Celebrating the Liturgy

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

Weekday:

Monday 7.30pm Tues - Sat. 10.00am

Divine Office:

Marriage:

Confessions:

5.30 - 6.15pm

Morning Prayer: Mon. 10.00am (Followed by Rosary) Thurs: 10am (followed by Mass) 6 months notice required Please contact Fr McGrady

Sat. 10.30am - 12.00 Noon

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.

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

"St Anne's Pioneer Centre"

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

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.

Sincere Thanks!

To all those who helped with the hospitality in the parish throughout the past year and especially last weekend, many parishioners have commented on the value and sense of community that exists through the efforts of the Welcoming Ministry which is very much alive in St Anne's Parish.

> Parish Finance The weekly collection amounted to £1802.14 Sincere thanks for your continued generosity Altar Society: Church Cleaners: Group B this week

St. Anne's Parish



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> Fourth Sunday of Advent 22nd December Year C Psalter Week 4

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

Whilst Ahaz is right to say that we should not put God to the test, here God asks Ahaz to request a sign. Ahaz's refusal is therefore a lack of faith and a refusal to listen to God. Nonetheless, God takes the initiative and promises a sign – that the maiden will give birth to "Emmanuel". The Incarnation of the Son fulfils and surpasses this prophecy.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23 Let the Lord enter! He is the King of glory -

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

In writing to the Roman's, Paul opens his letter with the longest and most elaborate of all the greetings of his letters. As he was not involved in the foundation of the Church in Rome, a longer introduction to his preaching and ministry is needed. The Good News is both the content of his preaching and his personal motivation, having in it both grace and the call addressed to all nations.

Gospel Matthew 1:18-24

The genealogy which precedes this Gospel shows the Davidic descent of Joseph, and now we see Joseph assuming legal fatherhood of Jesus, making him, so far as can be publicly known, part of the Royal House of David.

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of: May Dick & Gemma McShane who died recently. Paul Murphy whose months mind occurs at this time. Jimmy Torney, Joseph Ringland, Nora Nash, Marie Douglas, Teresa Small, Vera O'Neill, Patrick, Michael & Kevin McAuley, Paddy & Fiona Murray, Eva Streeton & John Prior whose anniversaries are at this time and those whose names are in the Book of Remembrance. May they rest in peace. Amen. *Christmas Mass Times* Christmas Eve: Tues. 24th December Vigil Mass at **7.30pm**

Mass of the Nativity: **11pm** With Carol Singing at **10.40pm**

Christmas Day Masses 10am & 12 Noon With Carol Singing from 9.35am

Thursday (26th December) There will be a Celebration of the Word With Holy Communion at 10.00am

Friday – Sunday : Mass Times as usual

New Year's Day: Feast of Mary Mother of God & World Day of Peace Mass at 12noon **Parish Penitential Service** This evening at 7.00pm with Folk Group Visiting priests will be in attendance.

Christmas & New Year Blessings As we celebrate the Great Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Sr Mary and I would like to thank you all sincerely for your prayers, help and generous support throughout this past year. May you all have a Blessed, Happy and Grace filled Christmas. May the Christ Child bring to birth Consolation in the hearts of all those bereaved or suffering over the last year. You are in our thoughts and prayers during the Christmas Masses. May God Bless You All. Fr Feargal & Sr Mary

> Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament There will be no Adoration 25th/26th December or 1st January. Adoration will resume as normal on Thursday 2nd January

The Epiphany of The Lord Monday, 6th January is a Holy Day of Obligation Mass at 10am & 7.30pm

Christmas Message from Bishop Noel Treanor A copy of Bishop Treanor's Message is available for every family, please take a copy home with you.

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)

> Open Morning of Our Lady and St Patrick's College, Knock Year 7 Pupils and Parents - Saturday 11th January 2014 9.15 am – 12.30 pm Principal's Address 9.30 am and 11.00 am. Prospective Year 13 students are also welcome.