

St. Anne's Parish



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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 28th December 2014 Year A Psalter Week 1

First Reading: Genesis 15: 1-6, 21:1-3

“Do not be afraid” is a recurring theme in Scripture. So many encounters are prefaced with the greeting or variations of same. Still we can find it next to impossible not to be afraid. Things seem beyond us, hopeless at times, and we battle for composure. Yet God's promise to Abram and Sarah is fulfilled. Their fears, though real, had no place in God's plan for them... or us!

Responsorial Psalm: 104

He, the Lord, is our God. He remembers his covenant forever -

Second Reading: Hebrews 18:11-12

Faith is at the heart of this text. Where there is real and lived faith, response to God's call is not far behind. The repeated use of examples of faith serve to deepen awareness of the invitation offered us to believe. The examples coming from one family's story bring us to a place of recognizing faith within the home, within the family unit and the need to hand on that faith.

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

The young couple bring their child to present him in the temple. Like Abraham, they're not sure what is expected but they follow the given instructions. It's noteworthy that their offering represents that of a poor couple since the expectation was a lamb and a turtle dove or pigeon but, if means did not allow, the parents could bring two birds instead. There's an alignment with the poor here.

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Maureen McDonagh who died recently.

Brendan McGarrigle, Susan & Seamus Lavery, Molly Rainey, Jimmy Torney, Walter Steele, Michael Ewings, Frank & Teresa Small whose anniversaries are at this time and all 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.

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. Application forms and the school prospectus are available from the school office. The closing date for applications for a Nursery place is Wednesday 14th January 2015- 12 noon.

Primary 1

Children born on or between 02/07/10 and 01/07/11 must begin their Primary education in September 2015. Listed below is the final date for the Primary 1 Open Day. Application forms and the school prospectus are available from the school office. The closing date for applications for a Primary 1 place is:

Wednesday 14th January 2015, by 12 noon.

Primary 1 Open Days – Thursday 8th January 2015, 1.00 – 2.00pm

(Tour begins at 1.00pm, Principal's address at 1.45pm. Please park in the church car park and proceed to the Main School Office, Block D)

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 Finance

The weekly collection amounted to £2159.73

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity

Altar Society: Church Cleaners: **Group A** this week

Christmas & New Year Blessings

As we celebrate the Great Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Sr Mary and I would like to thank you all sincerely for your prayers, help and generous support throughout this past year. May you all have a Blessed, Happy and Grace filled Christmas & New Year May the Christ Child bring to birth Consolation in the hearts of all those bereaved or suffering over the past year. You are in our thoughts and prayers during the Christmas Masses. May God Bless You All. Fr Feargal & Sr Mary

Lectio Divina

Resumes Wednesday, 14th January after Morning Mass.
The evening Lectio resumes on 21st January at 7.30pm.

Gift Programme Party

Has been postponed until January, we wish all our participants a very Happy & Holy Christmas. Further information to follow.

Crib Donations

The nominated Charity for this year's Crib donations is the Order of Malta for the Bethlehem Maternity Hospital. The hospital provides an indispensable service to the people of Bethlehem and the surrounding area by offering the only place for women to give birth under good medical conditions.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Will finish on Saturday, 20th December and resume on Wednesday, 7th January

St Paul's Missal & Diocesan Directory 2015....

On sale this weekend, Missal £5.50 & Directory £3

Liturgy Team Meeting

Tuesday 20th January, 7.30pm in Parochial House.

Baptism Team Meeting

Wednesday, 21st January at 6.30pm in Parochial House.

St Mary's Christian Brothers Grammar School

Open Night, Thursday 15th January at 7.30pm

All enquiries to the Principal 028 90294000 or www.stmaryscbgs.com

ADVANCE NOTICE

A Journey Through The Bible

Think about doing the course here in our Parish Hall on 5 Friday Nights during Lent from 7 – 8.30pm

Resources available and further information to follow.

St Malachy's College

Will hold two Open Nights for prospective pupils on Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th January Pupils in P6 are welcome to attend on Thursday evening. If you have any queries please contact us on 028 90748285 or email us at correspondent @stmalachys.belfast.ni.sch.uk

Our Lady & St Patrick' College, Knock

Open Morning for Year 7 Pupils and Parents
Saturday, 10th January 9.15am 12.30pm
Principal's Address 9.30am and 11am

LIVING YOUTH:

Summer Pilgrimage. Are you 17-23? Why not join us as we journey to celebrate the life and mission of St Columbanus in Milan, Piacenza, Bergamo and Bobbio. 2nd – 7th August 2015. £690 includes flights, transfers, accommodation, half board, t-shirts and hoodie. Application forms available from the Living Youth website www.livingyouthni.org. Closing date: Thursday 29th January 2015.

De La Salle College... Open Night – Tuesday 13th January at 7.00pm

Stress Control Classes

If you or some one dear to you is suffering from stress please come along or encourage them to come along and get the help that is available:

The Belfast Trust are offering free Stress Control Classes
Skainos Centre, 239 Newtownards Road Monday evenings 6.30pm – 8pm
12th January – 16th February

Or

Falls Road Library

Thursday Evenings 6.30pm – 8pm
15th January – 19th February

Or

Linen Hall Library

Performance Area – Level Three
(Entrance via Fountain Street)

Wednesday's

14th January – 18th February