

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.

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.

Have YOU a few hours to spare?.....

Macmillan Cancer Support is currently setting up volunteer-led services of Macmillan Community Helpers across Belfast. We are looking for volunteers to help out and visit people affected by cancer on a regular basis and help with things like light housework and shopping. Volunteers can also provide a befriending role. I would be grateful if you could pass this information on to anyone you feel appropriate. You can find out more by visiting our website: <http://www.macmillan.org.uk/GetInvolved/Volunteer/Volunteering.aspx>

Jesuit Prayer Site

A very helpful Jesuit Prayer Site is available where you can listen to prayer for each day, as well other spiritual helps. www.prayasyougo.com

Youth 2000 Summer Festival

Cistercian College, Roscrea Co Tipperary **from 14th – 17th 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 or phone 003531 6753690 or from NI 07598876399

St. Anne's Parish

**Very Reverend Feargal McGrady, PP**

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ***3rd August 2014 Year A Psalter Week 2***

First Reading: Isaiah 55: 1-3

The passage from the Prophet Isaiah used in today's liturgy is taken from the conclusion of the part traditionally known as the Book of Consolation. There is the promise of abundance of good things from God, not only materially, but also spiritually. Food and drink are symbols of the everlasting covenant. The invitation is to turn to the One who can give all things and quench all hunger and thirst.

Responsorial Psalm: 144

You open wide your hand, O lord, you grant our desires –

Second Reading: Romans 8: 35, 37-38

In this song of thanksgiving, we hear an expression of the author's faith. Some verses earlier, the audience have been reminded that the Spirit of God dwells in them; this is a consolation to those who are experiencing persecution because of their faith. In the fullness of his promise, the disasters of this world do not take us from Christ; death no longer has the final word, in fact it brings us closer to him.

Gospel: Matthew 14: 13:21

The prophecy of the First Reading is fulfilled, as by his actions and words, Jesus calls on the people to come to him and have life. He had touched their hearts as they heard his words: he had opened their minds as they saw his works. In this Gospel, we encounter Jesus seeking a quiet place for himself; yet the crowds hunger so much for him that they come after him. This is another moment where the people see the love of God made visible in Christ.

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:
Peter Elliott, Tony Benson & Joe Webb who died recently.
John Hughes whose months mind occurs at this time.
Sr Joan Lynam & Helena Casey whose anniversaries are at this time and those whose names are in the Book of Remembrance. **May they rest in peace. Amen.**

Hospital Visitors Course

The next Hospital visitors' course run by the NI Healthcare Chaplains' Association (NIHCA) and Edgehill College will run for 10 weeks beginning **Thurs 18th September from 7.30 - 9.30pm** at Edgehill College, Belfast. The course is aimed at lay people who are interested in hospital visitation, either within the local church context or within a chaplaincy context, or who already visit hospitals as part of their church responsibilities. Anyone who may be interested can get further information and an application form from: Mrs Kay Irvine, Edgehill Theological College, 9 Lennoxvale, Tel: 028 9068 6938
Email: kirvine@edgehillcollege.org

Volunteer Needed!

The Team who bring Holy Communion to Park Manor Nursing Home on Sunday mornings need the help of one other member so that the service is only needed by each group of two once in 5 weeks. Hopefully there is someone who would like to assist. Please give your name to Sr Mary or into the Parish Office.
Telephone 028 90610112

Parish Finance

The weekly collection amounted to £1769.70
Sincere thanks for your continued generosity
Altar Society: Church Cleaners: Group D this week

National Grandparents Mass & Blessing

The 8th National Grandparents pilgrimage to Our Lady's shrine at Knock takes place on Sunday 14th September. Blessing of the sick 2.30 pm Mass 3pm. Chief Celebrant Archbishop Charles Brown Papal Nuncio.
Children are invited to compose a prayer for their Grandparents and send to CGA office in Castlebar Street, Westport, Co Mayo.
All prayers will be displayed in the Basilica and blessed during the Mass.

Parish Office

Office hours are Monday to Friday **9am – 1pm**
Please leave all items for bulletin into office by 1pm each Wednesday.

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

Pope Francis Appeals for Prayers for Peace

On Sunday, 20th July, Pope Francis called on the faithful to pray for Christians fleeing the Iraqi city of Mosul, and to “persevere in prayer for those situations of tension and conflict that continue in parts of the Middle East and the Ukraine”.

Prayer leaflets are available in the porch, please take one.

Pax Christi Statement

The tragedy of war and the horrendous suffering of the Syrian people continue without respite. Pax Christi International believes that this armed confrontation – which continues to destabilize the region affecting mostly civilians – can be stopped if the international community focuses on promoting serious political negotiations and discourages violence in all its forms.

The death toll in Syria is over 160,000 people while more than 680,000 people have been injured. Almost half the Syrian population has been displaced, including close to three million people (Source: [UNHCR](#)) who are registered as refugees in neighbouring countries, where resources are not sufficient to fulfill their needs. Nonviolent civilian initiatives thwarted by arms flows fuelling the war Pax Christi International highlights once again that in 2011 thousands of Syrians went into the streets peacefully calling for freedom and reforms. Our movement has continued to support civilians who are trying to address the conflict through nonviolent means and actions. We want to underline the important efforts being made by peaceful Syrians to sustain the fabric of society. Those courageous women and men are essential to the new Syria that is in the making. However, international actors – including governments – are fuelling the armed conflict by supplying or financing weapons and ammunitions, training combatants and even sending military contingents to one or more sides. **Some think-tanks** have made efforts to document arms transfers but, in general, there is a serious lack of accountability in this regard. The European Union imposed an arms embargo on the Syrian government that lasted for only a few months.

Pax Christi International believes that peace is possible and echoes the words of Pope Francis, who has called on Syria and the international community to “boldly negotiate the peace long awaited and long overdue.

For further information view the Pax Christi Website.

LIVING YOUTH

A group of 44 young people and leaders from across the Diocese will travel on pilgrimage to Rome from 4th – 8th August 2014. Your prayers are asked for the success of the pilgrimage as we connect with the roots of our Catholic faith and support each other on our faith journey. While in Rome we will pray for the intentions of those at home.

A key-ring with two keys and a tesco clubcard fob has been found on church property, if you have lost this item contact the parish office 9am-1pm weekdays .