

# St. Anne's Parish



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**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**9<sup>th</sup> March 2014 Year A Psalter Week 1**

**First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7**

Our human condition means we are attracted to sin. Sin is not something we are, it is something we do. From the moment we are created we are filled with the breath and Spirit of God. Through God's Spirit in us we become enlivened; it is our very life. The writers of the creation story recognize that sin causes us to judge others superficially, seeing them from the outside only.

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 50**

**Have mercy on us, O Lord for we have sinned -**

**Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19**

Paul superimposes the disaster of Adam's sin with the greater victory over sin won by Christ on the cross. But Christ's victory far outweighs Adam's action in the garden. Whereas Adam's sin makes us sinners, Christ's obedience obliterates that identity. It penetrates us and fills us with grace. Spiritually, the prelapsarian state is restored so that once again we are filled with divine life and the grace of God's salvation.

**Gospel Mathew 4:1-11**

When we experience darkness in life we feel God is absent. Matthew teaches that it was exactly God's Spirit who led Jesus to the wilderness. Sometimes this is an important place to be. Time apart to think and pray can strengthen us and give clarity to our purpose in life, as it did here for Jesus.

**Recently Deceased**

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:  
Alice McEvoy, Charlie O'Neill, Danny Cregan, Roseanne & Charlotte O'Neill,  
Catherine & Bridget McCullagh & Isobel & James Brady  
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:

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.

## 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.

## Vocation News.....

How firm is your foundation of faith? Listen to Jesus' words and use them as solid rock on which to build your life. Consider ministry in the Church.

(Matthew 7: 21-27). 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](mailto:mail@frmurray.co.uk)

## Lenten Retreat

Would you like some private time to reflect on the Holy season of Lent?

Come along to a Lenten Retreat that is relaxed with time for personal reflection.

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March from 7pm - 9:15pm in St. Mary's Church Greencastle  
Ample parking at Church - Light refreshments - Evening Prayer to close Retreat.

Retreat Lead by-----Fr. Eddie Mc Gee

Retreat organised by 'The Knights of St. Columbanus'

## Good News.....

The Loop System has been repaired and working well!

## Parish Finance

**The weekly collection amounted to £2413.95**

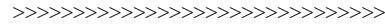
*Sincere thanks for your continued generosity*

**Altar Society: Church Cleaners: Group C this week**

Sincere thanks and welcome to our new volunteer church cleaners!

**Pastoral Council Election Process**

We would like to remind you that Nomination Forms are available from the church porch or the parish office. We encourage you to seriously consider self-nomination or indeed to consider nominating a person you feel would be suitable. Below you will read the testimonies of two members who share their experiences with us.



**Vincent**

Throughout my life my membership of the Catholic Church has been important to me. It has shaped the course of my life and my understanding of my world. I have enjoyed gratefully the Council. I have met new people and my spiritual life has been enhanced. I have prayed with, listened to and learnt from the testimonies, interests and experiences of others and hopefully I have been able to contribute something positive to parish life along the way.

I encourage young or old, to consider standing for membership.

**Ursula**

I have found being on the Council a very enriching experience. Like anything in life it involves commitment; monthly meetings and perhaps an additional sub-committee meeting. I was pleased to help develop evangelisation programmes within the parish such as Life in the Spirit, Catholicism and the Alpha course.

I believe every parishioner has a talent or skill that could be used to enhance the lives of our community of faith. So I recommend Council membership to anyone in the parish of St. Anne's, no matter what age or background.

**Pastoral Council .....** News from the meeting on Tuesday March 4

**The Bishop of Down and Connor Noel Treanor** will be the special guest speaker at this year's Parish Assembly which will be on **Sunday June 1<sup>st</sup>** in the Parish Centre from 7.00 pm. So put the date in your diary now and come along and learn what your Council has been doing on your behalf, plus hear the latest on the Living Church and how you can become involved in helping implement the **Diocesan Pastoral Plan.**

The process to elect up to eight new Council members is underway; nomination packs are available from the church porch and the Parish office, nominations close on Tuesday 18-so please encourage candidates- and voting will be on the weekend **of April 5/6.**

Fr.Feargal reported that he had grateful feedback from visitors to the In Joyful Hope event; many had expressed their delight at the warmth and hospitality of the welcome from the parish family.

Film evenings featuring productions from the Irish production company Radharc Films are planned for this September and discussions have started about a Parish Mission in the autumn of 2015.

**Lenten Programme**

**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

**Second Sunday of Lent - 16<sup>th</sup> March**

*Stations of the Cross*

**Third Sunday of Lent - 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

*Trocaire Lenten Focus*

*Presented by our One World Group*

*Parishioners are warmly invited to attend each Sunday.*

**Permanent Diaconate:**

After a long period of discussion within the diocese Bishop Treanor has given the 'Green Light' for the permanent Diaconate as a ministry of service within the diocese of Down & Connor.

If you are interested please contact Fr John Murray, Vocation Director, at 200 Finaghy Road North, Belfast, or tel 90913761 or office: 95088030, [mail@frmurray.co.uk](mailto:mail@frmurray.co.uk).

Applicants should be male 35 years and older and if married should be married for a least 10 years.

***PRAYING WITH SCRIPTURE IN LENT***

*An invitation to married couples.*

*Would you like to spend 5 Tuesday evenings in*

*Lent praying together, along with others couples?*

*The 5 sessions of Lectio Divina will commence on*

***Tuesday 11th March and will conclude on Tuesday 8th April.***

*If you are interested please contact Máire Fitzpatrick on 07895098358.*

**St Anne's SVDP Accounts**

Copies of the Yearly Accounts are available in the church porch if you wish to take a copy home or view on the notice board.

**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

**Climb Slemish.....**

from St Patrick's Church, The Braid after 11am Mass on: **St Patrick's Day.** The walk will be supervised and refreshments will be served on return to the church. (For further details contact Fr Gabriel Lyons)