

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

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

Knock Pilgrimage

St Pio Weekend 14th & 15th 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 26th 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

2nd – 9th 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

St Anne's Parochial House, Tel: 9061 0112

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

Parish office: 9061 0112

Parish Centre: 9061 0112

Parish Website: saintannesparish.net email: office@saintannesparish.net

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

21st July Psalter Week 4 - Year C

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10

Abraham is eager to entertain the weary traveler; he knows that these are important visitors. He calls for immediate preparations to accommodate these guests, water to wash their feet and the finest food available. The guests are heavenly beings. This is reminiscent of Hebrews where we are encouraged to entertain the stranger and in doing so we may possibly entertain angels.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 14

The just will live in the presence of the Lord -

Second Reading: Colossians 1:24-28

Paul speaks of Christ as the head of our Church and we are the body. Christ suffered once for all to redeem humankind and now his sufferings are over. Paul made the choice to rejoice in his sufferings for Christ. This is something that cannot be acted; it is a real rejoicing. Paul is glad to suffer for Christ who suffered for him. Paul encourages us to be faithful through sufferings for eternal life.

Gospel: Luke 10: 38-42

In the Gospel we meet two sisters Martha and Mary. It is Martha who welcomes Jesus into her home and immediately sets about preparing an elaborate meal for Jesus. She shows herself to be very generous providing food for Jesus. She shows herself to be very generous providing food for Jesus and his disciples. She clearly has no servants as she sets to preparing the food herself. Mary on the other hand sits at Jesus' feet, a place for learning and listens to what he has to say.

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of:

Clarice Tuite who died recently

Kathleen & Gerry Rafferty, William Rafferty, Jim Brady and Brigid McQuillan whose anniversaries are at this time, and those whose names are included in the Book of Remembrance. *May they rest in peace.*

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lough Derg

Friday 9th – Sunday 11th 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

The Diocesan Congress, 27th – 29th 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.

Trócaire - Walk for a "Just World"

The Slieve Donard Pilgrimage for Trócaire : Sunday 28th July

To mark our 40th 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 2 Pilgrim Challenges to choose from 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 information & booking 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 £1677.56**

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity

Altar Society: Church Cleaners: Group D this week.

Bodybuilders Holiday Bible Club, Dunmurry

Monday 22nd July – Friday 27th July

Three fun filled sessions a day

10 am – Noon and 2 pm – 4pm

*for anyone going into P1 up to those going into 5th Year
there will be an evening session from 7pm to 9pm for 1st to 5th Years.*

The week is completely free, but donations are really welcome to help cover costs.

Registration Sunday 21st July 3pm – 5pm at St. Colman's Dunmurry

- or on arrival Monday Morning – Just follow the crowd.

Friday Night Fun

26th July – Parent's Night in St. Anne's Parish Centre

Black belts Extra

Monday 29th July to Friday 2nd August for anyone going into Secondary School. Details will be given during BodyBuilders week.

Prayer to St Anne

O Good Saint Anne,

you watched tenderly over your daughter Mary
who became the mother of Jesus our Saviour.

You brought Mary up in the faith of her people and
taught her to know and love the Sacred Scriptures
so that she could create a fitting home for her Son.

There Jesus lived in faith and prayer,
in loving kindness and mutual understanding.

We ask that you pray that we may do likewise and
stay close to Jesus all the days of our life and so be
filled with the Spirit who makes us the children of God.

O Good Saint Anne, in communion with you
and your daughter Mary, ever Blessed,
we offer our family prayer to your grandson,
Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

“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 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 Sr 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.