Celebrating the Liturgy

Weekend Mass Times: Confessions:

Sat. (Vigil) 6.30pm Saturday after 10.00am Mass

Sunday: 10.00am & 12 Noon 5.30 - 6.15pm

Weekday: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament:

 $\label{eq:wed. & Thurs. 10.30am - 9.00pm} Wed. \& Thurs. 10.30am - 9.00pm$

Tues - Sat. 10.00am Sat. 10.30am - 12.00 Noon

Divine Office: Marriage:

Morning Prayer: Mon. 10.00am 6 months notice required (Followed by Rosary) Please contact Fr McGrady

Thurs: 10am (followed by Mass)

Baptism:

1st & 3rd Sundays of the month at 1.15pm

Contact the parish office to book - One month's notice is required.

St. Anne's Primary School and Nursery Unit – Enrolment

in Nursery and Primary 1 for September 2014.

Nursery

Children born on or between 02/07/10 and 01/07/11 are eligible to apply for a place in a pre-school education provider. Listed below are the dates for the Nursery Unit Open Days. Application forms and the school prospectus will be available from 2nd December from the school office. The closing date for applications for a Nursery place is **Friday 10th January 2014**, by 12 noon.

Nursery Open Days – Wednesday 4^h December 2013, 2.30 – 3.30pm Tuesday 10th December 2013, 2.30 – 3.30pm (Please park in the church car park and proceed to the Nursery Unit)

Primary 1

Children born on or between 02/07/09 and 01/07/10 must begin their Primary education in September 2014. Listed below are the dates for the Primary 1 Open Days. Application forms and the school prospectus will be available from 3rd December from the school office. The closing date for applications for a Primary 1 place is: **Friday 10th January 2014, by 12 noon.**

<u>Primary 1 Open Days</u> – Thursday 5th December 2013, 1.00 – 2.00pm Monday 16th December 2013, 1.00 – 2.00pm (Tour begins at 1.00pm, Principal's address at 1.45pm. Please park in the church car park and proceed to the Main School Office, Block D)

St. Anne's Parish

Very Reverend Feargal McGrady, PP

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Third Sunday of Advent

15th December Year C (Gaudete Sunday)

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6, 10

The prophet writes with expectation about the coming salvific work of the Lord.

Above all, in this passage, he speaks of this work being one of great transformation leading to joy; a new fertility will be brought to barren places and those who are in need of healing will receive it.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 145 Come Lord and save us -

Second Reading: James 5:7-10

The letter of St James is practical in its advice on living the Christian life and patience is the watchword of this Sunday's reading. Crops do not simply spring out of the ground. The farmer waits through the cycle of the seasons until the harvest.

Gospel Matthew 11:2-11

The interpretation of this Gospel caused difficulty for the Church Fathers. Did Christ's own precursor begin to lose faith? The Fathers suggest instead that there was a tension between the disciples of John and the followers of Christ and that John sent his disciples to ask the question of Christ for their benefit rather than his. Christ answers by his actions.

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of: John McBride who died recently

Anne McManus whose months mind occurs

Daniel & Kathleen Neill, Thomas Gordon, Patrick Hanna & Emmie Deleaney whose anniversaries are at this time and those whose names are included in the Book of Remembrance.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

Third Sunday of Advent

Capella Caeceliana - Carol Service at **4pm** (refreshments afterwards)

Come along relax and enjoy this wonderful Carol Service which will last approx. 1 hour

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Parish Penitential Service at **7.00pm** with Folk Group Visiting priests will be in attendance.

St Paul's Missal – 2014

Missals on sale this weekend in Church Porch £5.50 each 2014 Diocesan Directory

On sale this weekend £3 great value for all the information you need regarding all the Parishes in Down and Connor Diocese

Advent Penitential Services

St Anne's: Fourth Sunday of Advent, 22nd December - 7pm

Lisburn, Monday 16th December at 7pm
Christ the Redeemer, Lagmore, Monday 16th December at 7pm
St Luke's, Twinbrook, Tuesday, 17th December at 7pm
Our Lady Queen of Peace, Kilwee, Tuesday 17th December at 7pm
St Colman's Derriaghy, Wednesday 18th December at 7pm
Church of the Nativity, Poleglass, Thursday 18th December at 7.30pm

Messages of Peace for Bethlehem

Pax Christi international invites people to write a message of hope and encouragement to our friends in Bethlehem. The expectation of a just peace in Israel – Palestine is still alive, locally and globally. Please e-mail your Christmas peace prayers and wishes before 25th December 2013 (Western Christmas) or 7th January 2014 (Eastern Christmas) to the Arab Educational Institute at the following address: info@aeicenter.org You can read all messages at www.aeicentre.org. Further info http//paxchristi.net/

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.

Parish Finance

The weekly collection amounted to £2630.08

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity

Altar Society: Church Cleaners: Group A this week

Statement by Bishop Noel Treanor Upon the Publication of the NBSCCI Review of Safeguarding

A copy of the Review is available in the Church porch for every family in the parish. Please take a copy and read it.

Russian Greats - A Charity Concert for SWOT and CRY

Come along for an evening of great classical Russian works (including Shostakovich, Glinka and Tchaikovsky) and some Christmas tunes as money is raised for SWOT (Student's Working Overseas Trust) who provide medical supplies for developing countries and for CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young) who raise awareness and fund research to identify conditions leading to sudden death syndrome. The concert will take place at 7:45pm on Saturday 28th December in St. Anne's Church Dunmurry.

Tickets: £5 (Includes Refreshments)

Parish Magazine

The Christmas Copy of Parish Matters is available this weekend, please take a copy and catch up with all that has been happening in the parish. Sincere thanks to the Editorial Team who worked hard to produce the magazine.

Vacancies for Diocesan Advisers for Religious Education

There are currently a number of vacancies for the above posts based in the Good Shepherd Centre. Application forms available from dmck@downandconnor.org
Start date January 2014 and job share or part-time working considered.

St. Malachy's College, Antrim Road

Will hold two Open Nights for prospective pupils on Wednesday **15**th and Thursday **16**th January 2014. The Principal's Address will begin at 7pm and Prmary 6 and 7 pupils are welcome to attend. Parking via Lincoln Avenue.

"St Anne's Pioneer Centre"

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

AQUINAS DIOCESAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL PRESENT THEIR ANNUAL CAROL SERVICE IN THE GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH, ORMEAU ROAD

TUESDAY 17 DECEMBER 2013 at 7.00pm - ALL WELCOME

Dunmurry History Group

The next meeting of will be in Beechlawn Hotel, Dunmurry at 11 a.m on: **Monday 16th December**.

Speaker: Roger Dixon on 'The wee houses of Ulster and the people in them'