Celebrating the Liturgy

Weekend Mass Times: Confessions:

Sat. (Vigil) 6.30pm Saturday after 10.00am Mass

Sunday: 10.00am & 12 Noon 5.30 - 6.15pm

Weekday: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament:

Monday 7.30pm Wed. & Thurs. 10.30am – 9.00pm

Tues - Sat. 10.00am Sat. 10.30am – 12.00 Noon

Divine Office: Marriage:

Morning Prayer: Mon. 10.00am 6 months notice required

(Followed by Rosary) Please contact Fr McGrady

Thurs: 10am (followed by Mass)

Baptism:

1st & 3rd Sundays of the month at 1.15pm

Contact the parish office to book - One month's notice is required.

St. Anne's Primary School and Nursery Unit - Enrolment

in Nursery Unit and Primary 1 for September 2015.

Nursery

Children born on or between 02/07/11 and 01/07/12 are eligible to apply for a place in a pre-school education provider. Listed below are the dates for the Nursery Unit Open Days. Application forms and the school prospectus will be available from 1st December from the school office. The closing date for applications for a Nursery place is **Wednesday 14th January 2015**, by 12 noon.

Nursery Open Days – Tuesday 2nd December 2014, 2.30 – 3.30pm Tuesday 9th December 2014, 2.30 – 3.30pm (Please park in the church car park and proceed to the Nursery Unit)

Primary 1

Children born on or between 02/07/10 and 01/07/11 must begin their Primary education in September 2015. Listed below are the dates for the Primary 1 Open Days. Application forms and the school prospectus will be available from 1st December from the school office. The closing date for applications for a Primary 1 place is: **Wednesday 14th January 2015, by 12 noon.**

<u>Primary 1 Open Days</u> – Thursday 4th December 2014, 1.00 – 2.00pm
Thursday 8th January 2015, 1.00 – 2.00pm
(Tour begins at 1.00pm, Principal's address at 1.45pm.
Park in the church car park and proceed to the Main School Office, Block D

St. Anne's Parish

Very Reverend Feargal McGrady, PP

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First Sunday of Advent 30th November 2014 Year A Psalter Week 1

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16-17,64:1,3-8

Isaiah identifies with a people who have become aware of their need of God because all else has failed them – "You are our Father, our Redeemer.". The people have sinned and abandoned God and now discover in their exile that there is only one God who really cares about them and that they are the work of his hands. It is only when they feel his absence they realise how much they need him.

Responsorial Psalm: 79

God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved -

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Paul is acknowledging the giftedness of the Corinthian community and how they use their gifts to give witness to Jesus Christ. He acknowledges their unity in the faith and asures them that their faith will sustain them through the difficulties of life. For Paul, a life of faith must be a life of witness. Faith must be seen and heard.

Gospel: Mark: 13:33-37

In the early life of the church there was an understanding that the Lord Jesus would come in glory soon. There was an anticipation that he would come back in their lifetime. Be alert, stay awake, be ready for the day of the Lord's coming. That call of the evangelist in today's Gospel is made to us today. Be alert, be awake because the Lord is very near.

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Xiao Chien who died recently.

Moira Tweed, MaryMurphy, Frank & Margaret Donaghy

Louise MacSherry, Frankie MacNally

whose anniversaries are at this time and all those whose names are in the Book of Remembrance. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Advent Programme

First Sunday of Advent 30th November

United Advent Service of Dunmurry Churches Together – 30th November 6.30pm in St Colman's Church of Ireland

You will be very welcome to this Advent Service with our fellow Christians It is an expression of our desire to Pray and Worship Together in preparation for Christmas.

Second Sunday of Advent 7th December

Evening Prayer in Honour of Our Lady at 7.00pm with the Traditional Choir

Monday 8th December Feast of the Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation

Mass at 10.00 am - Traditional Choir 7.30pm Mass - Latin hymns

Third Sunday of Advent 14th December 2014

Parish Penitential Service at **7.00pm** with Folk Group Visiting priests will be in attendance

St Anne's Pioneer Centre

Request your used stamps for the Missions. Box provided in porch. Many Thanks.

LIVING YOUTH – The youth ministry groups within our Diocese are coming together to stage a series of events for our young adults 18-25 years. Our Christmas special is on **Friday 12th December** 2014 7.30pm – late. Music, entertainment, coffee, buns and faith. Go on-line to find out more and book your ticket – www.essenceevents.org.

St. Anne's Branch of Apostolic Work

are selling ballots for a beautiful Christmas Hamper to raise funds for the Priests and Nuns working in the Missions. Ballots can be bought after the 10 and 12 o clock Masses on:

Sunday 30th November.

Draw will take place on Saturday 6th December.

Youth 2000 Ireland

Will be hosting their annual Christmas Retreat in Newbridge College, Newbridge, Co. Kildare from Friday 12th to Sunday 14th December 2014. Over 500 young people from across Ireland (aged 16-35) are expected at this donation only event, with all newcomers very welcome. This is a great opportunity to find out what your faith is all about in a friendly, chilled out atmosphere. Free buses available. Online booking necessary, see www.youth2000.ie

St. Patrick's Parish Lisburn... Trip to Fatima 3rd Sept. 2015 £656 but if paid by 2nd Dec. £536 22nd Jan £576 contact Anne 92670152

Saint Anne's Parish Safeguarding Committee

Our Parish Safeguarding Committee in Saint Annes continues to work with parish volunteers and groups to ensure compliance with Diocesan policies and procedures relating to the protection and safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults.

No volunteer in our Parish in a role with significant contact with children or vulnerable adults can commence their role without going through the formal recruitment and vetting process and attendance at a training session.

The Parish Safeguarding Committee will support any parish group through this process.

A Safeguarding Children Parish Information session will take place on:

Thursday 4th December 7:00pm to 9:00pm in Saint Annes Parish Centre

Under the Down and Connor Child Protection Policy and Procedures Best Practice in Safeguarding Children and Young People it is compulsory that any volunteer attend this session before commencing their role.

Could leaders please forward the names of volunteers who would be attending this session to the Parish Office.

Members of the Safeguarding Committee may be contacted through the Parish Office , information and advice is also available in the information posters in the porch of the Chapel .

Philip O'Hara, Fr Feargal McGrady, Mary Devlin, Peter McIlvenny

St Anne's One World Group

Will hold their Fair Trade Stall in the Parish Centre after all Masses next weekend, 6th & 7th December. A large selection of Christmas goods, gifts, cards etc will be available as well as the second-hand book stall. Trocaire Global Gifts will also be on sale. Ballots for the Hamper will be on sale.

St Paul's Missal – 2015

Missals on sale this weekend in Church Porch £5.50 each

St. Anne's Conference of S.V.D.P. Senior Citizens are warmly invited to our Annual Christmas Lunch in Balmoral Hotel on **Sunday 7**th **December at 1pm.** Contact Tom Mulligan on 028 90628286 with your name and telephone number.

Parish Finance

The weekly collection amounted to £2145.52 Sincere thanks for your continued generosity

Altar Society: Church Cleaners: Group A this week.

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.