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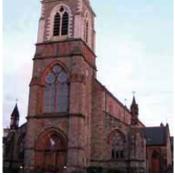
'Unless you repent you will all perish as they

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Sunday 23rd March 2025 The Third Sunday of Lent

# INTRODUCTORY RITES

#### Congregation stands

**Entrance Hymn or Entrance Antiphon** 

Cf. Ps 24:15-16

All: My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

# <u>GREET</u>ING

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

- All: Amen
- Grace to you and peace from God our Father and Priest: the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### All: And with your spirit.

#### PENITENTIAL ACT

- Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, Priest: and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.
- Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to one Priest: another and to the Father: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
- Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and Priest: division: Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
- Priest: Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
- Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

#### All: Amen

#### THE COLLECT

Priest: Let us pray.

#### Pause for silent prayer

- O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, Priest: who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
- All: Amen.

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### **Congregation Sits**

#### FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Exodus

3:1-8.13-15

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said 'and see why the

bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

The word of the Lord All:

Thanks be to God.

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 102:1-4. 6-8, 11 R v 8

#### (R) The Lord is compassion and love.

- 1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. (R)
- 2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. (R)
- 3. The Lord does deeds of justice, gives judgement for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses and his deeds to Israel's sons. (R)
- 4. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. (R)

# SECOND READING

#### A reading from first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 10:1-6.10-12

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

The word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

#### Congregation stands

#### ACCLAMATION

#### Mt 4:17

All: Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

#### GOSPEL

Priest:	The Lord be with you.
All:	And with your spirit.
Priest:	A reading from the holy
	Gospel according to Luke
All:	Glory to you, O Lord.

13:1-9

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.' He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.""

All: The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Congregation sits

#### HOMILY

Congregation stands

#### **THE CREED**

All: I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

> I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

#### (bow your head up to the words 'and became man')

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

#### Congregation sits

# THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Procession

The gifts of bread and wine which will become the Lord's body and blood are brought to the altar. The celebrant raises the host on the paten saying:

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

#### All: Blessed be God for ever.

The celebrant pours wine and a little water into the chalice, saying quietly:

Priest: By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

The celebrant then raises the chalice above the altar and says:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

#### All: Blessed be God for ever.

Bowing, the celebrant says quietly:

Priest: With humble spirit and contrite heart may we be accepted by you, O Lord, and may our sacrifice in your sight this day be pleasing to you, Lord God.

Then the celebrant washes his hands, saying quietly:

Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

# **PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Priest: Be pleased, O Lord, with these sacrificial offerings, and grant that we who beseech pardon for our own sins, may take care to forgive our neighbour. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

#### Congregation stands

## **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER III**

- Priest: The Lord be with you. All: **And with your spirit.**
- Priest:Lift up your hearts.All:We lift them up to the Lord.
- Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. All: It is right and just.

#### **PREFACE (I of Lent)**

Priest: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

> For by your gracious gift each year, your faithful await the sacred paschal feasts with the joy of minds made pure, so that, more eagerly intent on prayer and on the works of charity, and participating in the mysteries by which they have been reborn, they may be led to the fullness of grace that you bestow on your sons and daughters.

And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim:

#### ACCLAMATION

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

#### Congregation kneels

Priest: You are indeed Holy, O Lord, and all you have created rightly gives you praise, for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, by the power and working of the Holy Spirit, you give life to all things and make them holy, and you never cease to gather a people to yourself, so that from the rising of the sun to its setting a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.

> Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you: by the same Spirit graciously make holy these gifts we have brought to you for consecration, that they may become the Body and + Blood of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.

For on the night he was betrayed he himself took bread, and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT, FOR THIS IS MY BODY WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

Priest: The mystery of faith.

#### All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Priest: Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the saving Passion of your Son, his wondrous Resurrection and Ascension into heaven, and as we look forward to his second coming, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice.

> Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church and, recognising the sacrificial Victim by whose death you willed to reconcile us to yourself, grant that we, who are nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son and filled with his Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ.

> May he make of us an eternal offering to you, so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect, especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her spouse, with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs with Saint Patrick and with all the Saints, on whose constant intercession in your presence we rely for unfailing help.

May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation, we pray, O Lord, advance the peace and salvation of all the world. Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity your pilgrim Church on earth, with your servant Francis our Pope and N. our Bishop, the Order of Bishops, all the clergy, and the entire people you have gained for your own.

Listen graciously to the prayers of this family, whom you have summoned before you: in your compassion, O merciful Father, gather to yourself all your children scattered throughout the world. To our departed brothers and sisters and to all who were pleasing to you at their passing from this life, give kind admittance to your kingdom. There we hope to enjoy for ever the fullness of your glory through Christ our Lord, through whom you bestow on the world all that is good.

- Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.
- All: Amen.

