

St. Anne's Parish



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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 18th January 2015 Year B Psalter 2

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19

This is the first of two "call and response" stories in today's readings. The Lord calls the boy Samuel and, once he understands this call, his response is total: "here I am". But the Lord has to call Samuel three times before the penny drops, and even then it is Eli who figures out what is happening and best the boy should respond. Without Eli's help Samuel does not understand the call.

Responsorial Psalm: 39

Here I am Lord! I come to do your will –

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20

This reading reminds us of our value as persons, that we are greatly loved by God. We reverence God with our minds and bodies and by our choices and behaviours. The Spirit of God moves within and between us. The people of Corinth have heard the gospel message and struggle to remain faithful to it.

Remaining faithful is not always easy!

Gospel: John 1:35-42

In the third Scripture reading today we hear another story of call and response. Here the invitation to discipleship is aided and abetted by those close to Jesus. John does not hesitate to direct his own disciples towards Jesus. Then Jesus takes the initiative and invites them into his company. He asks them "What are you looking for?" Jesus asks each of us the same question!

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Colette Preshaw who died recently

Gerald Murray, Elizabeth Dynan, Fiona Murray, Catherine McEvoy, Elizabeth & Edward McCrudden, Annie Rodgers, Thomas Hargy 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:

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

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

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. **Support group commences Wed. 21st January 2015.**

Residential Weekend: Friday 20th – Sunday 22nd 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

Liturgy Team Meeting

Tuesday 20th 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 £2546.56

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity

Altar Society, Church Cleaners: Group D this week.

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 for more information and to join us.

Creating Pastoral Communities

As we look towards the future in our diocese we have learned quite a bit from the experience of other dioceses in Ireland and around the world. They have learned that successful communities are focussed on mission, have good working relationships between clergy and laity and a substantial population. They should reflect existing community networks and, in rural areas, they should be gathered around a central hub. You are invited to read the Consultation Document available on the Diocesan Website perhaps paying particular attention to our local proposed Pastoral Community. www.downandconnor.org

“No longer Slaves, but Brothers and Sisters”

World Day of Peace Message 2015 by Pope Francis
Bishop Treanor’s Pastoral Letter on the topic of Slavery & Human Exploitation are available in the porch this weekend. Please take one.

A QUICK JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE IN LENT – THE GREAT ADVENTURE THE JOURNEY IS IN 7/8 SESSIONS, starting the Friday before Lent – **February 13th** at 7.00pm to 9.00pm and continuing each Friday of Lent until **Friday 27th March**

Each Session will include:

- A short prayer
- A 30 minute D.V.D. session
- A group sharing using questions from a Work Book
- Some easy homework
- Final prayer

If you would wish to follow this popular course which is recommended by the Living Church Office, could you please give your name to Rosaleen or Barbara in the Parish Office before Friday 6th February. Phone 028 90610112 or by email ... office@saintannesparish.net. This is a great opportunity to renew your familiarity with the narrative story of God’s relationship with His people – the ups and downs culminating in the coming of our Saviour.

St Anne's PTA

Are holding a Quiz Night on:

Friday **30th January 2015** - **Time: 8pm**

Where: Bridge Suite, The Devenish, Finaghy Road South

Entry is £5 per person payable at the door. Everyone welcome!

We will be running a ballot on the night to raise funds for the Parish Initiative to clear and replant the area in front of St Anne's Parish Church in preparation for First Holy Communions in May and Rev. Conor McCarthy's ordination in June.

Rathmore Grammar School

Open Day - Saturday 24 January 2015 - 9.30am to 1.00pm

Address by Principal at 9.30am and 11.00am

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, 18th 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 VOCATION WEEKEND

Have you ever considered a vocation to the priesthood? Have you felt called to serve Christ in the Church as a priest? If so, take this opportunity to gather with other men who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood. This retreat will create the time and space to help you discern God’s calling in your life.

The retreat will take place in Drumalis Retreat Centre, from:

Friday 13th – Sunday 15th February 2015. If you wish to attend this retreat or would like further information contact: Fr. Kevin McGuckien, 23 Hannahstown Hill, Belfast, BT17 0LT (02890614567) Email: kevinmcguckien@hotmail.com.

.....calling all rush pluckers/weavers..

.St. Bridget's Feast Day is on Sunday Feb. 1st. and we want to celebrate the occasion with the distribution of St. Bridget's Crosses at all Masses that weekend.

So if you can help by making some....we would be so grateful.

Contact me on desdonn@live.co.uk and let me know what you can do.

Diocesan Youth Commission

Annual Church Collection this 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.

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.

TinyLife

The premature baby charity for Northern Ireland

Can you help TinyLife, to help tiny lives?

Would you have a few hours to spare once a week to help support a family with a premature or ill baby in their own home?

We need volunteers in your area.

For further information contact us on 02890 815050 or e-mail marie@tinylife.org.uk