

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.

St Paul's Missal – 2014

Missals on sale this weekend in Church Porch **£5.50 each**

Parish Pastoral Council

Meeting Tuesday, 7th January at 7pm in the Parochial House.

“St Anne's Pioneer Centre”

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

Aifreann Feirste

DVD of the live recording is now available £5 including Mass Booklet.
Copies will be on sale in Church Porch this weekend

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.

Parish Finance

The weekly collection amounted to £1563.10
The Christmas Collection was £4883.21
Sincere thanks for your continued generosity
Altar Society: Church Cleaners: Group C this week.

St. Anne's Parish



Very Reverend Feargal McGrady, PP

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Second Sunday of Christmas

5th January 2014 Year A Psalter Week 2

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus (Sirach) 24:1-2, 8-12

Ecclesiasticus is also known as Sirach because it was written by the Jewish scholar Jesus ben Sirach approximately 180 BC. It is not known why it came to be called “Ecclesiasticus” which is Greek for “the Church (book or thing)”. Perhaps it was called the Church because the early Church Fathers used the book extensively for doctrinal instruction.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 147

The word was made flesh and lived among us -

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-18

Ephesus was a large city on the coast of what is today called Turkey. In the time of St Paul it was an important political, commercial and religious centre. We learn from the Acts of the Apostles that Paul spent about three years there. Many scholars doubt whether Paul was the actual author of the letter or if it was written by a close associate of Paul to the nascent Christian community of Ephesus.

Gospel John 1:1-8

Our Gospel reading is the great prologue from the Gospel of John. The driving force of this prologue is the incarnation of the Word of God. The prologue acts in the same way as an overture to an opera. Before the opera actually begins the overture reveals the themes that will dominate the opera as it unfolds. John's prologue introduces us to the main character of the coming Gospel.

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Brendan McGarrigle who died recently.

Sean Heery, Jimmy & Annie Catney, whose anniversaries are at this time and those whose names are in the Book of Remembrance.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

The Epiphany of The Lord

Monday, 6th January

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass at 10am & 7.30pm

LIVING YOUTH Pilgrimage to Rome –

Join with us as we step back to the very beginnings of our faith and the heart of the Roman Catholic Church. From 4th – 8th August we will immerse ourselves in the history of the Church, we will visit the ancient Christian sites of the Eternal City, the tombs of Peter and Paul, the Colosseum, the Catacombs, the Vatican and much more. Price including flights, transfers, accommodation half board, sweat shirt and t-shirts - £650, which can be subsidised through fund raising.

If you are aged between 16 and 25 and would like to join, please contact Claire to register your interest at info@livingyouth.org

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The Annual Collection

in support of the Living Youth Commission will be taken up at Masses on the weekend of 18th/19th January when it is hoped a young parishioner member of the Youth Commission will speak at Masses.

St Mary's Christian Brothers Grammar School Open Night

Transfer pupils and their parents are invited to attend open night on

Thursday 16th January at 7.30 pm.

All enquiries to the Principal 028 90 294000 (www.stmaryscbgs.com)

Christin Brothers Secondary School

Open night for Transfer Pupil and their parents

Christian Brothers Secondary School, Glen Road, Belfast

9th January 2014 at 7.00 pm

All Enquiries Telephone 028 90 808050

St Louise's Comprehensive College

Open Night for Primary 7 pupils and their parents;

Wednesday 8th January 2014

Families are invited to the Principal's Address 4.30pm or 6.30pm

St Genevieve's High School

Invites all P6 and P7 Pupils and their Parents to Open Day

Tuesday, 7th January 2014 at 7.00 pm

Principal's Address 7.15 pm.

Stress Control

Free NHS Stress Control Classes

Run by CBT Therapists from the Belfast Trust will commence on; Monday 13th January in the Skainos Centre on the Lower Newtownards Road and on Thursday 16th January in the Falls Road Library.

Classes run from 6.30pm-8pm.

There is no need to book, just turn up on the night, bring along a friend

Contact 95044645 for further details..

Give Blood, Save Lives....

In order to maintain the vital supply of blood to our hospitals, the Blood Transfusion Service need the support not only of existing donors, but also of new donors. We would ask as many members of St Anne's to consider becoming donors – they could save a life.

Next Session is:

Low Memorial Presbyterian Church Hall,

Thursday 23rd January, 4pm-8pm

For further information text Blood to 60081 or Call 0500 534 666

Marian Prayer of Cardinal John Henry Newman

O Mother of Jesus, and my Mother, let me dwell with you,
cling to you and love you with ever-increasing love.

I promise the honour, love and trust of a child.

Give me a mother's protection, for I need your watchful care.

You know better than any other the thoughts and desires of the
Sacred Heart.

Keep constantly before my mind the same thoughts, the same desires,
that my heart may be filled with zeal for the interests of the Sacred Heart of
your Divine Son. Instill in me a love of all that is noble, that I may no
longer be easily turned to selfishness. Help me, dearest Mother, to acquire
the virtues that God wants of me:

to forget myself always, to work solely for him, without fear of sacrifice.

I shall always rely on your help to be what Jesus wants me to be.

I am his; I am yours, my good Mother!

Give me each day your holy and maternal blessing until my last evening
on earth,

when your Immaculate Heart will present me to the heart of Jesus
in heaven,

there to love and bless you and your divine Son for all eternity.