

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 (<i>Followed by Rosary</i>) Thurs: 10am (<i>followed by Mass</i>)	Marriage: 6 months notice required Please contact Fr McGrady
Baptism: 1 st & 3 rd 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
Courage is needed to speak God’s word. Let no one intimidate you. God gives you the power to speak the truth. (Matthew 10: 26-33). If you think God is willing you to be a priest, please contact Father Murray for more information at 90913761 or e-mail: mail@frmurray.co.uk

Northern Ireland Cancer Pilgrimage to Lourdes
22nd May to 27th May 2014 -Return flights from Belfast (Aldergrove). - Medical, nursing and other Oncology staff will travel with us on the Pilgrimage. For info call 07516759646 - Or e-mail:- mail@nicancerpilgrimage.org.uk
Full Price £599: Reductions are available for Cancer Patients

Parish Finance
The weekly collection amounted to £2140.70
Catholic’s Caring £762.76
Sincere thanks for your continued generosity
Altar Society: Church Cleaners: Group A this week

St. Anne's Parish



Very Reverend Feargal McGrady, PP
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Fourth Sunday of Lent
30th March 2014 Year A Psalter Week 4

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7
Samuel’s prophecy marks the end of the era of Judges for Israel and the introduction of the period of Kings. Against his better judgement Samuel anointed David, submitting in faith to the choice God made. In this the scene is set for the coming of Jesus who will descend from David.
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want -
Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14
In the Spiritual Exercises, St. Ignatius proposes that we approach prayer by asking ourselves what we truly desire, and then of God, what he desires of us. As we discern, the two should really correlate. Paul here advocates that we try to discover what God really wants of us. Living a life contrary to our deepest desires is living a life while sleeping. Now is the time to truly awaken.

Gospel John 9:1-41
In true Johannine style, this Gospel reading plays skilfully with the concepts of light and darkness and sight and blindness. The blind man’s experience of Jesus is representative of the Christian faith and his journey to faith is the appropriate response of someone who has encountered Jesus, taken from darkness (blindness) to stating facts about Jesus without having any real relationship with him

Recently Deceased
Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:
Lewis Gibson, Carmel McCluskey, Conor McGurk & Jimmy Muldoon who died recently.
Noel Maguire, Alfie McDonagh, Maura McConville, Mary Heaney, Maurice & Frances Trainor, Jim Cunningham & Margaret Reilly whose anniversaries are at this time and those whose names are in the Book of Remembrance. *May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Election of Members to St Anne's Pastoral Council

March 2014

As a result of seven nominations for the Parish Pastoral Council being received by the due date (18th March 2014), the Independent Returning Officer has ruled that there is no need to proceed to election.

We are pleased, therefore, to inform you that the seven people named below have been duly appointed to the Parish Pastoral Council.

*Mary Devlin
Sonia Donnelly
Harry Fitzpatrick
Angelina Fusco
Douglas Gilroy
Francis Hughes
David Scallon*

Sharing Fair in St Anne's Parish Centre – This Weekend Good Shepherd Economic Justice Ministries International.

Available will be 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.

You make a real difference when you purchase their top-quality crafts.

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

Living Youth –

Why not join us to celebrate Palm Sunday - 13th April 2014 for the 3rd Annual Youth Gathering, 10.30 am - 6.00 pm St Mary's University College, Falls Road, Belfast. The day includes; a guest speaker, workshops including, art, prayer, social awareness and faith development. We will then process to Corpus Christi Church for Mass. More information on our website www.livingyouthni.org and download a registration form or contact us at info@livingyouthni.org

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

St Vincent de Paul

Anyone wishing to contact SVDP please ring 07738838015

New Boxes of Offertory Envelopes

Available now - if you have recently moved into the parish or changed address and would like envelopes, please contact the parish office.

Lenten Programme

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Mothering Sunday – No Evening Devotions

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Eucharistic Adoration team presents a DVD "Science tests faith" [30mins] a talk which includes scientific analysis of The Eucharist with some amazing results!

If you see the video on YouTube: "Science tests faith" Ron Tesoriero.

Sixth Sunday of Lent

Parish Penitential Service

Mother

I said a Mother's Day prayer for you to
thank the Lord above
For blessing me with a lifetime
Of your tender hearted love.
I thanked God for the caring, you've
shown me through the years
For the closeness we've enjoyed
in times of laughter and of tears.
And so I thank you from the heart
for all you've done for me
And I bless the Lord
for giving me
the best mother there could be.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit
Give me your gifts of wisdom,
understanding and knowledge.
Enlighten my mind
and inspire me during these days of
study and examinations.
Help me above all to know what to do
with my life so that I may be a faithful
follower of Jesus and bring his love and
truth into the world.
Guide me in my Vocation
Mary seat of Wisdom
Pray for me. Amen

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. - Interested please contact Máire Fitzpatrick on 07895098358.*

St Peter's Cathedral

Holy Hour, Thursday 3rd April 7-8 pm in the Cathedral to thank God for the gift of the Eucharist and to pray for priests and vocations. All are most welcome.

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.

Eucharistic Adoration – Down & Connor Diocesan Team

The Adoration Committee of Down & Connor is enlarging its Diocesan Team. Those wishing to find out more are invited to an Information Meeting & Training in St. Joseph's Parish Centre, Amtrim on Sunday 12th April 10 am – 2pm.
Refreshments Served – See poster in Church Porch.