

## 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. Anne's Primary School and Nursery Unit – Enrolment in Nursery and Primary 1 for September 2013.

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> December from the school office. The closing date for applications for a Nursery place is **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2014, by 12 noon.**

**Nursery Open Days** – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2013, 2.30 – 3.30pm  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> December from the school office. The closing date for applications for a Primary 1 place is: **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2014, by 12 noon.**

**Primary 1 Open Days** – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2013, 1.00 – 2.00pm  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> 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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## First Sunday of Advent

1<sup>st</sup> December Year C Psalter Week 1

### First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

The Prophet Isaiah paints a picture of the culmination of God's plan for his Chosen People and for the world. The temple in Jerusalem will be the gathering place, not only for Israel, but for all nations. The wisdom and law of the Lord will bring all peoples together and his justice will prevail.

### Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 121

**I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to God's house"**

### Second Reading: 1 Romans 13:11-14

St. Paul exhorts the Romans to behave worthily as they live in a privileged time- Christ has inaugurated the next stage of God's plan, so his followers are to live with their minds and hearts set on that plan's fulfilment. Our lives should be of transparent integrity.

### Gospel Matthew 24:37-44

Christ calls for alertness and attention from his followers. He tells how the people in Noah's time were so caught up in their own concerns that they failed to read the signs that were given them. It should not be so for followers of Christ who have been instructed in what is to come. Christ calls for vigilance rather than worry!  
His word is faithful and he has prepared us.

### Recently Deceased

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Fr Alex Reid, Georgiina Cormican & Maura Fitzpatrick who died recently  
Marion McKee whose months mind occurs at this time.  
James McGuinness, Mary Murphy, Margaret & Frank Donaghy,  
Lousie MacSherry & Jane McVeigh whose anniversaries are at this time and those whose names are included in the Book of Remembrance.

**May they rest in peace. Amen.**

### **Advent Programme**

#### **First Sunday of Advent**

***United Advent Service of Dunmurry Churches Together –  
1<sup>st</sup> December 6.30pm in St Colman's Church of Ireland***

You will be very welcome to this Advent Service with our fellow Christians  
It is an expression of our desire to Pray and Worship Together in preparation for  
Christmas.

#### **Second Sunday of Advent**

Evening Prayer in Honour of Our Lady at **7.00pm** with the Traditional Choir

#### **Third Sunday of Advent**

Capella Caeceliana Concert at **4pm** ( refreshments afterwards)

#### **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

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

### **St Anne's One World Group**

Will hold their Fair Trade Stall in the Parish Centre after all Masses this weekend.  
A large selection of Christmas goods, gifts, cards etc will be available as well as  
the second-hand book stall. Trocaire Global Gifts will also be on sale.  
Come along and do some Christmas shopping!

### **St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal**

A member of St Anne's Conference will speak at Masses next weekend to launch  
the Appeal, as always parishioners are asked to give generously.

### **St Paul's Missal – 2014**

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

### **St Anne's Conference of St Vincent de Paul**

Annual Christmas Lunch

Will be held in Balmoral Hotel on Sunday, **15<sup>th</sup> December** at 12.30pm for 1pm  
Tickets and further information from any member of St Vincent de Paul.

### **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 **£2031.32**

***Bishops Commissions £652.39***

***Trocaire Special Collection £7024.28 (1<sup>st</sup> Week)***

***Sincere thanks for your continued generosity***

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

### **Invitation from Pope Francis**

Pope Francis extends a sincere invitation to all lay people to respond to questions  
on the “Pastoral challenges of the family in the context of evangelization” for the  
forthcoming Extraordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops 2014  
A Preparatory Document and Questionnaire to contextualize this initiative is  
available on the Diocesan Website

[www.downandconnorg.org](http://www.downandconnorg.org) and click the link to Pastoral Challenges of the  
Family. You can download the questionnaire, complete and send the hardcopy to:  
Survey on the Family

c/o Lisbreen, 73 Somerton Road, Belfast BT15 4DE

**All responses are to be submitted by Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2013**

1. The Diffusion of the Teachings on the Family in Sacred Scripture and  
the Church's Magisterium
2. Marriage according to the Natural Law
3. The Pastoral Care of the Family in Evangelization
4. Pastoral Care in Certain Difficult Marital Situations
5. On Unions of Persons of the Same Sex
6. The Education of Children in Irregular Marriages
7. The Openness of the Married Couple to Life#
8. The Relationship Between the Family and the Person
9. Other Challenges and Proposals
10. Further comments

### **St Patrick's Church, Lisburn**

**7<sup>th</sup> December**, Fr Michael Maher SM will give a homily at 6.30pm vigil mass on  
our Lady of Fatima

**8<sup>th</sup> December**, Fr Michael will give a talk on the message of Fatima at 3pm  
Tea and sandwiches will be served in the Pastoral Centre and Fr Michael will  
invite any questions.

### **The Last School Dinner**

St Gerard's ERC is moving to a new building.

To celebrate this, all past pupils and staff are invited to "The Last School Dinner",  
will be held in the school on **4th Dec. 6.30 - 9.00pm.** £5.00 to cover costs.

**Knock All Night - Vigil Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> December**, buses will depart from King  
Street and Kennedy Centre at 3pm returning to Belfast on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> December  
at Noon. Price £39 to include dinner and breakfast. Bookings phone 90665211 or  
90595942