

## Celebrating the Liturgy

### Weekend Mass Times

Sat. (Vigil) 6.30pm  
Sunday: 10.00am & 12 Noon

### Confessions

Saturday after 10.00am Mass  
5.30 - 6.15pm

### Weekday:

Monday 7.30pm  
Tues - Sat. 10.00am

### Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Wed. & Thurs. 10.30am – 9.00pm  
Sat. 10.30am – 12.00 Noon

### Divine Office

**Morning Prayer:** Mon. 10.00am  
(Followed by Rosary)  
Thurs: 10am (followed by Mass)

### Marriage

6 months notice required  
Please contact Fr McGrady

### Baptism

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month at 1.15pm  
Contact the parish office to book - One month's notice is required.

### Retirement of Mr Jim McAuley

We wish to express our gratitude to Jim McAuley our Parish Hall Manager, for his sixteen years of service to the Parish. Since the time of Monsignor Tom Bartley PP, Jim has given of his time and expertise generously, overseeing the inauguration of the Hall and its smooth running.

We wish Jim all the best and in the time – honoured greeting of the Church, may he have many years; ad multos annos!

### Diocesan Congress

**On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September** in the Waterfront Hall, the Diocese will hold its inaugural congress. Clergy, religious and lay faithful from every parish in the diocese will gather together. It will be a chance to meet old friends and new, to pray and reflect and look to the future. The congress will end with a celebration headlined by world renowned The Priests. We invite you. Come and join us!

*Please contact to parish office if you are interested in attending.*

### Parish Finance

The weekly collection amounted to **£1956.67**  
*Sincere thanks for your continued generosity*  
**Altar Society:** Church Cleaners: **Group C** this week.

### Bereavement Support Group

Have you suffered bereavement? If you wish to talk in confidence – please ring the parish office **90610112** leave your name and phone number a member of the Group will contact you.

# St. Anne's Parish



## Very Reverend Feargal McGrady, PP

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
11<sup>th</sup> August Psalter Week 3 - Year C

### First Reading: Apocalypse 11-19, 12:1-6, 10

The scene is a war. The first battle is between a woman garbed in the sun and a great dragon. A scholar writes: "The agony of her labour is the suffering endured by the loyal people of God as they waited for their anointed King..... Satan thought that death was the means by which Jesus would come within his power, when it was the means by which he was carried beyond his power".

### Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 44

**On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold -**

### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26

Rediscovering St Paul's teaching on the Body of Christ, Julian of Norwich wrote that all humankind is one person: Adam. And secondly, "all who are to be saved" are Jesus. "In his great and everlasting love ..... God makes no distinction between the holy soul of Christ and the most insignificant soul to be saved." Like us, Jesus is a child of Adam – is Adam – and this is the root cause of our hope.

### Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

Scholars see antecedents of the Magnificat in the Old Testament: in Isaiah 29:14, etc., and in the Canticle of Samuel "My heart exults in the Lord, I feel strong in my God .... The bow of the mighty is broken, but the weak are girded with strength. The well-fed must labour for bread, but the hungry need work no more"

### Recently Deceased

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of:

Fr Oliver Kennedy, Patricia Thompson & Betty McHugh who died recently  
Peader Donal Cunningham whose months mind occurs at this time.

Fr Liam MacSorley, Ryan Baker, Aidan McConnell, Gerald Brophy, Tom Page, John Rush, James Kerr & John McCullagh whose anniversaries are at this time and those whose names are included in the Book of Remembrance. *May they rest in peace.*

**Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

*Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August – Holy Day of Obligation*

**Mass Times**

**Wednesday Vigil Mass: 7.30pm – Thursday 10.00am**

**Ireland will be Consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary**

Ireland will be consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on August 15, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The consecration will take place at Knock Shrine, during the annual Novena to Our Lady of Knock. Cardinal Seán Brady, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland will lead the Act of Consecration. Archbishop Eamon Martin, Coadjutor Archbishop of Armagh will be the principal celebrant and preacher at the Mass on that day. Bishops, priests and people from across the country will be in attendance.

The Prayer of Consecration will entrust families, homes and the dioceses of Ireland to Jesus through the Immaculate Heart of Mary and call on her to watch over the young people of Ireland. As the universal Church is currently celebrating a Year of Faith, it is fitting that the Act of Consecration calls to mind the woman of faith *par excellence* and asks for her prayers for the people of this country. Commenting ahead of the Consecration Cardinal Brady said: “In his recent encyclical for the Year of Faith, Pope Francis invited us to turn to Mary, Mother of the Church and Mother of our Faith. I am very pleased that the Irish Catholic Bishops decided at their June meeting to consecrate Ireland to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. I am looking forward to being at our National Shrine in Knock on the 15 August to ask Mary’s maternal blessing on the people of Ireland. The Feast of the Assumption is one of the biggest days of the year in Knock, with bishops, priests and people present for the opening of the Novena. I invite the people of Ireland to come along to Knock on the day or to join in this beautiful devotional act by praying the prayer of entrustment in their homes and parish churches.”

**Background information**

Consecration to Our Lady is well-attested to in the tradition of the Church. Consecration is understood as referring to “entrusting” the person consecrated to Our Lady. Consecration “is a conscious recognition of the singular role of Mary in the Mystery of Christ and of the Church, of the universal and exemplary importance of her witness to the Gospel, of trust in her intercession, and of the efficacy of her patronage, of the many maternal functions she has, since she is a true mother in the order of grace to each and every one of her children.” The act of consecration is made “to the Father, through Christ in the Holy Spirit, imploring the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to whom we entrust ourselves completely, so as to keep our baptismal commitments and live as her children.”

**Prayer for the Act of Consecration**

Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and Refuge of Sinners, we entrust and consecrate ourselves, our family, our home and our Dioceses to Jesus through your Immaculate Heart. As your children, we promise to follow your example in our lives by doing at all times the will of God.

O Mary, Spouse of the Holy Spirit, we renew today the promises of our Baptism and Confirmation. Intercede for us with the Holy Spirit that we may be always faithful to your Divine Son, to his Mystical Body, the Catholic Church, and to the teachings of his Vicar on earth, our Holy Father the Pope.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, our Queen and our Mother, we promise to uphold the sanctity of marriage and the welfare of the family. Watch over our minds and hearts and preserve our youth from dangers to the faith and the many temptations that threaten them in the world today.

We ask you, Mary our Advocate to intercede with your divine Son. Obtain for our country the grace to uphold the uniqueness of every human life, from the first moment of conception to natural death.

O Blessed Mother, Our Life, our Sweetness and Our Hope, we wish that this Consecration be for the great glory of God and that it lead us safely to Jesus your Son

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**Prayer to Mary, Mother of the Church and Mother of our faith**

Mother, help our faith!

Open our ears to hear God’s word and to recognise his voice and call. Awaken in us a desire to follow in his footsteps, to go forth from our own land and to receive his promise.

Help us to be touched by his love, that we may touch him in faith. Help us to entrust ourselves fully to him and to believe in his love, especially at times of trial, beneath the shadow of the cross, when our faith is called to mature. Sow in our faith the joy of the Risen One.

Remind us that those who believe are never alone. Teach us to see all things with the eyes of Jesus, that he may be light for our path. And may this light of faith always increase in us, until the dawn of that undying day which is Christ himself, your Son, our Lord!

Amen