

# St. Anne's Parish



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## ***The Baptism of the Lord 11<sup>th</sup> January 2015 Year B Psalter 1***

### **First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-11**

In biblical times, kings often celebrated the inauguration of their reign by providing a great banquet for their people. Isaiah uses this metaphor to describe how God, the divine king, provides a rich banquet to invite Israel into relationship. The people of Israel should turn to God "while he may be found -while he is near"

### **Responsorial Psalm: 12**

***With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation –***

### **Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-9**

The life of faith is like a life within a family. God is the parent in this family; believers are brothers and sisters. As in any healthy family, the bonds strengthen through observance of family parameters – here God's commandments which "are not burdensome". The references to water point to the baptism that revealed Jesus as the Christ and Son of God at the beginning of his earthly ministry.

### **Gospel: Mark 1:7-11**

The readings of the Christmas season offer a progression in the story of the manifestation of Jesus as the Chosen One of God. Mark's real concern in this passage is Jesus' identity. The signs that accompany his baptism acknowledge Jesus as the Son of God.

### **Recently Deceased**

*Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:*

Philip Clarke, Renee Collins, Gerard Burke, Patrick D McCaughan & Paul Campbell who died recently

Mary Loughran whose months mind occurs at this time

Michael Ewings, Charles & Jim O'Rawe, Sean & Lily McGettigan,

Celine Stolberg, Alex & Gertrude Warde, Jimmy & Annie Catney,

Deirdre Durkan 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.**

### **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:**

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### **Liturgy Team Meeting**

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January, 7.30pm in Parochial House.

### **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 was £2192.37**

**The Christmas Collection was £4499.00**

**The Crib Collection was £420.48**

*Sincere thanks for your continued generosity*

*Altar Society, Church Cleaners: Group C this week.*

### **Thank you from The Ministry of Welcome**

The Ministry of Welcome would like to thank the Parishioners for taking part in the Christmas gatherings after the Masses the weekend before Christmas. We trust that you all enjoyed the festive food and drinks.

Our grateful thanks also to those who worked very hard throughout the weekend and help make it such a success.

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to those Parishioners who generously provided buns, mince pies, tins of biscuits, lemonade and sweets which went down a treat.

**Wishing all our Parishioners both Peace and Happiness at Christmas and into the New Year.**

### ***Creating Pastoral Communities***

Looking to the future Bishop Treanor is calling the diocese to create new Pastoral Communities. This is part of a dynamic which began with the Listening Process of 2011. This new proposal is guided both by the vision of a co-responsible Church focused on mission and the realities which are manifested by the findings of the Diocesan Review which took place last Spring. The Diocese is currently engaged in a process to determine the boundaries of our new Pastoral Communities. You are invited to read the Consultation Document available on the Diocesan Website [www.downandconnor.org](http://www.downandconnor.org)

### **Bodybuilders Weekly returns!!**

Wednesday 14th January 2015  
St Colmans Church Hall, Dunmurry 6:15-7:30pm  
New and old faces welcome

### **Rathmore Grammar School**

Open Day - Saturday 24 January 2015  
9.30am to 1.00pm  
Address by Principal at 9.30am and 11.00am

### **Aquinas Diocesan Grammar School**

Open Morning - Saturday 17th January 9.30am to 1.00pm  
The Principal, Mr Barry Kelly will deliver his speech to prospective parents and children at 9.30am and 11.30am  
Everyone welcome.

### **KUDOS ACADEMY**

P6/7 Maths and English Tuition in St. Anne's Parish Hall.  
We have a few places remaining in our classes beginning in February 2015.  
Classes will be held on Tuesday from 4.30pm - 5.45pm and also from 6.00pm - 7.15pm. Please visit [www.kudosacademy.org](http://www.kudosacademy.org) for more information and to join us.

### **Dunmurry Churches Together**

#### **Christian Unity Service (Church Unity Week 18-25 January)**

Theme of the week is "The Well Is Deep" (John 4)

***This year the Service will be held in Dunmurry Presbyterian Church at 6.30pm on Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> January.***

Pope Francis has been urging Christians to stand together in the face of the undermining of Faith in Christ. We need each other!  
Please give your support to this Service of Worship.

### **Diocesan Youth Commission**

*Annual Church Collection next weekend.*

*Please take a copy of our Newsletter available in the porch!*

#### **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. 2<sup>nd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> August 2015. £690 includes flights, transfers, accommodation, half board, t-shirts and hoodie. Application forms available from the Living Youth website [www.livingyouthni.org](http://www.livingyouthni.org). Closing date: Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

### ***THE WAY OF ST JAMES***

#### **Camino de Santiago - 110 KM**

Sections from the Pyrenees to Santiago

**22<sup>nd</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

6 Nights Hotel Accommodation, with Breakfast and dinner daily; Coach and back-up bus with group throughout; Walk leader with group throughout; All airport and local taxes; Travel insurance included.

Flying from **Dublin Airport**

**COST £715.00 STG (SEATS ARE LIMITED)**

Single room supplement is extra. **£100.00 deposit** secures a seat!

For further details contact:

Jean Reynolds **028 44830979** or email: [jeanreynolds@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jeanreynolds@hotmail.co.uk)

### **Beginning Experience**

**Are you suffering the pain of loss?** Looking for help and understanding? Beginning Experience (a support group for widowed, separated and divorced people) meets every Wednesday from 8pm to 10pm in St Bride's Hall, 38, Derryvolgie Avenue, Malone Rd, Belfast. **Information Evening 14<sup>th</sup> January at 8pm. Support group commences Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2015.**

**Residential Weekend:** Friday 20<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2015 in Drumalis Retreat and Conference Centre, Larne. Application forms available on request.

**For further information please contact Phil Tel: 028 90 207645 or Marie Tel: 07542070835**