#### Congregation stands

# THE COMMUNION RITE

- Priest: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:
- All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
- Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

# All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

- Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.
- All: Amen.
- Priest:The peace of the Lord be with you always.All:And with your spirit.
- Priest: May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it.
- All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

#### Congregation kneels

*The celebrant says quietly:* Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who, by the will of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit, through your Death gave life to the world, free me by this, your most holy Body and Blood, from all my sins and from every evil; keep me always faithful to your commandments, and never let me be parted from you.

# **INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION**

- Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
- All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.
- Priest: May the Body of Christ keep me safe for eternal life.
- Priest: May the Blood of Christ keep me safe for eternal life.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** 

All: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

Cf. Ps 83:4-5

#### *Purifying the chalice the celebrant says quietly:*

What has passed our lips as food, O Lord, may we possess in purity of heart, that what has been given to us in time may be our healing for eternity.

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Congregation kneels

Priest: Let us pray. As we receive the pledge of things yet hidden in heaven and are nourished while still on earth with the Bread that comes from on high, we humbly entreat you, O Lord, that what is being brought about in us in mystery may come to true completion. Through Christ our Lord.

#### All: Amen

# THE CONCLUDING RITES

- Priest: The Lord be with you.
- All: And with your spirit.

#### PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

- Priest: Direct, O Lord, we pray, the hearts of your faithful, and in your kindness grant your servants this grace: that, abiding in the love of you and their neighbour, they may fulfil the whole of your commands. Through Christ our Lord.
- All: Amen
- Priest: May almighty God bless you,
- the Father, and the Son + and the Holy Spirit All: **Amen**

#### Then the celebrant, with hands joined and facing the people, says:

Priest: Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord All: Thanks be to God.

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We remember our dead:

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Norberto Ferrer; Narciso Ferrer Jn; Leopoldo Ferrer (all died recently in Philippines). **ANNIVERSARIES:** Alex O'Brien: Henry & Ita McNally: Malachy Loughran: Denis Shephard: Marie Christi (nee Oates): Annie Taggart: Robert & Lauretta Graham: Thomas Joseph Crothers: Betty Burns.

#### MASS TIMES DURING LENT

Mass Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 10.00am. Liturgy of the Word with Communion 10.00am Wednesdays Wednesday evenings Stations of The Cross **7.15pm followed by Mass at 7.30pm** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Thursday 10.30am – 12 noon <u>All Masses are live streamed – visit www.churchlive.co.uk</u>



#### SYRO MALABAR INDIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Mass will be celebrated in Syro Malabar Rite on 2nd & 3rd Sunday of each month in St. Patrick's Church. Way of the Cross Friday evenings March 7th to Friday 11th April (incl.) from 6.00pm – 7.00pm.

#### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR Tuesday 25 March – Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Meeting in St Patrick's Pastoral Centre on Monday 24th March at 7.00pm.

#### **PILGRIMS OF HOPE - 24 HOURS FOR THE LORD**

A key moment in this Jubilee Year 2025 is the celebration of "24 hours for the Lord". This is an initiative of Pope Francis who writes, "special care should be taken to prepare priests and faithful to celebrate the sacrament of Confession and to make it readily available in its individual form" (SNC 5).

In Down and Connor "24 Hours for the Lord" will be celebrated on Saturday, 29th March, in three centres:

St Mary's Church, Belfast, from 11.00am until 5.30pm; All Saints Church, Ballymena, from 12 noon until 5.30pm;

St Patrick's, Church Downpatrick. 10.30am until 4.00pm.

#### Extract of letter from Bishop Alan McGuckian:

"I believe, that **"24 Hours for the Lord"** will be welcomed by the faithful – particularly by those for whom the habit of Confession has been broken by the recent pandemic. Those who journey to one or other of the churches mentioned, are participating in the Holy year as **"pilgrims of hope"** seeking a "genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, the "door" of our salvation" (SNC 1)

#### THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your Son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled In our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us Into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform f rom within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, Your glory will shine eternally.May that grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen



#### **SELECTION OF LENTEN AND EASTER BOOKLETS** available in CTS rack at back of church. Please place money in adjacent slot. Thanks.

#### ST PATRICK'S PASTORAL CENTRE ABBA SENSATIONS

Saturday 29th March 2025 Doors open 8pm. Show 9pm. B.Y.O Tickets £15 now available from Centre.

