

St. Anne's Parish



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Third Sunday of Lent

23rd March 2014 Year A Psalter Week 3

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

Remembering was an important injunction of Moses to the people of Israel. They were never to forget that God had saved them from slavery in Egypt: "because the Lord brought you out from there". How often we tend to forget what God has done for us when we become rich or seem to be able to manage on our own?

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 94

O that today you would listen to his voice, "Harden not your hearts" -

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Let us never forget that it is through Jesus that we have access to grace. What a beautiful message for us today is the following: Let us listen carefully. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. If only we took the time to ponder this message, then in our daily living we would not allow it to sink deeply into our failure to act in a Christ – like manner.

Gospel John 4:5-42

Jesus seems to have found special satisfaction in breaking with taboos! Jesus was tired and thirsty. 'Give me a drink' The woman could have complied instantly but she was bound by so many taboos that this simple request amazed her. ... "if you but knew the gift of God and who it is that is asking for a drink, he could have given you living water'. Jesus is speaking of the Holy Spirit.

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Fr Tony Meaney & Brendan McBrien who died recently.

Fredrick Lyttle whose months mimm occurs at this time

Fr Brian Tumelty, Walter O'Neill, Des Cummings Sadie McAuley,

Maureen O'Hagan, Mary McKee, Michael McGovern

whose anniversaries are at this time and those whose names are in the Book of Remembrance. *May they rest in peace. Amen.*

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.

The Annual Diocesan Liturgy Seminar, entitled

"Rediscovering the Word of God"

Will be held on Saturday **10th May 2014** from 1pm - 4.30pm in St Anne's Parish Centre, Kingsway, Finaghy, Belfast BT10 0NE.

It will be conducted by Brother Pat Mullins O.Carm. The Seminar is open to all, and will be especially interesting to Ministers of the Word.

Seminar Fee £5.

To book, please contact: Malachy McKeever, tel. 07760 108903 or e-mail: malachy.mck@gmail.com

Vocation News

The harvest is abundant, but workers for the harvest are few. Pray that God will inspire many people to work with the harvest. Do you hear a call to serve? (Matthew 9: 36, 10:8). 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

Annual Pilgrimage to Shrine of Ven. Matt Talbot

takes place on Saturday 26th April. Coach will leave St. Anne's car park at 7.45 a.m. calling at usual pick-up points. Mass in Dublin 12.30 pm. Fare £12.50. Tel. Anne 9061 5461, Josephine 9061 7116.

Parish Finance

The weekly collection amounted to £1614.98

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity

Altar Society: Church Cleaners: Group A this week

Parish Pastoral Council Elections

Reflections from Members

Carole

My second period of service on the Council is ending. Like the first time, I was filled with trepidation, self-doubt that I had nothing to offer, that I won't "get things done".

This time though, I also looked forward to meeting with parishioners like me, who believe in God and want Him in my life.

So joining the PPC was a personal gain for me: sharing thoughts on scripture, liturgy and personal experiences. Here also was the opportunity to do what I can to enable others to have the joy that I have felt as I have begun to find God more and more in my life. It has been great being a PPC member.

Jim

When I was asked to let my name go forward for the Parish Pastoral Council I was at first reluctant, but thought and prayed for guidance. I decided to proceed in the belief that I could add something to parish life as part of the PPC.

I really believed that we should be doing more to reach out to those on the outskirts of the Catholic Church, whether as a result of hurt, disillusionment or circumstances.

Being a member of the PPC has brought with it a lot of enrichment for me. I have a great sense of fulfilment to have been part of the team who set up many worthwhile ventures to enhance the life of the parish.

Good Shepherd Economic Justice Ministries International.

Sharing Fair

Sisters of the Good Shepherd

19 Rossmore Drive, Belfast. - Tel: (028) 90 694 036

E-mail: sharingfair@btconnect.com

“SHARING FAIR EVENT: *On the week-end of March 29-30, 2014*

The Sisters of the Good Shepherd are very happy to let you know that they will hold a sale of lovely hand-crafted items made in Good Shepherd Centres in the developing world. As it is 'Mother's Day' week-end there will be a lovely selection of items suitable for gifts for 'Mother' and a good selection of bags, purses, household items, educational toys, cards etc. will also be available.

As one way of reaching out to young girls and women in poor countries made vulnerable to exploitation because of poverty and powerlessness the Sisters have developed Self-Help projects in twenty or so countries where they produce these beautiful hand-crafted items. You make a real difference in their lives when you purchase their top-quality crafts.

Don't miss out on this very practical way to live Gospel Justice!

C.L.C.

Group meeting in the Parochial House, **Monday, 24th March at 8pm**

Lenten Programme

Third Sunday of Lent - 23rd March

Trocaire Lenten Focus 7pm

Presented by our One World Group

Parishioners are warmly invited to attend each Sunday.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Mothering Sunday – No Evening Devotions

Congratulations.....

To the boys and girls of St Anne's Primary School who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday from Bishop Farquhar.

Sincere thanks to the parents, teachers and everyone involved in preparing the children so well. May God Bless you all.

New Boxes of Offertory Envelopes

Will be distributed soon, if you have recently moved into the parish or changed address and would like envelopes, please contact the parish office.

PRAYING WITH SCRIPTURE IN LENT

An invitation to married couples.

Lectio Divina continues each Tuesday evening in the Parochial House at 7.30pm for 1 hour. - Please feel free to come along and join us.

If you are interested please contact Máire Fitzpatrick on 07895098358.

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 Vincent de Paul

Anyone wishing to contact SVDP please ring 07738838015

Down & Connor Pilgrimage to Fatima

Under the patronage of Bishop Noel Treanor, 14-21 August, 3 star hotels, £649

Inclusive in twin bedded rooms. Full religious programme directed by

Fr Gerry McCloskey & Fr Sean Gilmore. Tel: Joe Catney on 90714001

or Anna Prior 44841843

Pioneer Association

The 'One Day Retreat' for pioneers and friends will take place at Our Lady of Bethlehem Abbey, Portglenone on Sunday 6th April, starting at 10am and concluding with mass at 4 pm.

Cost £25 including Tea and Coffee on arrival and full lunch.

Enquiries to Anne McCann 90615461 or Josephine 90617116