

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 the 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.

For Young People Age 15-18

The Alpha Course is a 6 week opportunity to ask, think and discuss the big questions in life. From life to death, science to faith and everything in between Food, banter and great conversation guaranteed.
Youth Alpha Course will begin on Tuesday 17th February at 7.30pm in: Our lady Queen of Peace Church. Everyone very welcome..

SLOW DOWN SATURDAY....

Enjoy a cup of tea and a bit of calm, time to think and pray, time for you and God, guided gently by Breige O'Hare. **11am – 12.45pm, Saturday 28 February**, in The Old School, beside St Patrick's Church, Donegall Street (room opposite Veritas bookshop). Donation £1. Booking essential. To book, ring Breige at well.com 02890319530 or contact her through her website www.athomewithgod.co.uk

Stress Control Classes

Thursday evenings 6.30pm – 8pm
Falls Road Library, starting 26th February – 2nd April

GIFT 1 Programme

First meeting on Sunday, **22nd February at 3pm** in the Parish Centre.
If you are interested and have not enrolled yet, please contact the parish office.

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.

St. Anne's Parish



Very Reverend Feargal McGrady, PP

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 15th February 2015 Year B Psalter 2

First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

Most people think if they are touched by a leper you will contract leprosy, this is wrong. You are more likely to contract it through nasal droplets and it may take 20 years for signs to show. This example shows how easy we judge situations without knowing the facts, as in the First Reading. In our lives gossip can be rife whereby we spread whispers and half truths we have heard about others.

Responsorial Psalm: 31

You are my refuge O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation-

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

At this time of year some students are being sent out on work experience whereby they choose a career they are interested in and shadow someone in that field. In parallel, St Paul is telling the Corinthians to shadow him and learn as he tries to follow Jesus. He also exhorts to see each person, no matter what race, as a child of God. Like St Paul we are called to give good example and witness so others can know God through us.

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

The story of the pleading leper is a very moving one on a human level. As an outcast he saw no hope, but had heard of the healing touch of this special person called Jesus. He pleads, he is heard, he is cured, he now has hope and acceptance again. The power of God is at work in our lives every day but we can easily bind ourselves to the small miracles that go on around us.

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:
Stuart Jackson, Gerard Aldridge, Alice Earley & Josephine McAree who died recently.

Colette Preshaw whose months mind occurs at this time.
James & Isobel Brady, Patrick McGarvey, George Rooney & Cathleen Tracey and all whose anniversaries are at this time and those whose names are in the Book of Remembrance. **May they rest in peace. Amen.**

Ash Wednesday – 18th February

Is a day of Fast & Abstinence

Masses: **10am & 7.30pm**

Ashes will be distributed during both Masses

Creating Pastoral Communities

Parish Response:

Last Sunday, the Parish Pastoral Council held a meeting with parishioners to discuss the parish response to the consultation document issued by the Diocesan Living Church Office. Immediately following this event the PPC met to consider the views offered and formulated a response which will be forwarded to the

Living Church Office. The response is:

St Anne's Parish welcomes the opportunity to be involved in helping the Diocese move forward against a back drop of falling church attendances and decreasing numbers of priests. Clearly there is much merit in parishes working more closely together and sharing activities and practices, but in so doing parishioners are concerned about the possible loss of identity. Therefore we would wish to see as soon as is practical, structure as to how the new groupings might work. Indeed our PPC would be happy to work with the Living Church Office to help develop these new structures.

We are concerned that many people who profess to be Catholic, will not be part of the Church's decision making simply because they, indeed regretfully the majority in any parish, do not attend weekly mass and therefore are unlikely to be aware of the consultation process.

We feel as a parish that we have much to offer those other parishes with which we are likely to be involved, but we are also conscious that those other parishes might well have much to offer in return. However without in- depth knowledge about the activities of others it is difficult for us to judge the extent to which each might go in sharing and working together. That is why it is crucial that the structures which might be produced bear in mind the concerns which each parish must have.

Human nature is always an obstacle to be overcome. The fears and concerns of everyone involved must be acknowledged.

The parish wishes to be part of the new grouping of Outer West Belfast which will comprise the parishes of St. Anne's, Our Lady Queen of Peace, Nativity Parish, Christ the Redeemer, St Luke's and the parish which was once part of St. Anne's, Derriaghy.

St Anne's One World Group

Traidcraft Sales: **£243.30**, Secondhand Books: **£60**, Donations, Handmade cards & gift boxes: **£240.88**

Our St Valentine's Day Ballot!!!!

Raised the fabulous sum of **£376.37** Congratulations to our lucky winners -
1st Prize Sean Magee, 2nd Prize Paul Brown, 3rd Prize Mairead,
4th Prize Nathaniel Robb. Many thanks for your continued support.

Lenten Programme

First Sunday of Lent - 22 February

Evening Prayer at 7pm accompanied by The Traditional Choir

All parishioners are warmly invited and encouraged to attend each of the Sunday evening services in preparation for Easter.

Second Sunday of Lent – 1st March

Stations of the Cross at 7pm

Third Sunday of Lent - 8th March

Trocaire Lenten Focus Presented by our One World Group

Anointing of the Sick

And Blessing of Carers Hands will take place at the 10am Mass on
Saturday, 21st February

Lent 2015

Are you thinking of becoming alcohol-free this Lent? Do you feel we live in a drinks culture? Are you concerned about alcohol abuse? If so, we invite you to take a temporary pledge with the Pioneer Association, say a short prayer daily and offer up your decision not to take alcohol for the sake of someone else, perhaps someone who is living with addiction. **YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE** Register your pledge with local Pioneers or the Down and Connor Pioneer office- Tel: 028 90894070 or email dandcpioneers@gmail.com. Please give your name, address and phone number and you will be sent a Pledge Certificate which includes the daily prayer.

Pledge cards and copies of the Daily Lenten Prayer are available in the church porch, please feel free to take one.

WHAT CAME FIRST...THE CHICKEN OR THE EGG ?

It has been the ultimate philosophical and scientific mystery for centuries.... until now, that is. Scientists recently claimed to have 'cracked' the riddle. The answer, they say, is the chicken. Researchers found that the formation of egg shells relies on a protein only found in a chicken.

In pagan times, eggs and chicks were signs of fertility and new life. The early Christians adopted this meaning of new life because it helped them remember the Resurrection and having new life through Jesus.

We, at St. Annes Apostolic Work, realize that handling real eggs can be a messy business and live chicks, although cute, are not toilet trained.

So the solution is knitted chicks and Creme Eggs... 1000 of them So we are seeking 50 people who will knit us 20 chicks each, actually we have got 25 already so we are halfway there !

Please help by email to desdonn@live.co.uk or telephone 07734568451.

.....and as for the Creme Eggs ? Cadburys Make Over 200 Million Of Them !!!

