

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 will be published next week.

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity

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

St. Anne's Parish



Very Reverend Feargal McGrady, PP

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The Second Sunday of Christmas 4th January 2015 Year B Psalter Week 2

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus (Sirach) 24:1-2, 8-12

Obedience to God's word is the root of wisdom. Hearing, heeding and responding to that word are the combined source of peace and stability in life. We too are called to minister before him and behold him in the Holy Tabernacle. In the midst of his people we find our path.

Responsorial Psalm: 23

Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord -

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-18

There is a pattern of prayer at work in this reading. Firstly an acknowledgement of God's continued presence and action in the world. Then reference to his people and how they have reacted to the received word. Finally a prayer offered for God's people – a prayer of intercession and gratitude.

Gospel: John 1:1-18

This is called the prologue to the Gospel of John. As such it sets out to give an overview of what will be discussed in the chapters and verses to follow. Taking us back, before we can proceed, it reminds us of God's eternal presence and of Jesus' central place in that presence. We hear the lovely description of him being a light in the dark, more than that, a light that darkness could not overpower. John's key role in preparing the way is alluded to as is the role of Mary; though not mentioned, she is the one who paved the way for the Word to become flesh.

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Sean Heery and all whose anniversaries are at this time and all those whose names are in the Book of Remembrance.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

New Year Blessings

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 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 at this time

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 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 Sat., 10th January 9.15am 12.30pm
Principal's Address 9.30am and 11am

De La Salle College... Open Night –

Tuesday 13th January at 7.00pm – Address by Principal at 7.00 pm

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.

Welcomes You To Their Annual Conference

Friday 16th 6pm — Sunday 18th January, 2015 2pm

“Surprised by Mercy: the Vision of Pope Francis – pastoral, spiritual, cultural”.

With Fr. Michael Paul Gallagher sj. in

Dromantine Retreat & Conference Centre, Newry, Co. Down

Residential: £150.00, Non-Residential: £100.00, Saturday Only: £50.00

Dromantine Conference Centre on 02830821964 Early Booking Essential.



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 – 19th February

Or

Linen Hall Library Performance Area – Level Three (Entrance, Fountain Street)

Wednesday's 14th January – 18th February