

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.

Coming Events in February

Sunday, 1st February, St Brigid's Day

Monday, 2nd The Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas Day)

Tuesday, 3rd Feast of St Blaise

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.

First Saturday Devotions

Will take place in St Matthias' Church, Glen Road
On Saturday, 7th February

3pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions

4pm Holy Sacrifice of the Mass Do come along and bring a friend.

Parish Finance

The weekly collection was £2122.82

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity

Altar Society, Church Cleaners: Group A this week.

St. Anne's Parish



Very Reverend Feargal McGrady, PP

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 25th January 2015 Year B Psalter 3

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Jonah repents and obeys God. In doing so he brings about a tremendously positive outcome for the Ninevites. Jonah's repentance says something of the nature of all repentance – a change of mind and behavior often involving an openness – here to go to a place of avoidance and fear. It is only in this open state we can discern the will of God and decide to enact it in our lives and become true disciples.

Responsorial Psalm: 24

Lord make me know your ways –

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

In this passage we read of Paul's conviction that the time of Christ's return, the Day of Judgment, and the fulfilment of salvation for that time draws near. To prepare for that time, Paul exhorts all Christians to holy indifference toward the world. All worldly things are fleeting, everything will pass away.

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Today, we begin to read the account of Jesus' ministry as told by Mark. Following his baptism in the River Jordan and preparation in the wilderness, Jesus takes up his ministry. "The time" a decisive moment appointed by God, "is fulfilled". The good news is that the Kingdom of God is now at hand for all who are ready to receive it. There is something compelling about messenger and message that those hearing it – here the fishermen – leave their nets and become disciples.

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Kathleen Cowan & Anne Hogan who died recently

Maureen McDonagh & Dorothy Harte whose months mind occurs at this time

Michael Law, John Rafferty, Lily Fitzpatrick, Patricia (Paddy) Conroy,

Margaret Walsh 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.**

“Creating Pastoral Communities”

Parish meeting **Sunday February 8 2.30 -3.30** in the Parish Centre
The Parish Pastoral Council is holding a special meeting for all parishioners to consider the parish response to the Consultation Document on Creating Pastoral Communities issued by the Diocesan Living Church office.

This is your opportunity to help influence how our parish might be shaped in the future. Indeed it's not so long ago that decisions about parish and diocesan matters would have been taken by the clergy alone. So in terms of accepting the co-responsibility role now entrusted to the laity please do your best to see that you, or a representative of your family attends this meeting.

All we ask is that you read the document- it's available on the diocesan website- www.downandconnor.org Think about the options offered, and then come along and tell us your views.

For those without access to a computer, a small number of hard copies of an extract from the document will be available at Masses this weekend.

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**

- **in St Anne's Parish Centre. You will:**
- *Rediscover the major people, places, events and themes of the Bible.*
- *Become familiar with fourteen narrative books of the Bible and the twelve major time periods of salvation history.*
- *Become aware of the six covenants God made with humility, leading to the establishment of the Catholic Church.*
- *See how the narrative books fit in with the other fifty-nine books of the Bible.*

If you wish to follow this popular course please leave your name 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. **Fee £10**

.....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.

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 Pastoral Council - News brief

At the January meeting of the PPC members discussed their various views on **the mission and context of a parish. Doing that which is meaningful for** parishioners was highlighted as significant, and among the areas thought essential for parishioners were:

- **the parish responsibility to dialogue, respect and inclusion**
- **the need to aim for a unifying spirit, making the parish family friendly and welcoming**
- **the desire for more collaboration among parishes**
- **the importance of being at the forefront of developments**
- **the quality of lives in family, community and society and**
- **visible public participation by the parish in the organised activities of local communities.**

Members heard that some of the diocesan planning was to form large parish groupings, of roughly 20,000 parishioners. Parishes however would remain distinct and St. Anne's would possibly be linked with Our lady Queen of Peace, St. Luke's, Christ the Redeemer and the Church of the Nativity.

A discussion about the importance of communications and the need to strengthen all systems of keeping parishioners up to date about parish activities will be continued at the February meeting. Gerry Carson, Secretary, PPC.

2015 The Year of Consecrated Life

The Diocesan Commission for Religious is holding a celebratory service in St Peter's Cathedral on Sunday, 1st February from 3 – 4 pm. This is a celebration for the whole church. *All* are very welcome.....

Including members of Third Orders, Associates, St Vincent de Paul, Apostolic Workers, Legion of Mary, members of Koinonia John The Baptist, members of The Focolare Movement, Teachers and Young People.

St Anne's PTA - 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.

New Bereavement Support Group - Prayer Circle meeting
Tuesday, 27th January at 8pm and lasting approximately 30 minutes

in the Upper Room, Parish Centre

New members welcome, come along and show your prayerful support for our bereaved families.