**bCelebrating the Liturgy** 

**Weekend Mass Times:** Confessions:

Sat. (Vigil) 6.30pm Saturday after 10.00am Mass

Sunday: 10.00am & 12 Noon 5.30 - 6.15pm

Weekday: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament:

Monday 7.30pm Wed. & Thurs. 10.30am – 9.00pm

Tues - Sat. 10.00am Sat. 10.30am – 12.00 Noon

Divine Office: Marriage:

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

Thurs: 10am (followed by Mass)

**Baptism:** 

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.

The Annual Diocesan Liturgy Seminar, entitled

"Rediscovering the Word of God"

Will be held on Saturday **10<sup>th</sup> 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**

How do you welcome others into your heart? Are you willing to give of yourself for others? Let your heart lead you to follow Jesus. (Matthew 10: 37-42. 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

## **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 £2080.86

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity

Altar Society: Church Cleaners: Group C this week

## St. Anne's Parish

## Very Reverend Feargal McGrady, PP

St Anne's Parochial House, Tel: 9061 0112

Parish Sister: Sr. Mary Murray. Tel: 9061 0112

Parish office: 9061 0112 Parish Centre: 9061 0112 Website:

saintannesparish.net email: office@saintannesparish.net

# Fifth Sunday of Lent 6<sup>th</sup> April 2014 Year A Psalter Week 1

#### First Reading: Exodus 37: 2-14

This is one of the most powerful and dynamic passages from the prophet Ezekiel. The prophet confronts a people who are dead and are not aware of their death. Ezekiel's calling them to life, his making them aware of their death is the beginning of the process of living fully. It is in this context that Jesus talks of raising the dead to new life. Jesus is moved and impressed by this great prophet.

## Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 129 With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption -

## **Second Reading: 8:8-11**

The letter of Paul to the Romans touches on the very core of the spiritual life. The core of the spiritual life is the truth that the Spirit is dwelling within us. This self same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead is the Spirit that empowers all of us to rise from our own deaths. It is in fact fear and anxiety of life which robs us of our lives. It is fear and anxiety which makes us into the walking dead of Ezekiel and it is the Spirit who awakens us to walking in the light of life.

#### **Gospel John 11: 1-45**

The account of Lazarus being raised from the dead continues the theme of the power of the Spirit to give life and the power of God over death itself. It must be remembered that the greatest and most terrible death is not the death of the grave but the death of the heart while one is apparently still alive.

#### **Recently Deceased**

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of: Ita McAreavey who died recently.

Maura McConville, Peter McCrory, Nora Brown & Maura Ward, whose anniversaries are at this time and those whose names are in the Book of Remembrance. May they rest in peace. Amen.

#### **Parish Pastoral Council**

News from this month's meeting

Bishop Noel Treanor will be the special guest speaker at the annual Parish Assembly on Sunday evening June 1 at 7.00 pm in the parish centre. So please try to attend. It would be great to have all families represented at this important event in the year's activities. It will also be an ideal occasion to meet both new and continuing members of the Parish Pastoral Council

The recent parish census, requested by the Diocese, gave crucial information which will be used to help determine the future provision of services and will doubtless influence the work of the Pastoral Council.

It was revealed, for example, that over one of the weekends where data was collected, that just over 1000 people in total attended the three Masses. Of this number a third were children, which is a tribute to young parents, but more worrying was the evidence that at each Mass only a handful of participants were in the 18-25 age bracket. The next meeting of the PPC is Wednesday May 7.

### **Sharing Fair - Good Shepherd Economic Justice Ministries International.**

Sr Catherine and volunteers write to say: 'Thank you for your support for Sharing Fair last week-end. Crafts sold and donations received amounted to: £735.00. We hope you enjoy the beautiful crafted items you purchased—they were all made with hands of great hope by women and young girls whose lives are greatly enhanced by the sale of these crafts. Be assured of a daily remembrance in our community prayers. You can continue to be in contact with Sharing Fair by calling 19 Rossmore Drive (off the Ormeau Road) where the crafts are available; by e-mail: <a href="mailto:sharingfair@btconnect.com">sharingfair@btconnect.com</a> or by phone: 90 694036.

#### St Anne's Parents' Association

In conjunction with Belfast City Council, are planning a litter pick to improve the appearance and safety of our School and Church grounds.

Date: Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April
Time: 2pm-3pm
Venue: St Anne's Church Lower Car Park

In order to run this event we would be grateful for your help!

If you are available to help, please contact the PA by email 
stannesparentsassoc@gmail.com or ring Anne on 07762936262

### 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, 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 <a href="www.livingyouthni.org">www.livingyouthni.org</a> and download a registration form or contact us at <a href="info@livingyouthni.org">info@livingyouthni.org</a>

#### Lenten Programme Fifth Sunday of Lent (This Sunday)

Eucharistic Adoration team presents a DVD "Science tests faith" [30mins] a talk which includes scientific analysis of The Eucharist with some amazing results! You can see the video on YouTube: "Science tests faith" Ron Tesoriero.

Sixth Sunday of Lent
Parish Penitential Service 7pm
Visiting Priests in attendance.

#### **Parish Information Training Session**

For New Parish Volunteers or any Volunteer who has not yet attended a session Venue: Portacabin, Mater Dei Church, 15 Glenavy Road, Crumlin, BT29 4LA Tuesday 15 April 2014. - 7pm to 9pm Please leave your name into the Parish office as soon as possible.

#### St Anne's One World Group

Will hold their Traidcraft Stall after all masses this weekend. Please come along as always and show your support.

#### **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.

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 our more are invited to an Information Meeting & Training in St. Joseph's Parish Centre, Amtrim on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 10 am – 2pm.

Refreshments Served – See poster in Church Porch.

## **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. *Those parishioners whose box numbers are in the 700s will be available next weekend.* 

CLC

Group will be meeting in the Parochial House on Monday, 7 April at 8.15pm

#### St Vincent de Paul

Anyone wishing to contact SVDP please ring 07738838015