



# St. Anne's Parish

Pastoral Community of Derriaghy & Colin

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**22<sup>nd</sup> November 2020**

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

**Masses: Saturday 5pm Vigil & 11am Sunday  
Tues, Wed & Thurs 10am**



*-Mass will continue to be uploaded onto our parish YouTube channel.*

### We Remember them

**Recently Deceased:** George Coyle, Dermot McCartan.

**Anniversary:** John O'Hagan, Joseph Raffo.

**Parish Office: Opening Hours: 9am to 1pm Mon to Fri.**

**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.

**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.

All those attending St. Anne's **must** wear masks/face-coverings.



### Latest News

Due to recent regulations from the Northern Ireland Executive, our church will be closed from after mass this Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> Nov. until further notice.

Please check out our YouTube Channel for our online services



**We Remember Them:** A liturgy of remembrance when we remember all our loved ones but especially those who have died in our parish in the past year – if you may have missed it then go to our **YouTube Channel** – there are **two videos** We remember them...we name them...and light a candle!

**Go to our Homepage for the text of this liturgy.**

**Sanctuary Lamp:** Each week our Sanctuary Lamp burns for someone who has died in our parish in the past year and was remembered in our November liturgy last Monday 16th. (Available for viewing on our YouTube Channel) This week our lamp burns for Pat McParland.

**Annual Mass for deceased Pioneers in Down and Connor** will be celebrated in St Malachy's Church, Alfred St. this Monday 23rd November at 1pm. The Mass will also be streamed.

### **St. Vincent de Paul**

Anyone wishing to donate can do online: Account Name: St. Vincent de Paul Conference of St. Anne Account No. 65576181 Sort Code: 938300.

**Advent:** *Next Sunday we begin our new Church year with the season of Advent. This is our faith family time of preparation for the coming of Jesus that we celebrate at Christmas. You can make this a very special time for yourself and your family by checking out our online resources available on our website.*



**Baptisms:** Please email the parish office with your request for baptism and we will be in touch.

• **Your Giving**



This w/end - **Weekly Offering**

- We would recommend that you set up a **Standing Order**. 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

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Your continued generosity is much appreciated.

**Let not your hearts be troubled (John 14:1)**

November brings a particular mood as winter takes its hold even on our hearts. The gospel words of Jesus assure us that we have in him, one who shares our loss, grief and sadness at a time of bereavement. His presence can mend the break and heal the wound that time, in all its sharing and parting has made. He whispers: 'Let not your hearts be troubled' in the midst of our pain and pathos, so that we may have hope, as we are held and hugged in God's heart-space of lavish love.

O Lord, support us all the day long O Lord, support us all the day long of this troublous life, until the shades lengthen and the evening comes, the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over and our work is done; then Lord, in thy mercy, grant us safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**St Columban (540-590) • 23 November**

'If you wish to know the Creator – know creation.' We remember the Columban Missionaries who serve in solidarity and friendship with the poor and the marginalised. They connect with different cultures and communities in a genuine spirit of reconciliation, dialogue, justice, peace, gospel values and the integrity of creation.

**Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel**

1. This judgement scene contains surprises for us. One surprise is that nobody is condemned for doing wrong, but for their failure to do good. Being a disciple of Jesus is a positive choice about how we live and relate to others. Perhaps sin-avoidance has sometimes dominated your view of what was being asked of you. What difference has it made for you when you viewed your Christian life as a daily opportunity to make a positive difference to others?
2. Another way of saying this is that the aim of Christian living is not me-centred (about my personal sanctification) but other-centred (about responding to the needs of others). What happens to you when you get caught up in yourself? Is your life not better, and often more enjoyable, when you can look beyond yourself to others?
3. Another surprise is to hear Jesus tell us that when we do something for another, he considers it done to himself. When has seeing Christ in others helped you in your dealings with them?
4. The story is about the judgement of the whole of humanity. It presents an ideal of society in which human relationships at all levels are governed by the law of love. In your experience what difference has it made to a group to which you belonged when there was a definite sensitivity to the needs of all members?

John Byrne OSA

**TRÓCAIRE**

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and restrictions, our One World Group will not be selling Trócaire Christmas Gifts in the parish this year. However, gifts will be sold online and over the phone. Gifts start at just £5 and help families in some of the poorest countries around the globe. Please consider buying a Trócaire Christmas Gift for family and friends this year. For more information and to purchase a gift please visit [www.trocaire.org/ways-to-help/gifts/](http://www.trocaire.org/ways-to-help/gifts/) or phone 0800 912 1200.

**Christmas Homeless Shoebox Appeal**

The Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's, together with the University's Order of Malta branch, is supporting this year's Christmas Homeless Shoebox Appeal. Every year, individuals and families experiencing homelessness face the festive season alone. QUB students want to reach out and offer concrete supports. We appeal to you to give a small gift and some hope to a homeless person (or someone struggling and at risk of becoming homeless).

