

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.

Women's World Day of Prayer

Friday, 6th March, Service in Dunmurry at 7.30pm
Christ Church Derriaghy (Church of Ireland)
Church and car park up the hill on Derriaghy Road

Finaghy Methodist Church - Women of Ireland (MWI)

Invite the ladies from St Anne's to a Visitors Night on Thursday 12th March at 7.45pm. Demonstration by Abernethy Butter, there will be a chance to buy the special butter and maybe fudge too!! For catering purposes please leave your name in St Anne's Parish Office asap.

First Saturday Devotions – St Matthias' Church, Glen Road

Saturday, 7th March – 3pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions, 4pm – Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Do come along and bring a friend.

Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Application Forms are now available from the parish office.

7 Nights (10th-17th) £625 5 Nights (11th-16th) £570 in hotel

Full board for sick or infirm pilgrims with medical and nursing care in Accueli
Notre Dame: 5 Nights (11-16) for £450 Youth Team (8th- 17th) **£520**
For further information see the poster in the porch or contact the Pilgrimage Office 028 90646040 or email: dcpilgrimage@gmail.com

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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Second Sunday of Lent

1st March 2015 Year B Psalter 2

First Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

A modern reader cannot but be shocked by the divine demand for a human life in ritualistic sacrifice. What kind of God is this? Abraham lived in a brutal world where it was not at all strange for a human being to be offered in sacrifice to appease a vengeful deity. We must take the reading as a whole. Abraham moves from accepting it is moral to offer human sacrifice to experiencing a generous and loving God who provides his own sacrifice.

Responsorial Psalm: 115

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living -

Second Reading: Romans 8:31-34

Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? The power of these comforting words of St. Paul is appreciated when we focus on the word "accuse". The Accuser is a malevolent spiritual being who accuses humanity before the court of God. Those who have faith in Jesus need have no fear of such malignant forces.

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

What is God really like? If he were to come down among us what type of a person would he be? The answer has already been given to these questions. It is Jesus Christ. The significance of God's self-manifestation in Jesus Christ can never be over emphasized given the strange and downright destructive theologies that can exist among those who call themselves Christian. We do not meet Jesus Christ simply in religious observation but also in social justice. Both are needed for a meaningful counter with God.

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Maureen Curran & Mavis McCloak, who died recently.

Billy Craig whose months mind occurs at this time.

Peter Brennan, Anne Prior, Annie Callaghan, Jane Kirkwood and all whose anniversaries are at this time and those whose names are in the Book of

Remembrance. **May they rest in peace. Amen.**

Lenten Programme 2015

Second Sunday of Lent – 1st March

Stations of the Cross at 7pm

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

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Third Sunday of Lent - 8th March

Trocaire Lenten Focus Presented by our One World Group

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Fourth Sunday of Lent – 15th March

Mothering Sunday – No Evening Service

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Fifth Sunday of Lent – 22nd March

Evening Service presented by our Christian Life Community

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Sixth Sunday of Lent – 29th March

Parish Penitential Service - 7pm

(visiting priests in attendance).

2015 St. Brigid's Lecture

Cardinal Peter Turkson will give a public lecture in St. Brigid's Church, Windsor Avenue, Belfast on at 7.30pm, Wednesday, 4th March. The title of the lecture is:

Pope Francis and the Joy of the Gospel: The Social Dimension.

Cardinal Turkson is President of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace in The Vatican. He comes from Ghana; born in 1948, he was Archbishop of Cape Coast, Ghana, 1992-2009. Regarded as “one of Africa's most energetic leaders” he was called to Rome by Pope Benedict XVI to head the Church's Council for Justice and Peace and reappointed by Pope Francis.

The subject of Cardinal Turkson's lecture is based on Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation on the proclamation of the Gospel in today's world. The Cardinal will pay particular attention to the social dimension of evangelization as outlined in Chapter Four of the Pope's document where Pope Francis “*raises social issues of great importance for the future of humanity*” such as justice, care for the vulnerable, peace, ecumenical and interreligious dialogue, religious freedom. The Pope makes explicit the inescapable social dimension of the Gospel message and encourages all Christians to demonstrate it by their words, attitudes and deeds.

Everyone welcome.

Parish Finance

The weekly collection was £2059.23

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity
Altar Society, Church Cleaners: **Group B** this week.

Trócaire Lenten Campaign

This Lent support the campaign against hunger and drought.

Trócaire Boxes - Available in the church porch,

Take one home for your family and return to church on Holy Thursday.

The UK Government will match, pound for pound all public donations up to £5 million pounds. This will make a massive difference to so many in Ethiopia

A QUICK JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE IN LENT –

The Great Adventure – The Journey Continues....

Friday 6th March, Session 4

GIFT 1

Programme for First Years has started.... Next meeting Sunday 1st March (this Sunday) 3pm -5pm in the Parish Centre .. if you wish to join then just come along!

Fr. Chandran Rymonds

Would like to thank the parishioners of St Anne's for their hospitality during his recent visit. A total of 14 children received sponsorship and donations of £580 which will enable a further 4 children to receive care and education for 1 year.

Apostolic News.....

The madness continues!!!!!!

We now have 51 knitters creating over 1,000 chicks (more on that next week).

Daily Lenten Prayer

Loving God, as we let Jesus light the way for us,
Let us Fast from anything that leads us away from you,
teach us to open our hearts
and to feast on all that brings us closer to you. Amen

The Class of 1971

Were you or a relative a student teacher who commenced their course (Cert Ed, BEd or Post Grad) in St Mary's or St Joseph's Colleges of Education, Belfast in September 1971? A Mass followed by a cup of tea will be held to celebrate 40 years associated with the Colleges as Alumni and to remember deceased friends and classmates. Venue: St Mary's, Falls Road, March 27th 2015 at 6pm, in the College Chapel. Please contact John on 07701336308 for more details.

CCÉ Loch Lao Béal Feirste Annual Concert 2015

Loch Lao is hosting its annual showcase of the best in Irish Traditional Music and Song including music groups, céilí bands, singers, harpers, pipers and much more.

So if you are looking for a night of top class lively foot-tapping entertainment please come along and support this event.

Saturday 7 March (7.30pm – 10.00pm); on - Island Hall at the Island Arts Centre, Lisburn Ticket Cost: £10/£7 concession.