"A Pilgrimage of Hope" is the theme of this year's Holy Week Retreat from 17-20 April at Drumalis Retreat and Conference Centre in Larne. It will be led by a joint team from Drumalis & Belfast Jesuit Centre and is offered on a residential or non-residential basis. To book a place(s) or for further details, please contact Drumalis during office hours (Mon-Fri, 9 am – 5 pm) – 028 28276455/28272196 or email drumalis@btconnect.com Further information also available on Drumalis website: http://www.drumalis.co.uk

**SOUTH ULSTER SINFONIA** present **A Spring Concert** in St. Patrick's Pastoral Centre, on Saturday 5th April at 7.30pm. Music included J S Bach's Concerto for 2 Violins, SCHUBERT'S Rosamunde Ballet Music, John Williams Jurassic Park, Mama Mia & Disney. Tickets £10, Concession £8, children under 14 £5.



**TROCAIRE LENT BOXES** are available in church porch. Please take one home. **'Injustice is not invincible'.** 

£20 could provide a better future for a child covering the cost of education for a month. £50 could provide a family with a one month food basket as part of emergency response relief £100 will help struggling families by providing trees, drought resistant seeds, and farming tools. Please return Trocaire boxes on or before Thursday, 17th April. Large collection box in church porch. Thank you.

#### **LENTEN CHALLENGE & INVITATION**

Pope Francis has invited us this Lent to "journey in hope together". A short-term pledge is available via www.pioneerassociation.org for parishioners who wish to become a "pilgrim of hope" for people who are living under the shadow of addiction.

**DEACONS.** Those who are discerning a vocation to the permanent diaconate are encouraged to make contact with the Diocesan Director for the Permanent Diaconate, Rev Brett Lockhart on b.lockhart@downandconnor.org

#### RATHMORE GRAMMAR SCHOOL - GRAND SALE FOR TRÓCAIRE WEDNESDAY 9 APRIL 2025 (6.30 PM – 9.00 PM)

Rathmore Grammar School warmly welcomes you to join us for an evening of fun and games in our Grand Sale for Trócaire on **Wednesday 9 April from 6.30 pm to 9.00 pm.** 

Please join us for amazing prizes on our Rickety Wheel and Tombola or pick yourself up a bargain in our various stalls including easter eggs, children's books and toys, cakes and buns and bottles galore.

There will be plenty of treats available from gourmet burgers and hot dogs to candy-floss, popcorn and ice cream. If you're feeling game, try out our challenge activities from penalty shoot-outs to sponge-the-teacher. All proceeds in aid of Trócaire. If you or your business are in a position to donate or contribute prizes to such a worthy cause, please contact the school info@rathmoregs.belfast.ni.sch.uk (all donations will be acknowledged on the evening).

DOWN & CONNOR PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2025: Celebrating the Jubilee Year and our 40th Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage: 9/10 – 15/16 July. 5 & 7 Night options available. Please visit www.downandconnor.org/lourdes for more information or call the Pilgrimage Office on (028) 9077 0162 or email lourdes@downandconnor.org Youth Team (9-16th July): applications now open (see website for details).

THE PASSION STORY: "A WORK OF INFINITE LOVE" (Saturday, 12 April from 9:30 am - 4 pm).

A Day of Prayer and Reflection with Fr Aidan Troy CP.

Fr Aidan will lead us in a day of prayer and reflection as we enter into Holy Week, where we are invited to immerse ourselves in this story of hope and unconditional love. To book a place(s) or for further details, please contact Drumalis during office hours (Mon-Fri, 9 am – 5 pm) – 028 28276455/28272196 or email drumalis@btconnect.com Further information also available on Drumalis website: http://www.drumalis.co.uk

#### THANK YOU, GOD

Thank you for listening to me when there is no one else to turn to with my particular problem. Thank you for understanding me when I can't understand myself. Thank you for all I have which I take so much for granted. Help me to accept my troubles, problems, worries I may have, and give me the strength to face up to them, with faith in your love and goodness. Help me to live each day fully, as best I can. This I ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

#### **FIRST PENANCE**

We congratulate the children from St. Aloysius Primary School who received First Penance in St. Patrick's Church on Friday 21 March.

We keep in our prayers the children from St. Joseph's Primary School who will receive First Penance in St. Patrick's Church on Friday 28 March.



#### **ANNIVERSARY & MONTHS MIND NOTICES**

Requests for Anniversaries and Month's Mind notices should be left in the Parish Office Post Box or emailed to lisburn@downandconnor.org on or before **12 noon on Monday** if they are to be included in the weekend Bulletin. Messages may also be left on answering machine – Tel. 028 92 660206

#### **SENSORY MASS**

There will be a Sensory Friendly Mass at St Colmcille's Church, Ballyhackamore, Belfast, on Saturday 29th March at 10.00am. We welcome and embrace neurodiverse persons and those with sensory needs, both young and older. Join us for a sensory friendly liturgy, which includes lower lights, softer music, and literal homilies. Feel free to get up and move if needed, bring alternative seating, use quiet fidgets or noise cancelling headphones. Come celebrate the Eucharist in an environment free of stigma. Please contact n.dunn@downandconnor.org to express your interest, or for enquiries.



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