

## 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.

### Knock Pilgrimage

St Pio Weekend 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> September  
Overnight accommodation and all meals in Park Hotel Cost £120  
For details and booking please contact Lucy Cranney 90742589

### Hospital Visitors Course

The next Hospital visitors' course run by Northern Ireland Healthcare Chaplains' Association with Edgehill College will begin on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September. For further information please contact Kay Irvine, College Administrator on 90686938 or kirvine@edgehillcollege.org

### Trust Library

Please feel free to borrow any reading material. We hope you find it interesting and trust you **will return it when finished**. You may donate other reading material, please place on the table or leave in the Parish Office.

### Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

2<sup>nd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> October, 7 nights  
Dubrovnik House Hotel  
For further details and full programme contact Rita O'Neill 90623186

### 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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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

14<sup>th</sup> July Psalter Week 3 - Year C

### First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14

The First Reading is an urging to follow God's commandment. There are no excuses for not following it because it is written in plain text, in easy language. It was not given to be learned but made plain for all. It has not been hidden or shrouded in meaning. This law is not for the elite among you but for all to hear and follow. God makes his ways accessible to all.

### Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 68

*Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive -*

### Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

Paul presented Jesus to the Colossians as a powerful figure in his attempt to teach them about Jesus. This text echoes that of the Gospel of John. Christ existed with God before anything else was created. Paul is eager to emphasise that Christ is greater than all things, visible and invisible.

### Gospel: Luke 10: 25-37

Seeking to test Jesus, a lawyer puts a question to him regarding what one should do to inherit eternal life. Jesus responds to him in a fashion best suited to the lawyer – the law. He asks him what is written in the Law of Moses?. When the lawyer further seeks to test Jesus, Jesus responds with the parable of The Good Samaritan. It is to hold up a mirror to the lawyer's self-righteousness.

### Recently Deceased

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:  
Gerry Murtagh & Paula Haughey, who died recently  
Gerry McQuillan whose months mind occurs at this time  
Rose Casey, Margaret & Victor McBride, Gerard O'Brien, Tony Harte & Kathleen Hodgkinson whose anniversaries are at this time, and those whose names are included in the Book of Remembrance. *May they rest in peace.*

### **“The Light of Faith,” .....**

Pope Francis said, would be an encyclical written by “four hands” – those of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI and his own. Much of the encyclical shows the thinking of Benedict who had completed most of the text before his resignation.....

There are splendidly positive passages on the human search for God and on the penetration of science by the light of faith....

With a bow to the religious sensibility of searchers who lack explicit faith, the letter recognizes that “Religious man strives to see signs of God, in the daily experiences of life, in the cycle of the seasons, in the fruitfulness of the earth and in the movement of the cosmos”. It continues, “To the extent that they are sincerely open to love and set out with whatever light they can find, the Popes tell us, “searchers” are already even without knowing it, on the path leading to faith.

According to the letter, moreover, faith illumines the whole of life, including scientific inquiry. “Faith encourages the scientist to remain constantly open to reality in all its inexhaustible richness,” the popes write. “Faith”, they continue, “awakens the critical sense by preventing research from being satisfied with its own formulae and helps to realize that nature is always greater. By stimulating wonder before the profound mystery of creation, faith broadens the horizons of reason, to shed greater light on the world which discloses itself to scientific investigation”.

While in fundamental theology these dynamics propelling the advance of science may be interpreted as manifestations of implicit faith apart from Christ, when viewed through the eyes of faith, by a believing scientist like Teilhard de Chardin, they gain a Christic depth. It is to that greater depth of life that the two popes want to draw our attention.

It is ultimately the love of God, which comes to us by Grace, the encyclical affirms that enables us to believe. Quoting St Paul, “One believes with the heart”, the letter says “Faith knows because it is tied to love, because love itself brings enlightenment”. It is love that opens the eyes of the mind. “Faith’s understanding is born”. It says, “when we receive the immense love of God, which transforms us inwardly and enables us to see reality with new eyes”.

**An extract from the encyclical recently released by Pope Francis.**

### **The Diocesan Congress, 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

Will be held in the Waterfront Hall, each parish is requested to send Delegates to the Congress. Delegate places are made up of people from the various Parish Groups and the Pastoral Council we were allocated eighteen places. On the closing night there will be a celebratory concert featuring a wide range of talent from across the Diocese including The Priests. Tickets for the concert will be available at the cost of £20. If interested please contact the Parish Office.

### **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lough Derg**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August**

Journey with the Living Church team for a three day pilgrimage that will allow us to step aside from our modern life and routine. This small Donegal island which was one of St Patrick’s first sanctuaries, offers the opportunity for us to connect again with the treasures of our faith, to rediscover the quietness and to go home refreshed and renewed.

For further details and booking, please contact Geraldine at Down and Connor Living Church Office on 9069 0920

### **Trócaire - Walk for a “Just World”**

The Slieve Donard Pilgrimage for Trócaire : Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July  
To mark our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, parishioners from our Diocese are invited to join us in our walk of solidarity with men, women and children who face poverty, hunger and injustice every day of their lives. We aim to raise awareness of Trócaire’s work and to help raise much needed funds.

There are two Pilgrim Challenges to choose from and pre-booking is essential for both.

Slieve Donard Pilgrimage: Distance 8km, approx.. 6 hours, Cost £20

Pilgrim’s Trail: Distance 5km duration approx.. 2 hours, Cost £10

(The fee covers costs incurred by Trócaire, including insurance and all safety aspects). For further information and booking please contact Trócaire on 028 9080 8030.

### **Have you time to spare?**

**Free to Volunteer?**

**Want to make new friends and help others then.....**

The charity Life is looking for volunteers for their new charity shop in Belfast. For further details please contact Joanne on 9043 8339

### **Parish Finance**

The weekly collection **amounted to £1347.41**

**Sincere thanks for your continued generosity**

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