

St. Anne's Parish



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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 26th October 2014 Year A Psalter Week 2

First Reading: Ezekiel 22:20-28

This reading comes from what is known as the covenant code that lays down the conditions for Israel and reveals the humane nature of the Israelite law code. It advocates being especially attentive to those within the community who are most vulnerable, defenceless or disadvantaged – the foreigner, the widow, the orphan, the poor. For Israel's God is a God who cares for the poor.

Responsorial Psalm: 17

I love you, Lord, my strength -

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

Paul recalls the route taken by the early missionaries. The Good News was effectively spread by the witness of a Christian lifestyle. This process began with Paul himself and his companions. It had such an extraordinary effect that countless people converted from paganism and in turn made a comparable impact on the lives of others. The Christian message is contagious!

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

The Gospel reminds us that the only proper response to a loving and compassionate God is to love him with all our heart and our neighbor as ourselves. This in a nutshell is what Christianity is all about. That is why there is something askew about the lives of those who claim to love God, but care nothing about their neighbor or those who exhaust themselves working for a better world but never think of God or pray to him.

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Elizabeth O'Hanlon who died recently

Mary King & Desmond Hughes whose months mind occurs at this time.
Pat Sheals, Marion McKee, Mark Boyle, Terence Nash & Mollie Roberts 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:

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.

KUDOS ACADEMY

P6/7 Maths and English Tuition in St. Anne's Parish Hall. Now taking bookings for Primary 6 children for classes in February 2015. Classes will be on Tuesday 4.30pm - 5.45pm and from 6.00pm - 7.15pm. Visit www.kudosacademy.org

Church of St Michael the Archangel

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

For 32 hours of Adoration - Will take place

Friday 14th & Saturday 15th November 2014

Starting with 10am Mass on Friday

Finishing with the 6.30pm Mass on Saturday

Tobar Mhuire Retreat House, Crossgar

Loss and Blessings: Saturday 9th November.

November is a time when we remember loved ones who have died. At times we are too hurt or too busy looking after others to reflect upon the blessings we have received from those who have died. This day of prayer; reflection and symbols, will be a chance to take time aside; to reflect upon the memory of those who have died, and to give thanks for those who have touched our lives. Come aside and join us. You are welcome to bring a picture or memento of the person you are remembering. Time: 10.30am – 4pm. Lunch provided.

Suggested Offering: £20 to include tea/coffee and light lunch

Contact the secretary at 02844830242 to book your place.

Trócaire

Is holding a special Mass for the dead on Thursday **13th November** at 7:30pm in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Ormeau Road. The Mass is in memory of all those generous people who have supported Trócaire throughout the years. There will be light refreshments afterwards. Please come along to remember your loved ones and honor their commitment to a just world. Contact Joseph O'Neill on 02890 808030 or joneill@trocaire.ie for more information.

Trócaire also seeks volunteers to help sell their gifts at Christmas time.

Looking for a way to get into the true spirit of Christmas? Trócaire Gifts are the perfect way to give a gift that will make a real difference to the lives of some of the world's poorest people. Trócaire is asking for volunteers to sell these gifts in their parish either after Mass or at a parish event during the month of December.

If you are interested please contact Joseph O'Neill for details on how to get involved. Tel: 02890 808030 or email: joneill@trocaire.ie

Our Rosary Mission

The Rosary Mission continues Saturday evenings after 6.30pm Mass – from **7.40pm – 8.10pm**

Some reflections. Praying each decade of the Rosary for that evening. Every evening we will light candles for all our intentions, for the world's needs, and place the candles at the altar of Our Lady of Fatima.

Saturday, 25th October: Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries.

St Vincent de Paul

Christmas Cards will be on sale weekend of **2nd & 9th November**

LIVING YOUTH Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia Team 2015:

Following on from our successful Habitat for Humanity projects over the past two years Living Youth is excited to announce recruitment for another youth team due to travel to Ethiopia next summer. Provisional dates: **20 July - 3 August**

2015. Applicants should be **18 years or over** and all team members will be expected to contribute to the cost of the trip as well as engage in an extensive fundraising campaign. For more information and details of online applications please contact: **Claire Smylie*** (028 90232432 8 info@livingyouthni.org

Closing Date for Applications: **Monday 3rd November 2014**

Fatima Statue Home Visitation

The Legion of Mary has three Fatima statues which may be brought to parishioners homes. One statue is usually left in the home for a week to promote family prayer, especially the Rosary. A Fatima statue is now on display in the Church porch. If you wish to have a Fatima statue, please leave your name, address and contact number with one of the Legion of Mary members after Mass today.

The Feast of All Saints – Holy Day of Obligation

Saturday 1st November

Vigil Mass: Friday, 31st October at 7.30pm

All Saints Day : Saturday 1st November, Mass at 10.00 am

The Feast of All Souls

Sunday 2nd November (Sunday Mass times as usual)

A special plenary indulgence can be gained on All Souls Day, by visiting a Church, reciting one Our Father and the Creed, receive Holy Communion and praying one additional Our Father and Hail Mary for the intentions of our Pope.

Mass of Remembrance

A special Mass for the families and friends of those who died in the parish during the past year will be held on **Monday 10th November at 7.30pm.**

Refreshments afterwards in church porch. Members of the Bereavement Team will be present if you would like to speak to them.

St Anne's One World Group

Fairtrade & Secondhand Book Stall after all masses next weekend.

1st & 2nd November - **Traidcraft Goods, cards etc. will be available & a wide range of S/H Books, Tea Coffee and Juice.** Come along & show your support

NOVEMBER - Month of the Holy Souls

Many people choose to abstain from alcohol for the month of November and offer their sacrifice for their deceased loved ones.

If you wish to take the short-term pledge for November please contact www.pioneersassociation.ie or telephone Pioneer Office on 028 90894070

November Dead Lists

During November, Masses are offered for all those whose names are included on the November Dead lists. Envelopes and lists are available in the porch. Please place completed lists in the basket provided – all envelopes are opened and offerings are gratefully acknowledged

Ceili Dance Class

Is now in full swing every **Wednesday night** at 8.30pm in the Parish Centre

St Anne's Conference of S.V.D.P. Senior Citizens are warmly invited to Christmas Lunch in the Balmoral Hotel on **Sunday 7th December at 1pm.**

Contact Tom Mulligan on 028 90628286 with your name and telephone number

Parish Finance

The weekly collection amounted to £1814.22

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity

Altar Society: Church Cleaners: Group D this week.