We ask that you decorate a shoebox or gift bag for either a male or female (adult) and include items such as: Gloves, Socks, Toothpaste/brush, Sanitary items, Shower Gel, Shampoo, Sweets, Tinned food, Christmas card and anything else you can think of that might be helpful. Boxes can be left securely at the Catholic Chaplaincy QUB, 28 Elmwood Avenue, Belfast during opening hours ([see qubcatholic.org](http://qubcatholic.org)) [before 5 December](#) in time for distribution before Christmas. We thank you for your support of this worthwhile initiative. \*(Remember to wrap the box and lid separately so we can add extra items to boxes)\*

### **Permanent Diaconate**

The Diocese is preparing to start work with a third group of students for the Permanent Diaconate. The programme will commence in September 2021. For more information about the ministry of Deacons, the formation programme and information on how to register your interest in applying, please speak to your parish priest or visit the Diocesan Website: [www.downandconnor.org/livingchrch/diaconate](http://www.downandconnor.org/livingchrch/diaconate)

### **Today's Scripture Themes**

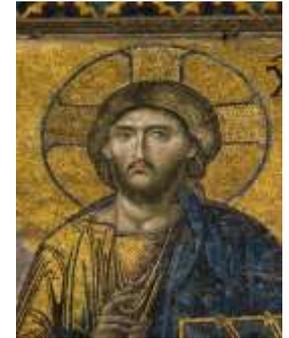
*The emphasis in the readings today is on fidelity and on dedication to duty and work. It is more blessed to give: talents and gifts are given for service of the community. The Christian is to be fully dedicated to working in the service of others while watching and waiting for the life to come. There is always so much good to be done for others and so little time in which to do it.*

### **FIRST READING**

A reading from the book of the Prophet Ezekiel  
*34:11-12.15-17*

**T**he Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view.

I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.



### **Responsorial Psalm Ps 22**

**Response:** *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*



1. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose. *Response*

2. Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.  
He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name. *Response*

3. You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. *Response*

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. *Response*

## SECOND READING



A reading from the first letter of St Paul to  
the Corinthians 15:20-26,28 I

Christ has been raised from the dead, the  
first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.  
Death came through one man and in the  
same way the resurrection of the dead has  
come through one man.  
Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will  
be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in  
their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits

and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him.  
After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God  
the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and  
power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his  
feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death.

And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be  
subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that  
God may be all in all.

## Gospel Acclamation Mt 24:42

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

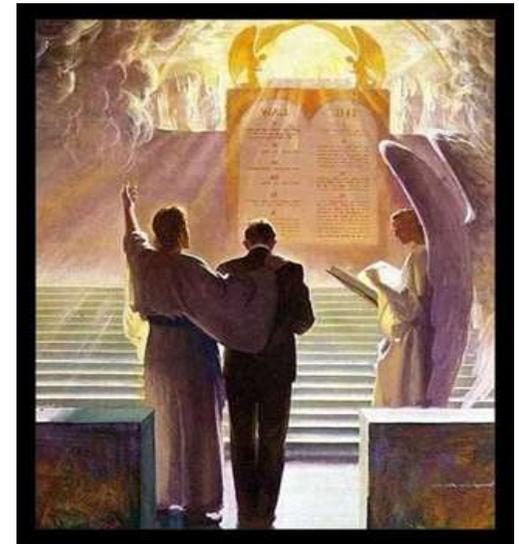
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When  
the Son of Man comes in his glory,  
escorted by all the angels, then he  
will take his seat on his throne of  
glory. All the nations will be  
assembled before him and he will  
separate men one from another as  
the shepherd separates sheep from  
goats. He will place the sheep on his  
right hand and the goats on his left.

Then the King will say to those on  
his right hand, "Come, you whom  
my Father has blessed, take for your  
heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world.  
For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me  
drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you  
clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me."  
Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you  
hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you  
a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in  
prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly,



in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me."

Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me."

Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?"

Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

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Sunday 22 November 2020  
Matthew 25:31-46  
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

# LOOK

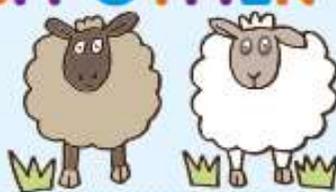
My name is \_\_\_\_\_

**IN THE GOSPEL TODAY**

Jesus says that whenever we are kind to another person we are being kind to him.

## LOOK AFTER EACH OTHER

Spot the five differences between these sheep.



### Kind or not?

Jesus said that people are like sheep and goats, some are kind and some are not.



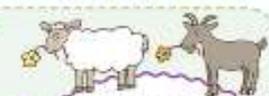
### Sheep or goat?

Here are some clues which describe sheep and goats. Can you tell which is which?

My coat is woolly, my tail hangs down, my young are called lambs, and a shepherd looks after me. I am a \_\_\_\_\_

My coat is hairy, my tail sticks up, my young are called kids, and a goatherd looks after me. I am a \_\_\_\_\_

Try to draw each one on the back of the sheet!



### Being kind

Jesus says how we can be kind to others. Draw lines between the action and the people who need our help.

- Give water to... people who are thirsty
- Welcome... people who are sick
- Visit... anyone who is hungry
- Give food to... strangers



### A PRAYER TO SAY

Father God, you are so good to us. Help us to be as kind as we can be to all the people we meet every day. Amen.

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