



St. Anne's Parish

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6th SUNDAY of EASTER

This Week in St. Anne's

Sunday Mass: 5pm Vigil & 11am

Weekday Mass: Tues, Wed & Thurs at 10am

1st Penance for P4: Tues to Fri – at 11.30am.

Remember –
All services are streamed live online



Parish Office: Mon to Fri 9am to 1pm.

Parish WhatsApp Group – Keep up to date with what is happening in our parish communitytext your name and number to 07714691281 to be added to our WhatsApp group.

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

OR Donate Online to St. Anne's Parish

A/C No. 07707787
Sort Code 93 83 00

Your continued generosity is much appreciated.

Easter to Pentecost – Lectio Divina

We invite you to join with us for a time of Prayer and Reflection with the Sunday Gospels as we journey towards Pentecost. The programme is held live on Zoom and takes place on **Wednesdays at 7.30pm** for approximately one hour. If you would like to take part, please contact the parish office on stannes@downandconnor.org to reserve your place. We look forward to having you join with us.

Church Cleaning Appeal

In order to keep everyone safe, our church is cleaned by a team of volunteers on a rota basis. The commitment is 20/30 minutes on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evening every two or three weeks. Do you think you could join this team? If so, could you leave your name and contact details with the Parish Office, phone number – 90610112. We would be very grateful.

St. Vincent de Paul

Anyone wishing to donate, can do so online:

Account Name: St. Vincent de Paul Conference of St. Anne
Account No. 65576181 Sort Code: 938300.

Coming soon.....

1st Penance P4: Tues to Fri – 11th to 14th May at 11.30am.

1st Penance P3: Tues to Fri – 25th to 28th May at 11.30am

1st Holy Communion: Tues to Fri – 15th to 18th June 10am.

P.S. These are the planned arrangements which may have to be changed in line with Covid-19 restrictions in place at the time.

FoodBank

Fr. Peter and the parish Foodbank team would like to thank you for your continued, generous support. The foodbank collection boxes are available at the front of the church to accept donations each day from 10am to 4pm. Thank you.



St. Anne's Covid Support Group

This time last year a new pastoral initiative began in the Parish with the aim of providing support for people for whom the isolation of lockdown may have led to emotional or practical difficulties. Many people were so generous in volunteering to become involved in this that it has proved to be a very valuable and important ministry. Phone contact between the volunteers and those who may have become isolated was established and for many it still continues. As we are still bound by many restrictions in our lives, in terms of our ability to directly interact with others, this form of contact and support is still open to anyone who would welcome it. If you or someone you know would like to be contacted please leave your name and phone number with the Parish Office. (028 90610112)

Pope urges Catholics to pray in May for end to Covid-19 pandemic

Pope Francis invites Catholics and Marian Shrines around the world to dedicate the month of May to a marathon of prayer for an end to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Catholics across the globe are encouraged to dedicate the Marian month of May to praying for an end to the pandemic. The initiative, behind which the Pope has thrown his support, involves 30 Marian Shrines from various parts of the world. The Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization announced the news with a press release on Wednesday afternoon.

It takes place under the theme "The whole Church was fervently praying to God," which recalls a verse in the Book of Acts (12:5).

Prayer initiative

"The initiative will involve all the Shrines of the world in a special way, so that they might encourage the faithful, families, and communities to recite the Rosary to pray for an end to the pandemic," read the statement.

Pope Francis will open the Marian month of prayer on 1 May with a Rosary broadcast across Vatican Media's platforms.

Each day will see Vatican News broadcast the recitation of the Rosary at 6 PM Rome time from the various Shines taking part in the initiative.

The Pope will also close the initiative on 31 May with another specially-broadcast Rosary.

End to the pandemic

This year's dedication of May to pandemic-related prayer recalls a similar occurrence during the first wave in March 2020.

Pope Francis led the world in prayer during that confusing and difficult time, celebrating a live-streamed, daily Mass in the Casa Santa Marta. After more than a year, and with the world still in the grips of the pandemic, the Pope and the Church around the world are once again leading the way in imploring God for an end to the suffering which so many people are forced to bear.

Scripture Theme

Through Baptism and Confirmation we have been given the Holy Spirit, that same Spirit who gave Christ the victory over the world. This Advocate is our support in the difficulties of life. The Spirit of truth convinces us of the meaning and value of the Christian way.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!'



Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all

astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 97

Response - The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

1 Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. *Response*

2. The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. *Response*

3. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. *Response*

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St John 4:7-10

My dear people,
let us love one another
since love comes from God
and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.
Anyone who fails to love can never have known God,
because God is love.
God's love for us was revealed
when God sent into the world his only Son
so that we could have life through him;
this is the love I mean:
not our love for God,
but God's love for us when he sent his Son
to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14: 23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.' Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment:

love one another, as I have loved you.

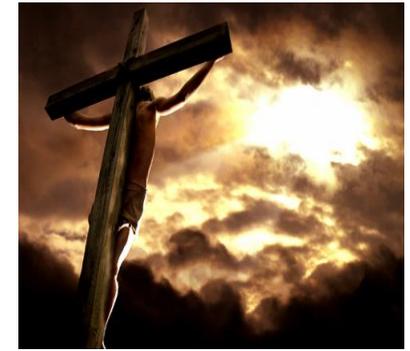
A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

You are my friends, if you do what I command you.

I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business;

I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you;

and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'



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LOOK-Sunday-9th-May-2021

Sunday 9 May 2021
John 15: 9-17
6th Sunday of Easter

LOOK

My name is _____

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

Jesus said that he loves us just as his Father God loves him. If we listen carefully to what Jesus teaches us we will know that 'love'. Jesus' commandment to us is to love one another.

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

Rearrange the tiles to make Jesus' commandment for us

NE TH O LO ER A VE NO

LOVE

The letters of the word LOVE can fit into each minigrid, each line and each column, just once.

Work out where each letter fits to complete the puzzle.

Love is all around

We know that Jesus loves us. We use a heart as a symbol of love. Count how many hearts you can see here.

If you like, colour them.

Stay in my love

We show how much we love Jesus when we live as he asks. Find some of the ways we can show how much we love Jesus.

CARE, GIVE, LOVE, PLAY, PRAY, SHARE

A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, we know that you love us, whatever we do. Help us to love one another as you taught us to, even though it is sometimes hard to do. Amen.

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