



# St. Anne's Parish

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## 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



**This Week in St. Anne's**

**Sunday Mass: 5pm Vigil & 11am**

**Masses this week: No masses this week!**

**Confessions: Sat 4.30pm and before masses.**

**All services are streamed live online**



**Parish Office:** Open 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**

**Weekly Offering: Envelopes £1279 & Loose £145.30**  
**Peter's Pence: £251.80**

Why not set up a **Standing Order**. You can download the necessary forms from our website...or call 028 90610112  
**OR Donate Online** to St. Anne's Parish

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

A new **"Digital Collection Plate"** for those who wish to donate using Credit or Debit Cards is now available for use. It is "contactless", and you can Gift Aid your donation so simple!

### **We Remember Them**

**Recently Deceased:** Seamus McGarry, Donna Gribben.

**Month's Mind:** Tommy McCamley.

**Anniversary:** Fiona Wilson, Mary & Tommy Heaney.

### **Foodbank:**

Your continued generous support is gratefully appreciated. Sadly with the cost-of-living crisis and increasing food poverty the need for the bank continues to grow. We again thank our regular donors for their generosity and encourage others to join in giving to those most in need.

### Prayer before the Summer Holidays

Lord God, We put ourselves into Your hands, and pray that You will bless us and our families during the wonderful months of summer. May we all help make our home a place of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety.

May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves, but helping others enjoy the blessings of summertime. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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

- In the opening verse Jesus is portrayed as having a new sense of clarity about his life that enables him to set out on the road 'resolutely'. Perhaps there have been such moments in your life, moments of insight and clarity about the road ahead. Recall such moments and what they were like for you.
- As he walked the road Jesus met with opposition. This angered some of his friends and they wanted to hit back. Jesus restrained them and would not let himself be distracted from the journey he was making. What helps you keep your goals in mind when minor annoyances distract you?
- The response of Jesus to prospective followers seems harsh. He lets the first man know that discipleship is not a path to a comfortable nest. It is a way in which we never know what is going to be asked of us next. The disciple must be ready to move on. Where have you found good news in being open to change, confident in the presence of Jesus with you?
- Jesus also demands commitment. It is easy for us to think about times when our commitment was less than perfect. But can you also recall the times when you realised the truth of this story – that commitment brings its own fruits and blessings. What specific blessings can you bring to mind?

## Liturgy of the Word

### FIRST READING

A reading from the first book of the Kings 19:16. 19-21

*The Lord said to Elijah:*

'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.'



Leaving there, he came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah.

'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow

you' he said.

*Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?'*

*Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen, and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose and followed Elijah and became his servant.*

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 15

#### Response: **O Lord, it is you who are my portion.**

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.'

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;

it is you yourself who are my prize.

Response

2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,  
who even at night directs my heart.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight:

since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. Response

3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
even my body shall rest in safety.  
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
nor let your beloved know decay.           **Response**

4. You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right-hand happiness for ever.       **Response**

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians 5:11. 13-18

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.

My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: Love your neighbour as yourself. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community.

**L**et me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit, you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

**Gospel Acclamation 1 Sam 3: 9**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:  
you have the message of eternal life.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke 9:51-62

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, he resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said,

*'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?'*

But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village.

As they travelled along, they met a man on the road who said to him,

*'I will follow you wherever you go.'*

Jesus answered,

*'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.'*

Another to whom he said, *'Follow me'*, replied,

*'Let me go and bury my father first.'*

But he answered, *'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.'*

Another said,

*'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say good-bye to my people at home.'* Jesus said to him, *'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'*

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