

**Celebrating the Liturgy**

<b>Weekend Mass Times:</b> Sat. (Vigil) 6.30pm Sunday: 10.00am & 12 Noon	<b>Confessions:</b> Saturday after 10.00am Mass 5.30 - 6.15pm
<b>Weekday:</b> Monday 7.30pm Tues - Sat. 10.00am	<b>Adoration of Blessed Sacrament:</b> Wed. & Thurs. 10.30am – 9.00pm Sat. 10.30am – 12.00 Noon
<b>Divine Office:</b> <b>Morning Prayer:</b> Mon. 10.00am ( <i>Followed by Rosary</i> ) Thurs: 10am ( <i>followed by Mass</i> )	<b>Marriage:</b> 6 months notice required Please contact Fr McGrady
<b>Baptism:</b> 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.	

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes**

Application Forms are now available from the parish office.  
**7 Nights (10<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>) £635 5 Nights (11<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>) £570 in hotel  
or £470 in hospital. Youth Team (8<sup>th</sup>- 17<sup>th</sup>) £520**  
contact: Pilgrimage Office 028 90646040 or email: dcpilgrimage@gmail.com

**Save The Date.....**

LOCH LAO CCE is presenting its annual concert of traditional Irish music and song in the Waterfront on Saturday 15th March. Tickets from the Waterfront.

**Women's World Day of Prayer**

Across the globe on **Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm** women from across the globe will be gathering in churches in each time zone for 1 hour so that a non-stop day of prayer is created. The women of all denominations will be gathering at:  
Our Lady Queen of Peace Church – Upper Dunmurry Lane  
This year's theme is, "STREAMS IN THE DESERT" and has been prepared by the women of EGYPT.  
In the words of the closing hymn, "And hour by hour fresh lips are making thy wondrous doings heard on high." Please try to find time to join us.  
There will be time for a "cuppa" and a chat afterwards for anyone who can stay.

**Parish Finance**

**The weekly collection amounted to £1759.53**  
**Sick & Retired Priests £760.01**  
*Sincere thanks for your continued generosity*  
**Altar Society: Church Cleaners: Group B this week**

# St. Anne's Parish



**Very Reverend Feargal McGrady, PP**  
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**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> March 2014 Year A Psalter Week 4**

**First Reading: Isaiah 49:14-15**

The God of Israel presses upon his covenantal people that he is an immanent God. He is without but also within. The images drawn by the prophet are tender and intimate and he uses them to show that God resides at the core of each person. Remembrance and compassion are inextricably linked together here.

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 61**  
**In God alone is my soul at rest -**

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5**

For Paul, Christian stewardship is marked with our reception of the mysteries of God. This identity ought to be visible in our lives and our interaction with each other. Our part as servants and stewards is to be found worthy and not to judge others, regardless of whether we agree with their behaviour or not.

**Gospel Mathew 6:24-34**

Earlier in the Gospel, Jesus has already given images of the Kingdom in the Beatitudes that seem to contradict life in the real world. But rather than contradict, Jesus invites us to contemplate a different life for ourselves. Setting your heart on the Kingdom is not about starving and living in rags. Rather it is about detachment from the things we do not need. Jesus understands the human need and hunger, beyond an intellectual level.

**Recently Deceased**

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:  
Fr Joseph McGurnaghan who died recently.  
Jane Kirkwood, Annie Dick, James O'Neill, Eileen Cullen,  
Robert Rodgers, Peter Brennan, James Leeson, Sarah & Dermot McPhillips  
whose anniversaries are at this time and those whose names are in the Book of Remembrance. *May they rest in peace. Amen.*

**Bishop Donal McKeown**

*Since his earliest days of priesthood, Bishop Donal has had a close connection with St. Anne's.*

*He is remembered with great fondness by so many parishioners from those years spanning the move from the old Oratory to the new St. Anne's.*

*His warm rapport with the young, the "Parish Fun Days", the marathons and special ministry to those who suffered greatly in "the troubles".*

*He recently celebrated the "Aifreann Feirste" Mass with us.*

*Many thousands of our children have been Confirmed by Bishop Donal.*

*We felt a special connection with Bishop Donal here at St. Anne's.*

*Indeed our loss is Derry's gain.*

*On his appointment as Bishop of Derry, we wish him "admultos annos"!*

*He is in our prayers at this time of change for him.*

**Vocation News .....**

God promises never to forget us. If you feel distant from God, who has moved? Seek a closer relationship with God and all that you need will be given to you. (Isaiah 49: 14-15 and Matthew 6: 24-34. 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

**Pastoral Council Elections**

Members of the Parish Pastoral Council will be speaking at Masses this weekend.

**Planning for the Future.....**

An in depth census of all activities in each Parish has been commissioned by Bishop Noel Treanor....through the Living Church Office. It will take place over three weeks starting Monday 3rd March.....Attendance at All masses daily and Sunday will be recorded noting age and sex of those attending .....included will be an analysis of lay readers, Eucharistic ministers etc etc....as well as other activities in the parish.

As the data will influence future rationalisation in the Diocese we encourage parishioners to attend St. Anne's during this period.

*A Copy of the Diocesan Review Booklet is available in the Porch  
Please take a copy.*

**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

**Ash Wednesday - 5<sup>th</sup> March**

**Is a Day of Fast & Abstinence**

**Mass Times:**

10am and 7.30pm - Ashes will be distributed during both Masses

**First Sunday of Lent - 9<sup>th</sup> March**

**Evening Prayer at 7pm accompanied by The Traditional Choir**

All parishioners invited and encouraged to attend

***In Joyful Hope.....***

A word of sincere thanks to everyone who attended and helped at the Mass for the "In Joyful Hope" initiative on Tuesday evening last.

The turn-out reflected very positively on St. Anne's Parish and our visitors were made to feel very welcome.

Rev. David Cooper contacted us to express his gratitude, Fr Whyte sent a message of appreciation;

"It was a model of its kind, lovely relaxed atmosphere and prayerful ambiance. To everyone, including our Musicians and Welcoming Ministry a very sincere thank-you. Fr Feargal McGrady PP

**Baptism Team Meeting**

**Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March** at 6.30pm in Parochial House.

**St Anne's One World Group**

Will hold their Traidcraft Stall, Second Hand Books etc. after all Masses this **weekend 1<sup>st</sup>/ 2<sup>nd</sup> March**. Please come along and show your support.

**Pioneer Notice – Lent 2014**

Do you feel we live in a drinks culture? Are you concerned about alcohol abuse?

Are you thinking of giving up alcohol; for Lent? If so, we invite you to take a Temporary Pledge with the Pioneer Association, say a short prayer daily and offer up your decision not to take alcohol for the sake of someone else, perhaps someone living with addiction.. **You Can Make A Difference!**

Register your pledge with local Pioneers, or the Down & Connor office 028 90894070 or email [dandcpioneers@gmail.com](mailto:dandcpioneers@gmail.com) Please give your details and you will be sent a Pledge Certificate which includes the daily prayer. Alternatively if you do not want to register but will be abstaining from alcohol for Lent, please take one of the Lenten Pledge Cards home with you.

**Derriagh Golf Society**

Welcoming New Members for 2014. Come along and enjoy playing at an array of quality courses in and around Belfast. Calendar runs from April to October and includes Captains weekend trip and various social events. Please contact Gerard Wilson for more details: [gwilson@sammouldings.co.uk](mailto:gwilson@sammouldings.co.uk) or 07802328723