

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. 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.**

Primary 1 Open Days – 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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Second Sunday of Advent 7th December 2014 Year A Psalter Week 2

First Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11

We all need to be consoled at some stage and there are times when we need to console others. The voice speaking in the wilderness is hopeful. One of the best ways that we can console is to offer hope, hope that pain will be healed, hope for forgiveness or hope to be able to overcome sadness or loss.

Responsorial Psalm: 84

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help -

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

The last sentence of the reading sums up what we should be doing with the time God gives us in this world. The world as we know it may not last forever but it might last longer than we think. If we are waiting for something dramatic to happen it may not happen on our timescale but by waiting God is giving us time so that God will find us at peace.

Gospel: Mark: 1: 1-8

I find it difficult to express my admiration for John the Baptist; basically I am a great fan. There are a number of reasons but the main one is that people flocked to the wilderness to listen to him. Some only went out of curiosity to have a look at the man who lived in the wilderness and ate locusts and wild honey, but others went because he had something to say which was worth hearing. We have good news to tell, how can we tell it, how can we make ourselves heard in a world that doesn't always listen but did everybody want John the Baptist to be heard?

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Sean Butler, Una Crudden, Philomena Tait & Enda Flannelley who died recently.
Bridgid Nulty whose months mind is at this time.

Harry McCann, John Bridget & Ellen Browne, James Diffin, Thomas & Bridget Patty, Thomas & Alice McAuley, Patrick & Kathleen McAuley, Thomas & Molly McAuley and Patrick Patty 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

Second Sunday of Advent 7th December at 7.00 pm

Evening Prayer in Honour of Our Lady 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

Fourth Sunday of Advent 21st December 2014

Service of Light – Christian Life Community 7.00pm

St Paul's Missal – 2015

Missals on sale this weekend in Church Porch **£5.50 each**

St. Anne's Branch of Apostolic Work

Ballots for a beautiful Christmas Hamper

Draw will take place on Saturday 6th December.

St Anne's One World Group

Traidcraft Stall in the Parish Centre after all Masses this weekend.

Christmas goods, gifts, cards etc available and *Second-hand Bookstall.*

Don't forget your Trocaire Gifts will also be on sale.

Make sure you don't miss the Hamper Ballot after the 12 noon Mass.

Ceili Dance Class - Term ends on Wednesday 10th December

Please come and join us for; Christmas Party, Fundraising Ballot etc. in aid of St Bernadette's Children's Centre in Lima Peru.

Recommence on Wednesday 7th January 2015 at 8.30PM. ALL WELCOME

LIVING YOUTH – The Diocesan youth ministry groups are coming together to stage a series of events for our young adults 18-25 years. Christmas special

Friday 12th December 2014 7.30pm – late. In St Anne's Parish Centre.

Go on-line to find out more and book your ticket – www.essenceevents.org.

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

Parish Finance

The weekly collection amounted to £2561.79

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity

Altar Society: Church Cleaners: **Group B** this week.

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 Peter's Cathedral

The Cathedral Clergy, Director of Music and Schola Cantorum invite you to a service of Advent Readings and Carols by Candlelight on Sunday 14th December 2014 at 4.30pm.

CANTIUNCULAE CHRISTMAS

An evening of Christmas Carols, Readings and Music in aid of : MacMillan Cancer Care - 8pm **Thursday 11th December 2014**
St John's Malone.

Dunmurry History & Heritage Group

Next Meeting will be held in Beechlawn Hotel, Dunmurry on:

Monday 15th December at 11 am. Speaker Paul Clements

NI Hospice - Lights to Remember Appeal

The appeal focuses on a very special Christmas tree at Hospice, lit by thousands of lights, all individually sponsored. The appeal this year is extra special as we hope to raise funds towards the rebuild of our Hospice at Somerton House.

The Lights ceremony will take place on 18th December.

Refreshments at 6.30pm. Lights ceremony at 7.30pm at Dominican College, Fortwilliam, Belfast, followed by a torchlight procession to Hospice on Somerton Road where the tree lights will be switched on at 8.15pm.

Sponsor a light on the Hospice tree in memory of your loved one, or make a donation, and help us continue caring for local people facing terminal illness this Christmas and beyond.

To sponsor a light or find out more call 028 9077 7123 or visit nihospice.org

Candlelight Christmas - A Christmas Evening Concert

7.45 pm Sunday 21st December 2014 St Patrick's Church Dungannon
Fra Fee, Liam Lawton and Karl McGuckin with Edendork St Malachy's Youth Choir. Proceeds to Church funds, donations School Aid Romania.
Tickets- £15 - Available at Dungannon Parish Office. Newell Stores Coalisland
Online- www.ticketsource.co.uk/candlelightchristmas

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.