

St. Anne's Parish



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Fourth Sunday of Lent

15th March 2015 Year B Psalter 4

First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

In this reading we have a theological reflection on the history of Israel. The writer is able to see the hand of God in the events that have shaped his people. Are we able to see the hand of God at work in recent history?

Responsorial Psalm: 136

O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not --

Second Reading: Romans Ephesians 2:4-10

Artists can be very precious about their work; and rightly so. They have poured their heart and soul in their work. Even though they may sell or produce are for someone else, it is still somehow always theirs. We are God's work of art. He has poured his very life into us. We are his. The work forever bears the signature of the creator no matter how badly the world treats it.

Gospel: John 3:14-21

In the opening lines of the Gospel we have a trans-valuation of values. That which is deadly (the serpent) became a symbol of healing (Moses' bronze work). Lifestyles that were once considered deviant or immoral are now normalized. Is trans-valuation a good or a bad thing? It can be either, or. A traditional symbol that is place out of context can shock us into thinking. Nicodemus would have been shocked by what Jesus was saying. But he needed to be shocked out of his comfort zone in order to experience the grace of God.

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Paul Turner who died recently.

Isabella Caron whose months mind occurs at this time

Daniel Cregan, Greta Dowd, Niall Holmes, Alice McEvoy, Peter Donohoe, Maureen O'Hagan, Alphonsus McDonagh Brendan McBrien, Charlie O'Neill and all whose anniversaries are at this time and 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 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.

Northern Ireland Blood Transfusion Service

The next blood donation service will be held in:

Dunmurry Presbyterian Church Hall - Monday, 30th March 4pm -8pm

The life saved by blood donation could be Your own or a family members.

St Anne's PTA Spring Ball

St Anne's PTA are holding a **Spring Ball Formal Dinner** on

Saturday 25th April 2015 in the Wellington Park Hotel.

Tickets cost £35 each and include a drinks reception on arrival, 4 course dinner, dancing and late bar to 1am. There will also be a bottle of red wine and a bottle of white wine on every table. The evening's activities will include a ballot for a fantastic array of prizes, an auction and dancing to 1am.

Everyone is welcome. It is not necessary to attend as a couple.

To reserve your ticket(s) please contact Anne/Jen by emailing stannesparentsassoc@gmail.com or ring/text Anne on 07762936262 or call in to the School Office.

Are you suffering the pain of loss? Looking for help and understanding?

Beginning Experience (for separated, widowed and divorced people) is holding a

Residential Weekend- 20th – 22nd March 2015, Drumalis Retreat Centre,

Larne. A few places still available. For further information please contact Phil

Tel: 02890 207645 or Marie Tel or text: 07542070835

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.

<p>Lenten Programme 4th Sunday of Lent 15th March Mothering Sunday No Evening Service +++++</p> <p>5th Sunday of Lent – 22nd March Evening Service presented by our Christian Life Community +++++</p> <p>6th Sunday of Lent – 29th March Parish Penitential Service - 7pm (visiting priests in attendance).</p>	<p><i>Mother</i> <i>I said a Mother's Day prayer for you to</i> <i>thank the Lord above</i> <i>For blessing me with a lifetime</i> <i>Of your tender hearted love.</i> <i>I thanked God for the caring, you've</i> <i>shown me through the years</i> <i>For the closeness we've enjoyed</i> <i>in times of laughter and of tears.</i> <i>And so I thank you from the heart</i> <i>for all you've done for me</i> <i>And I bless the Lord for giving me</i> <i>the best mother there could be.</i></p>
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St Patrick's Day – 17th March
Vigil Mass (Monday 16th at 7.30pm & Tuesday 17th at 10am with Blessing of the Shamrock

St Anne's Parish - Saint Patrick's Day Family Celebration
Parish Centre after 10 am Mass -Traditional Music & Song by CCÉ Loch Lao & friends, Céilí Dancing, Irish Dancing, Face Painting, Hair Braiding and much more. Refreshments available, sponsored by **Creighton's Garage, Black's Rd.,** Proceeds to Parish Funds. Come along and support this worthwhile event!
Contact Siobhán on 07846626700 for more information.



Shamrock for Saint Patrick's Day

*The Ministry of Welcome and Hospitality will be fund raising before and after all Masses next weekend (Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th March). We will have small pots of shamrock and all we ask is that you make a donation. **Thank you.***

Fr. Alan McGuckian SJ (Living Church)
Will con-celebrate a bi-lingual Mass at 10am on St. Patrick's Day (Tuesday 17th March) in St. Oliver Plunkett Church, Glenveagh Drive, Lenadoon. Please come along and use whatever Irish you have. Prayers and hymns will be projected onto a big screen to help. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall afterwards.
Contact 9061 8180 if you require more information. Fáilte roimh gach duine!

Congratulations to St Annes Cub Scouts
On winning the County Cub Quiz in both divisions on Sunday 8th March and taking home the shield and cup for another year. Well done guys.

Parish Finance
Weekly collection was **£1751.07** - Sincere thanks for your continued generosity.
Altar Society, Church Cleaners: **Group C** this week.

The Sacrament of Confirmation
On Thursday 19th March at 1.30pm the children from St Anne's Primary School will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation celebrated by Bishop Anthony Farquhar. We ask you to please keep the children, parents and school in your prayers this coming week.
On 13th March last Bishop Tony celebrated his Golden Jubilee of Priestly Ordination. We congratulate him and assure him of our prayers.
"Ad Multos Annos!"

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Would you have an hour to spare on Wednesday or Thursday evenings? If so we need volunteers to cover between 6pm-7pm. Please contact the parish office.

Rathmore Grand Sale for Trócaire!
Grand Sale on **Wed 25th March** at 7pm in the school hall. Fun for the whole family, games, tombola, café, wheel of fortune, auction and much more! Prizes include: Paul Walls Painting. 2 nights B&B at Culloden Estate & Spa. Ulster Rugby jersey signed by Ruan Pienaar.

St Anne's family Fun Run - Sunday 29th March 2015 at 2.00pm
(Around the grounds of St. Anne's Primary School)
St Anne's Athletic Club and St Anne's Parents Association have come together for the 1st time to hold a Family Fun Run Event open to all. **More next week..**

HATS OFF TO OUR WONDERFUL KNITTERS.
from Dromore to Ardmore, From Lambeg to Drumbeg,
from Ballycastle to Ballymacarrett
.....the response to our call to knit
1000 Easter chicks has been truly spectacular
and to date we have 1047 chicks.... and counting.
Your spirit and generosity knows no bounds
and this fantastic effort will raise funds for
Third World projects.
'...if you pour yourself out for the hungry
and satisfy the desire of the afflicted,
then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as noonday'
Isaiah 58 : 10 Thanks to all our volunteers, **St Annes Apostolic Work**



Matt Talbot Pilgrimage
The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Venerable Matt Talbot will take place on **Saturday 11 April** . Bus will leave St. Anne's Car park 7.45 am. Mass will be celebrated in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Sean McDermott Street, Dublin at 12.30 pm. For further information, please contact Josephine O'Hagan (90617116), Mary Holden (94423956) or the Pioneer Office (90894070).