

St. Anne's Parish



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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 17th August 2014 Year A Psalter Week 4

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

This is a most interesting and juxtaposition of verses and the use of verse 1 as a preamble greatly strengthens the already powerful verses 6-7. Before we get to the disturbing challenge that 'foreigners' are going to be saved, we are reminded of the essence of the justice of YHWH, & the desire that we emulate it or at least try. After this marker is put down, the job of work that comes with it acknowledged, then comes a very bitter pill to swallow.

Responsorial Psalm: 66

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you-

Second Reading: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Paul here shows his great & growing grasp of the universal church. One can hear his passion when he savours the integration of all that is 'gentile' into the body Christ. For Paul this is more than teaching, it is a lived reality. Perhaps more than any other he can testify about the road from serious sin to salvation. He knows the deep joy of the return, and wants it for all, including those termed outsiders!

Gospel: Matthew 14: 22-33

What a scene! This poor demented woman is in our face. To be honest, her shouting & screaming is too much. Thankfully the Lord is ignoring her. He is right. The best and only approach, she is out of order. Dis-order. She is showing disrespect for the sacred. She has no sense of boundary. A foreigner who doesn't know her place. Jesus points all this out to her. Matter closed. Not quite, she won't be silenced, we can't blame her, she has nothing to lose but she has great faith.

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Patricia McAreavey & JJ Murphy who died recently.

The Dorothy & Cummings Family, Joe & Hetty McCann, Joe McKenna and John McCullagh 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

Weekday:

Monday 7.30pm

Tues - Sat. 10.00am

Divine Office:

Morning Prayer: Mon. 10.00am

(Followed by Rosary)

Thurs: 10am (followed by Mass)

Confessions:

Saturday after 10.00am Mass

5.30 - 6.15pm

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament:

Wed. & Thurs. 10.30am – 9.00pm

Sat. 10.30am – 12.00 Noon

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.

Parish Office

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

Please leave all items for bulletin into office by 1pm each Wednesday

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 Golf Outing / Fundraiser

Reserve the Date ----- Monday 15th September

A Golf Outing to raise funds for St Annes Parish has been arranged for 15th 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

St. Columban Conference 2014

St. Columban and His Relevance in the 21st Century

29th – 30th August 2014 - Cost €50

The programme will include lectures, discussions and inputs from Columban Groups in Ireland and Europe. Lecturers include Dr Connor Newman, Dr Daibhi O'Cróinín, Dr Alex O'Hara and Fr Billy Swan

Contact Elizabeth McArdle, Columban Ecological Institute, Dalgan, Co Meath

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St. Peter's Cathedral - Vigil for Peace in the Middle East

Please come and join us in prayer for the terrible situations in Iraq, Syria, Palestine and Israel **on Saturday 23rd August** in St Peter's Cathedral. We will begin at 7.30pm with Adoration through to 10.45 pm and finish with a Mass for Peace at 11.00 pm. Different groups will lead us in prayer and reflection during the hours of Adoration. Please come along and show your support.

Parish Finance

The weekly collection amounted to £1859.47

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity

Altar Society: Church Cleaners: Group B this week



Ceili Mór
8pm Saturday 30th August
St. Anne's Parish Centre,

All proceeds to Children in Crossfire - The Christopher Gallagher Malaria Fund
Bean a Ti Maire ui Bhruadair - Raffle – Tombola – Light Supper

Prayers for Christians in Iraq

By the Chaldean Catholic Patriarch of Iraq, His Beatitude Louis Rafael Sake Lord

The plight of our country is deep and the suffering of Christians is severe and frightening. Therefore, we ask you Lord to spare our lives, and to grant us patience & courage to continue our witness of Christian values with trust & hope. Lord, peace is the foundation of life;
Grant us the peace and stability that will enable us to live with each other without fear and anxiety, and with dignity and joy.
Glory be to you forever.

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Since 1960, Viatores Christi has aimed to respond to needs overseas and at home by giving people an opportunity to share their lives and skills with those in need.

People from all backgrounds and professions join VC - people who want to challenge themselves to make a difference in the world, however big or small.

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Come along to our Volunteering Information Session in Belfast

Saturday 23rd August 2014 at 3.00pm St Johns Hall

(behind St Johns church) Falls Road, Belfast.

For more, email colin@viatoreschristi.com call 01-8689986

or visit <http://viatoreschristi.com/events/>

St. Anne's Bridge Club - Reopens on Monday 1st September 2014

Bridge will commence at 7.15pm prompt. Please come early.

BRIEFING NOTE ON TRÓCAIRE'S RESPONSE TO HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN IRAQ (THE PERSECUTION OF CHRISTIANS AND OTHER MINORITIES) 12 August 2014

BACKGROUND - Trócaire, the overseas development agency of the Catholic Church in Ireland, has committed humanitarian aid to respond to the urgent needs of civilians from minority communities including Christians in northern Iraq, who have fled their homes under threat of attack and persecution from the militant group, Islamic State (formerly (ISIS)).

A major humanitarian crisis has unfolded in the region; with 850,000 people fleeing in the last two months alone to escape brutal attacks by IS, as it seeks to extend its control across the region. The total displaced since the start of the year stands at 1.4 million.

IS broke from Al Qaeda in Syria earlier this year and has grown in strength, particularly in Syria, where it has been fighting the regime of Bashar Al Assad. Since early 2014, it has had much of northern Syria under its control. The aim of IS is to create a purely Islamic Sunni Muslim state. It claims authority over all Muslims and aspires to bring much of the Muslim-inhabited regions of the world under its direct political control, beginning with territory in the Levant region, which includes Jordan, Palestine, Lebanon, Cyprus and an area in southern Turkey that includes Hatay.

IS' presence on both sides of the Syria-Iraq border has been building since the beginning of the year and in July a major offensive was launched, which saw it secure a huge amount of territory and advance towards the Iraqi capital of Baghdad. It launched a massive offensive in June 2014 and since then the group has increased its threats of violence in Lebanon and Jordan adding to the fears of populations already hosting 2 million Syrian refugees. The movement is brutal in its treatment of all minorities including Christians, Yazidis and Turkmen.

The lives of thousands of people from minorities in Iraq, including Christians, Yazidis and Turkmen, are in critical danger, as this humanitarian crisis escalates. People trapped in conflict zones or trying to escape are seeking shelter wherever they can find safety, often in churches and temples, and are in urgent need of emergency aid.

TRÓCAIRE'S RESPONSE: - Trócaire has committed an initial €300,000 to support our Caritas partners to respond to this evolving emergency and assess the needs of vulnerable populations, the most pressing of which are food, water and essential living supplies. We echo the call of Pope Francis for prayers for Christians and all other populations that are suffering at the present time.

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