

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.

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 none) welcome. We are seeking Sponsors for Holes and prizes.

If Interested in playing or sponsorship contact 07904569110

The Children's Liturgy Programme

Will resume on the **13/14th September** at the 6 30 and 12 noon Mass. The
programme is for children in P2 –P7. To participate, children must be registered.

Even if they registered last year, it is important to register again this year. To
facilitate this, members of the team will be at the church doors at the 6 30 and 12
noon Mass this weekend and next. Registration forms will be left in the porch for
families attending the ten o'clock Mass.

For various reasons some of last year's leaders are unable to return to the team
this year. We thank them for their hard work and commitment and wish them
well in the future.

New volunteers are now required. Anyone aged sixteen and over is most
welcome. We encourage parents in particular to participate in this valuable work.
If interested please give your name and contact details to any member of the team
or contact the parish office.

St. Anne's Parish

**Very Reverend Feargal McGrady, PP**

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time *31st August 2014 Year A Psalter Week 2*

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

One might have thought that when one embraced YHWH, or at least accepted his
word, there would follow obvious and bountiful blessing. Well not according to
these musings in Jeremiah. What he encounters is nothing short of a horror story
& he suffers hugely. Is this the reward for YHWH's faithful? This explains the
reluctance of the prophet, and the ensuing persecution they inevitably experience.

Responsorial Psalm: 62

For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God –

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2

It is in the context of the cost of discipleship that Paul pulls no punches. In the
opening verses of this chapter, he encourages, exhorts, seeks to inspire but he does
not dodge the word 'sacrifice'. Given his audience's background in temple
sacrifice the inherent demand for a complete self-giving is unavoidable. Having
said this, the context developed by Paul here is around the building up of the
Christian community, including challenges such as love of one's enemies.

Gospel: Matthew 16: 21-27

Close and careful reading of the text reminds us that each is called to carry his or
her own cross. The danger is that we make a facile link, and a direct comparison,
with the shouldering of the Cross by Jesus. This is important for many reasons but
crucially that we are the sinners, Jesus is the Saviour. In the words of Eliot, Jesus
embraces the condition of complete simplicity 'costing not less than anything'

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Jimmy Graham who died recently.

Neil McCarney, Louise MacSherry

Marie McQuillan, Loretta O'Neill, Brian & Tillie Perry, Ward Family Members

whose anniversaries are at this time and those whose names are in the

Book of Remembrance. *May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Belfast Pioneer Region Annual Mass

Tuesday 16th September 2014 in the Holy Family Church,
Newington Avenue, Antrim Road, Belfast 15 beginning at **7.30pm**.
Anyone wishing to be presented with gold, silver or other Pioneer emblems
please contact Pat (Ph. 9262 9959), Josephine (ph.9061 7116) or
The Pioneer office (Ph. 9089 4070) for details.

KRAZI BAKER (MARK DOUGLAS)

Griddle Baking Demonstration

Recent Gold Star winner at the UK Great Taste Awards 2014
At; St Anne's Parish Centre on **Friday 12th September 2014** at 7.30pm
Learn to bake traditional Soda bread, pancakes and wheaten bread from an expert.
Tea and Supper £5.00 – Proceeds to Parish funds



Arising from the Diocesan Pastoral Plan our first Faith & Life Convention will be taking place on Saturday 20th September 2014 in Our Lady and Saint Patrick's College, Knock under the title :

“Living the faith to make a difference”.

The keynote speaker for the day will be John Allen Jr (Religion Correspondent of the Boston Globe). There will be an opportunity for a panel discussion and an essential element of the day will be the afternoon workshops which will explore the place of faith in many different areas of our lives. Attendance at the day is by registration only. Registration forms are available on www.downandconnor.org or by contacting the Living Church Office 028 90690920.

Cost: £20 per person (incl. Lunch & Refreshments)

Parish Finance

The weekly collection amounted to £1663.78

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity

Altar Society: Church Cleaners: Group D this week

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

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

“Free NHS Stress Control Classes by CBT Therapists from the Belfast Trust will commence on Monday 15th September in the Skainos Centre on the Lower Newtownards Road and on Thursday **18th September** in the Falls Road Library. Classes run from 6.30pm-8pm. There is no need to book, just turn up on the night.

Bring along a friend or family member if you wish. Check out details of these classes and classes run throughout Northern Ireland on the Stress Control NI Face

Book Page – <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Stress-Control-NI/1408626045945313>

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Public Consultation on Proposed Amendment to Criminal Justice Bill

The Justice Committee is currently running a public consultation seeking the public's view and comments on the proposed amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill. The proposed amendment introduces a new offence for ending the life of an unborn child. Submissions should be sent by email to

justice.bill@niassembly.gov.uk, or by post to: The Committee Clerk, Room 242, Parliament Buildings, Ballymiscaw, Stormont, Belfast, BT4 3XX.

Closing date for written submissions is Friday 12th September 2014

For further details on the Criminal Justice Bill and the consultation process, please see the following link: <http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/Assembly-Business/Committees/Justice/Legislation---Committee-Stage-of-Bills/The-Justice-Bill-Committee-Stage/>

GIFT PROGRAMME Growing in Faith Together

This New initiative is being rolled out in the Diocese and is designed especially for pupils in post primary education starting with Year 8 pupils. GIFT is a fun, interactive Programme that provides young people with a positive experience of faith, enhances their connection with the Parish community after Confirmation and affirms the on-going faith formation of the entire Parish Community.

Contact the Parish Office or a member of the Parish Council or Welcome Team.

St Anne's One World Group

Will hold their Fairtrade & Secondhand Book Stall in the Parish Centre after all masses next weekend 6th & 7th September. *All the usual Traidcraft Goods, cards etc. will be available.* Please come along and show your support

A Service of Hope, Healing and Love

In the week of World Suicide Prevention Day will be held in Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Newcastle, County Down. Sunday 14th September 2014 at 3.00pm. This Service is for everyone, those concerned about suicide, those who may be in crisis and those who have been bereaved or affected by suicide. People of all faiths or none are welcome. Please join us in the Parish Centre afterwards for light refreshments. If anyone wishes to speak confidentially to someone who is experienced in supporting others, this will also be available.

St Anne's Primary School

The school reopens for P2-P7 children on Monday 1st September.

Nursery and P1 pupils have separate arrangements for intake.

St Peter's Cathedral

There will be Holy Hour on Thursday 4th September 2014 7pm -8 pm in the Cathedral to thank God for the gift of the Eucharist and to pray for priests and vocations. All are most welcome.