsEpreI0a79mmgM2XS5RnEQ>

*Locals in the Punjab region of India have been able to see the Himalayas for the first time in decades due to reduced levels of pollution since India's COVID-19 lockdown. Delhi is believed to have experienced a 44% reduction in air pollution levels in the first day or so of lockdown.*



**Pope Francis** urges everyone to take part in the just-opened Laudato si' year, and releases a special prayer to accompany the celebration.

**Loving God,  
Creator of Heaven, Earth, and all therein contained.  
Open our minds and touch our hearts,  
so that we can be part of Creation, your gift.  
Be present to those in need in these difficult times,  
especially the poorest and most vulnerable.  
Help us to show creative solidarity  
as we confront the consequences of the global pandemic.  
Make us courageous in embracing  
the changes required to seek the common good.  
Now more than ever, may we all feel interconnected and  
interdependent.  
Enable us to succeed in listening and responding  
to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor.  
May their current sufferings become the birth-pangs  
of a more fraternal and sustainable world.  
We pray through Christ our Lord,  
under the loving gaze of Mary Help of Christians. Amen.**



**Prayers for the Pandemic: for those who miss going to church**

God of the last supper,  
who knew real presence: a beloved one  
reclining into you, holding dusty feet as you poured water  
over them, the tug at the hem of your garment,  
touch us now, unable to receive  
your risen body in church, unable  
to gather as your body;

touch us with your word,  
handed on from your mouth, from memory,  
written down, broken and shared over centuries  
from the pulpit, the kitchen table; touch us  
with the glimpses we can see of spring,  
of our vulnerable brothers and sisters,  
of your presence within.

**Raymond Friel**