

# St. Anne's Parish



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## **Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 20<sup>th</sup> July 2014 Year A Psalter Week 4**

### **First Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19**

This passage has possible undercurrents of dialogue with philosophical ideas which undergirds this particular expression of faith in the God of Israel. Firstly, there is a description in legal terms – almost as a monarch who judges in fairness and sovereignty. Yet that is not all. God is more than a fair judge – powerful yet showing forbearance and understanding.

### **Responsorial Psalm: 85**

#### **O Lord, you are good and forgiving –**

This dramatic language here is both consoling and challenging. It is a call to interiority and to a sense that true prayer is that sign of the Spirit deep within us which is intercessory of its nature. While the reassurance that the Spirit within us can pray deeply when we cannot seem to find the means to do so seems consoling., this is also challenging as this prayer will be for the transformation that we really need rather than what we might imagine our needs are.

### **Gospel: Matthew 13: 24:43**

This Gospel today has a classic Jewish teaching structure of this second Temple period. Initially we have the three parables – one in story form (the darnel and the wheat) and then two straight comparisons (the mustard seed and the leaven). The message behind all three is that the Kingdom neither depends solely on human effort nor is it automatically and inevitably going to happen anyway.

### **Recently Deceased**

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Ronan Boyle, Mairead Brennan, Ella Robinson, David Dougan & Sarah Tolan who died recently. Clarice Tuite, Sally McCann, Geraldine McGuinness, William Rafferty, Michael Donnelly & Neil McCarney 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.

#### **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.

#### **Action on Hearing Loss**

Is setting up hearing aid clinics in North, South, East and West Belfast to provide practical support to people who wear hearing aids. I am appealing for volunteers to help run the hearing aid clinics in your community. You don't have to know anything about hearing aids to be able to help. You may wear a hearing aid yourself, or not. All you need is a willingness to help and to be able to give up 2 hours a month and we will do all the rest. If you think you can help, please contact Una Mulgrew e: [una.mulgrew@hearingloss.org.uk](mailto:una.mulgrew@hearingloss.org.uk) or t: 07918721704

#### **Parish Office**

Office hours are Monday to Friday **9am – 1pm**

Please leave all items for consideration for inclusion in the bulletin at the office by 1pm each Wednesday.

#### **BODYBUILDERS HOLIDAY CLUB**

28th July - 1st August ..... Primary 1 to 5th Year

St Colmans Church Hall Dunmurry

Monday - Friday 10-Midday, 2-4pm and 7-9pm

Pre-registration Sunday 27th July (3-5pm)

St Colmans Church Hall Dunmurry

BLACK BELTS EXTRA - 4th - 8th August - - 1st - 5th Year

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

*Will continue during July and August 2014.*

If Eucharistic Adorers are on holiday please seek a replacement from your friends.

An opportunity for others to "Come and see" Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

If you are unable to provide a replacement please leave your time of absence on the sheet in the Church porch.

### **St. Oliver Plunkett Talks during Feile and Phobail**

#### **God and Caesar – How should Church and State relate in Ireland today?**

**Fr Tim Bartlett** has been described as one of Ireland's most influential priests of the last 10 years. Former secretary to the Northern Bishops and assistant to Cardinal Brady. Fr Tim has represented the Catholic Church in many public arenas. There will be time for questions and answers afterwards.

**St Oliver Plunkett Parish Hall - Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August 7.00pm**

#### **Victims – A Personal Reflection**

**Monsignor Raymond Murray** is former Chaplain to Armagh Women's Gaol and was more recently to the fore of the campaign to free Marian Price. He has written widely on the roles of the RUC and SAS and other state violence in the Six Counties. Tonight he will speak about different victims of society and the "troubles", illustrating his talk with poems he has written himself.

There will be time for questions and answers afterwards.

**St Oliver Plunkett Parish Hall – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August 7.00pm.**

### **Parish Finance**

**The weekly collection amounted to £1208.32**

*Sincere thanks for your continued generosity*

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

### **Youth 2000 Summer Festival**

Cistercian College, Roscrea Co Tipperary **from 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> August.**

For young people aged 16-35, an opportunity not to be missed to experience our Catholic faith and meet many new people. This Festival has been nicknamed the "Holy Oxygen" with over 1000 young people from all corners of Ireland attending last year. The Festival is donation only. Free buses available from towns throughout Ireland. For more information and to book online see:

[www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie) or phone 003531 6753690 or from NI 07598876399

### **Retired Teacher..... Time To Spare?**

"Unique volunteering opportunities for Retired Teachers to provide 1:1 support to children, with additional educational needs, in primary schools in West and North Belfast. One morning per week is required for a minimum of 15 weeks, full induction will be provided and the start date will be mid September 2014. Please contact Sólás on 02890 247600 or email [anne@solasbt7.com](mailto:anne@solasbt7.com) for further information and registration pack".

### **Reflection: The Vine of Love**

*"Abide in me and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is who bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing".*

The word "abide" is a simple word: "remain", "stay with me" Jesus is saying, "keep close to me". Throughout the scriptures Jesus uses words such as: "follow me", "do as I say", "obey my commands", "search the scriptures", "allow the Spirit to transform you by renewing your mind".

Renewal comes from the Word of God. Love one another, forgive one another, reach out to one another, minister to one another. Those are the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ. But there must be prayer. "Pray the Father" Jesus tells us in this very disclosure, "and he will give you ....."

(John 14-16). Jesus is very clear. We must learn that it is harder to be Christ-like without developing a habit of listening to scriptures, praying with others, loving each other, forgiving each other, worshiping together.

Often we don't expect God to work. We don't trust in him, we prefer to depend wholly on ourselves. But we need to expect God to work, even demand that he do so. There must be a sense of his presence with you, a consciousness that he is willing to work through you and a willingness and patience to let him work in his own way.

I know that in my life it took a very serious illness to stop me and force me to look at my life. Private, personal intimate time with Christ in prayer is, for me essential. Time before the Blessed Sacrament in adoration and time reading and reflecting on the scriptures help me to centre my life on Christ and continually strive to balance all the areas in my life.

"If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you will and it shall be done for you". Here again we have Christ's promise....

**Elizabeth Foley**

### **Parish Golf Outing / Fundraiser**

**Reserve the Date ----- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September**

A Golf Outing to raise funds for St Annes Parish has been arranged for 15<sup>th</sup> September at Balmoral with Tee Off Times available after 1.00pm

It's open to Fourballs and Individual Golfers

(We will arrange fourballs with fellow Parishioners)

All handicaps (and no handicap) welcome.

We are seeking Sponsors for Holes and prizes.

If Interested in playing or sponsorship contact 07904569110