

## 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.

### St Paul's Missal – 2014

Missals on sale this weekend in Church Porch **£5.50 each**

### Liturgy Team Meeting

Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm in the Parochial House.

### “St Anne’s Pioneer Centre”

Would appreciate r used stamps for the Missions. Collection Box will be in church porch.

### 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.

### Ceili Dance Classes

Resume in Parish Centre on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> January at 8.30pm  
Proceeds to St Bernadette’s Children’s Home, Lima, Peru  
New Members always welcome.

### Parish Finance

**The weekly collection amounted to £2909.04**

*Sincere thanks for your continued generosity*

**Altar Society: Church Cleaners: Group B this week.**

(Due to the severe shortage of members groups A and C are amalgamating)

# St. Anne's Parish



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## The Baptism of The Lord

12<sup>th</sup> January 2014 Year A Psalter Week 3

### First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7

This is the first of the “Suffering Servant” songs from Second Isaiah. These prophetic passages portray a messianic figure who will save the people of Israel. The three most important leader archetypes we find in the Old Testament are the priest, prophet and king.

### Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 28

**The Lord will bless his people with peace-**

### Second Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38

The Cornelius event is not just another conversion story they found in the Acts of the Apostles. Cornelius and his household symbolize the entire Gentile world which before the advent of Christ had been excluded from the Assembly of God. In the conversion of Cornelius we encounter the fulfilment of the prophetic vision of Isaiah. Through the ministry of Peter and by the power of Christ, Gentiles are brought into a covenant with God.

### Gospel Matthew 3:13-17

The significance of the Baptism in the Jordan is made clear by appreciating the history attached to the river. The river symbolizes the passage from slavery to freedom. Therefore, John chose the Jordan for his baptism (dipping) ritual not because it was a convenient source of water but because it symbolized the passage from sin (spiritual slavery) to righteousness (spiritual freedom).

### Recently Deceased

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Christina McKee, George McLaughlin, Charlie & Jim O’Rawe, Michael Ewings, Gerald Murray, Elizabeth Dynan, Alex & Gertrude Warde & Catherine McEvoy whose anniversaries are at this time and those whose names are in the Book of Remembrance. *May they rest in peace. Amen.*

### Parish Pastoral Council News

At Tuesday's meeting of the Council arrangements for the election of new members and this year's annual Parish Assembly dominated proceedings.

Eight of the current Council membership will be standing down after either three or six years committed involvement- the maximum term of office-while six others will remain on for a further three years. The date for the election by parishioners of eight new members is **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April**. Prior to Election Day notices about the roles of members and the experiences of some of them in carrying out their duties will feature in the weekly Parish Bulletins leading up to advertisements seeking candidates.

The Parish Assembly will be in the Parish Centre on **Sunday 1st June** from 7.00-9.00, so please make a note now to attend. More details about this and the name of the special guest speaker will be announced closer to the date.

Concern was noted at the meeting of the unusually high and increasing numbers of weddings and baptisms for families from outside the Parish that are asking to have ceremonies in St. Anne's. The unpredictable rate of funeral Masses adds additional pressures to those services being performed for persons not resident in the Parish; this means that it is likely that the Parish Council will recommend that only in exceptional circumstances should services be provided here for those who are not parishioners.

### Annual Collection

For Youth Commission will be taken up at Masses next weekend.

LIVING YOUTH – Music Ministry Days

We are organising two Music Ministry Days in the Diocese led by DCF. If you are in a folk group or a choir or would like to start a folk group why not come along to one of the seminars where you will have a chance to meet other singers and musicians who are also interested in folk music. You can learn some new music from recent folk weekends and you will have an opportunity to discuss music ministry and how to attract new members.

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2014 – Newcastle (Parish of Maghera)**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2014 – Ballymena**

### Lectio Divino

Continues each Wednesday in the Parochial House

### Give Blood, Save Lives....

In order to maintain the vital supply of blood to our hospitals, the Blood Transfusion Service need the support not only of existing donors, but also of new donors. We would ask as many members of St Anne's to consider becoming donors –**YOU** could save a life

**Next Session is Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 4pm-8pm**

### Discerning Vocations 2014

A retreat for young women who are considering their vocation in the Church – a look at married life, the single life, lay missionary work, the religious life, consecrated life in the world and the contemplative life. Venue: Drumalis retreat house, Larne on March 29th/30th 2014. Cost: a donation is acceptable. If interested contact the Diocesan Vocation Director: Fr. John Murray at 90913761 or email: mail@frmmurray.co.uk or also contact Mags Tierney at 07537414387 (text only) or magstierney08@gmail.com.

**VOCATION WEEKEND** – A Vocation Weekend for Students and young men will take place in Drumalis Retreat House, Larne on February **14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> 2014**. The Weekend is for anyone who is thinking about the possibility of a Vocation to the Priesthood or Religious Life. Anyone interested should contact Fr. John Murray St. Michael's Presbytery, 200 Finaghy Road North, Belfast BT11 9EG (20890 913761) for further information. You can also email Fr John at mail@frmmurray.co.uk.

### Mothers Prayers Group

Will resume on Thursday, **16<sup>th</sup> January** at 11am in the Parish Centre  
New members will be very welcome.

### Cleaning God's House..... Could YOU help?

Could you spare a couple of hours every 3 weeks to help clean the church. We have a very small but dedicated team who keep the church as it should be kept but we desperately need new members. Please contact the parish office.

### Rathmore Grammar School

Open Day – Saturday **18<sup>th</sup> January 2014, 9.30am – 1.00pm**

Address by Principal at 9.30am and 11am

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### St Mary's Christian Brothers Grammar School Open Night

Transfer pupils and their parents are invited to attend open night on

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 pm.**

All enquiries to the Principal 028 90 294000 [www.stmaryscbgs.com](http://www.stmaryscbgs.com)

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### Aquinas Diocesan Grammar School – Open Day

**Saturday, 18 January 2014 9.30am to 1pm**

Parents and prospective Year 8 pupils are very welcome to attend.

This will be an excellent opportunity to see the school, its state of the art facilities and to talk to pupils and staff.

The Principal, Mr Barry Kelly will address parents and pupils in the Assembly Hall at 9.30am and 11.30am.

Students who are interested in joining Sixth Form are also welcome.