Celebrating the Liturgy

Confessions:

5.30 - 6.15pm

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

Weekday:

Monday 7.30pm Tues - Sat. 10.00am

Divine Office:

Morning Prayer: Mon. 10.00am (Followed by Rosary) Thurs: 10am (followed by Mass) Sat. 10.30am – 12.00 Noon Marriage:

0.00om 6

6 months notice required Please contact Fr McGrady

Saturday after 10.00am Mass

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament:

Wed. & Thurs. 10.30am – 9.00pm

Baptism:

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

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Application Forms are now available from the parish office. 7 Nights $(10^{th}\text{-}17^{th}\,)\,\pounds635\,5$ Nights $(11^{th}\text{-}16^{th})\,\pounds570$ in hotel

or £470 in hospital. Youth Team (8th- 17th) £520

Closing date for youth applications 31st March. For further information see the poster in the porch or contact the Pilgrimage Office 028 90646040 or email: dcpilgrimage@gmail.com Fr Gerard Fox is the new Pilgrimage Director.

Dunmurry History Group -

The next meeting of our group will be in the Beechlawn House Hotel at 11 am on Monday 17th Feb. 2014 Speaker: Noel Spence Topic....his choice....Ramblings of a retired man Noel is the proprietor of the Tudor Cinema, Comber and author of many short stories.The group usually meet on the Third Monday of each month but the dates for March & April have been changed to avoid St. Patrick's Day & Easter. Changed to 24 th March and 28th April.

Parish Trust Library

Why not enjoy some good spiritual reading, lots of new books now available.

Parish Finance The weekly collection amounted to £2204.52 Sincere thanks for your continued generosity

Altar Society: Church Cleaners: Group D this week.

St. Anne's Parish



Very Reverend Feargal McGrady, PP St Anne's Parochial House, Tel: 9061 0112

Parish Sister: Sr. Mary Murray. Tel: 9061 0112

Parish office: 9061 0112 Parish Website: saintannesparish.net

> Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 16th February 2014 Year A Psalter Week 2

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus (Sirach) 15:15-20

All of us have chosen to make. We have the potential to repent and grow towards God or to continue in our sinful way. Here this described as a choice between life and death. God creates in each of us the desire to be better. "Vast is the wisdom of the Lord", no matter what we have failed or who we have failed, God encourages us to begin again. It is never too late to repent.

> Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118 They are happy who follow God's law--

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Despite our knowledge and maturity, the hidden wisdom of God can only be recognised with the eyes of faith. The wisdom of God is revealed to us in the person of a weak, crucified Christ. Only with faith can the crucifixion and death of Christ have any meaning.

Gospel Mathew 5:17-37

The Sermon on the Mount describes how Jesus not only fulfills the old law, but also the new vision for life. He confirms the old saying, "to kill is wrong", but Jesus points out that the act of killing is a response to anger from inside us. The new vision offered to us by Jesus is that we need to be reconciled with each other. It reminds us of the choices that lie before us.

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of: Rev. Aengus Michael Dunphy OCSO, Ellen Horisk Cocroft, Seana McCartan, Mary Ward, Maura McWhinney-Easterbrook & Henry Starkey who died recently. Richard Maguire, Mary McTaggart, George Rooney, Ellen Murphy, Joseph McGuigan, Claudia Raffo & Cathleen Tracey 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 ELECTIONS 5th and 6th APRIL 2014** Last week we spoke of the need for eight new members for the Parish Pastoral Council. This is an opportunity to be part of God's mission in Down&Connor, where it is already coming to fruition through the Spirit, as the *Living Church*:

"Prompted by the Holy Spirit, we seek to witness to our faith in Jesus Christ as a community of disciples dedicated to service of God and one another"

Every parishioner plays a part in God's mission, but do you think being a member of the pastoral council is your part? Have you been considering this? Can you talk to someone who you think could play his or her part by being on the council?

Need to know more? Then please take an information pack from the porch, or speak to any current member of the Parish Pastoral Council who would be delighted to answer any queries. Someone will be in the porch after Mass, or please ring the office for contact details should you wish to talk another time. www.downandconnor.org/livingchurch

Vocation News!

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - You have heard God's commandments. Keep them and pass them on. Nurturing the faith is part of the Christian vocation. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, please contact Father Murray for more information at 90913761 or : e-mail: mail@frmurray.co.uk

Experience the Joy of the Gospel

A series of talks on the Catholic Faith Mondays & Thursdays at 8pm In, Good Shepherd House, Twinbrook (Beside St Luke's Church) Beginning on Monday, 17th February. All welcome.

Gold Ring Found

If it belongs to you, please call to the parish office, Monday to Friday

Cleaning God's House...... We are very grateful to the 4 people who have responded but we could do with a few more volunteers to lessen the load!!!!!

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.

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 Cake Sale Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th February 2014

The Ministry of Welcome – Hospitality is holding a Cake Sale after all Masses this weekend. The proceeds from the sale are to help defray the cost of Parish resources including:-

Furniture for the side porches to hold, Holy Water fonts and bulletins. Mass Response leaflets/bulletins. Small holy water bottles etc.

Our aim is to provide all that is necessary to keep our Parish running efficiently and up to date, so all donations (and any help) from our Parishioners would be very much appreciated. Thank you. **Come along and show your support!**

In Joyful Hope.....

Is a group of Christians from different Christian traditions, Roman Catholic and Protestant who are thankful for the wide embracing love of Christ, proclaimed and received in the celebration of the Eucharist. They acknowledge the differences that exist in theological interpretation and liturgical practice and would request respect for these differences, evident for example, in the Eucharist discipline of the Roman Catholic Church. The Joyful Hope Group were edified, inspired and encouraged by one another's faith in the sacrament of Holy Communion /

Eucharist.

St. Anne's Parish will be hosting the Celebration of Mass on: Tuesday, 25th February at 8.00pm

At which we hope many parishioners can be present. We will be welcoming fellow Christians from the Protestant Tradition at this Eucharistic Celebration of Mass.

God's Creation – In the Life and Mission of Churches Today

Do you ever wonder how to Green your church? Respond to climate change? Bring healing to Earth?

If yes, then come along to Fitzroy Presbyterian Church, University Street on Friday 28th February at 7.30pm to hear Scottish environmentalist, author and broadcaster Dr Alastair McIntosh speak on the theme "And the Leaves of the Tree are for the Healing"

The event will be co-hosted by Eco-Congregation Ireland & Fitzroy Caring for Creation Group.

Are you suffering the pain of loss? Looking for help and understanding?

Beginning Experience (a support group for widowed, separated and divorced people) is holding a <u>Residential Weekend</u>: 21st-23rd March 2014 in Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne. For further information please contact Phil Tel: 02890 207645 or Marie Tel or text: 07542070835