



St. Anne's Parish

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

22nd March 2015 Year B Psalter 1

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

John Lennon's song *Imagine* proclaimed a world without religious, political or social divisions. Although it was fundamentally atheistic in its ideology there is something inexplicably charming in its simplistic utopianism. It resonates with a deep need for peace. In the reading Jeremiah calls upon the people to imagine a future free from religious and political bigotry. However, Jeremiah's vision is founded on the promise of God and not human fantasy.

Responsorial Psalm: 50

A pure heart create for me, O God --

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

One way of reading the letter to the Hebrews is as a theological reflection on the priesthood and sacrifice of Christ. Blessed Columba Marmion in his Christ the Ideal of the Priest states that the priesthood of Jesus is the result of his humanity. It is not Christ's divinity makes him a priest. Effective priestly ministry is born out of our connection to all humanity; to be able to empathise and sympathise.

Gospel: John 12:20-30

The cross is the premier symbol of Christianity. No matter the culture of theological tradition, some form of the cross will denote the Church. Crosses all bear testimony to the fact that Christianity is born not out of the teaching of Jesus but out of his sacrifice on the cross.

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Terence Toal, Tim Evans, Pat Durkan & Anna McCoy who died recently.

Fr Brian Tumelty, Brendan McBrien, Walter O'Neill, Michael McGovern,

Rita Cushley, Alice McEvoy, Peter Donohoe, Maureen O'Hagan,

Alphonsus McDonagh, Gregory Warren, Carmel McCloskey, Des Cummings,

Bridget & Catherine McCullagh, George Cashell 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.

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 ticket(s) contact Anne/Jen by email; stannesparentsassoc@gmail.com or ring/text Anne on 07762936262 or call in to the School Office.

St Anne's One World Group

Traidcraft Sales: **£349.94**, Secondhand Books: **£100**, Donations & Cards **£31.56**,

Our St Valentine's Day Ballot final total £456.30, Tombola £200

Trocaire; Memorial Cards £130 Wrist bands £11

Lenten Service Donations £61

Many thanks for your continued support and to all our supporters who made this weekend extra special, not just financially but whole hearted support and care.

Welcome into the Church and Parish Family

Faye Kirkpatrick, Conan Canice Ward, Conor James Hannaway

who were baptized on Sunday 15th March. Congratulations to all.

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.

Lenten Programme

5th Sunday of Lent – 22nd March

Evening Service presented by our Christian Life Community

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6th Sunday of Lent – 29th March

Parish Penitential Service - 7pm
(visiting priests in attendance).

St Anne's Parish - Saint Patrick's Day Family Celebration

A sincere thanks to Siobhan and all her team who organised the wonderful St Patrick's Celebration after mass on the 17th we are very grateful to all who attended and the very generous amount of **£887.14** was raised which will go towards parish renovation fund.

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.

Greetings from Lowe Memorial Church

The churches located at the heart of Finaghy crossroads have joined together to recreate the story of Easter with different scenes and actors using four buildings: Lowe, Finaghy Methodist, Bethany Youth Centre and Bethany Church. St Anne's parishioners are very welcome to join the 'Easter Journey' as individuals and families. It runs from Friday 27th March to Sunday 29th March. Journeys departing; Friday 27th March between 18.30 and 20.30. Saturday 28th March between 12.30 and 17.30, Sunday 29th March between 14.00 and 16.00

In addition to the Easter Journey, the churches in Finaghy have hired the shop 'Wee Cycle' as a prayer hub a space for folk to come and be prayed for or to pray alone. Times; 23rd – 31st March 9am – 9pm (except Sunday 2pm to 6pm) 1st April – 3rd April 9am – 7pm and 4th April 9am – 6pm

You may remember the evangelist Billy Graham. Billy has recorded a message for today's generation called 'My Hope', a personal reflection, the significance of the Cross. Several young people from the Christian music scene share their stories of how the love of God has changed their lives. An incredible 30 minute DVD, to be shown at different times. Copies are also available free of charge. All of our churches need the Spirit to touch them and to fall upon the people living in our area, an increasing number of whom have no church background or Christian roots to draw from.

'The Easter Journey' leaflets in the porch for full details.

Parish Finance

Weekly collection was **£1744.51**

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity.

Altar Society, Church Cleaners: **Group D** this week.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

On Thursday 19th March - The children from St Anne's Primary School received the Sacrament of Confirmation celebrated by Bishop Anthony Farquhar. It was a joyous and blessed day for the school and parish. Many thanks to the children, parents and teachers for all the preparation which went into making the ceremony so Grace Filled and meaningful.

Finance Statement and Refurbishment Appeal 2015

This weekend the Finance committee will be presenting the Financial Statement for the Parish for the year 2014
They will also be launching the **St Anne's Refurbishment Appeal 2015** to raise funds towards the refurbishment of the Church and Grounds including Repainting, Church Lights, Door Openers, Defibrillators, Carpet Cleaning, Grounds improvements and a replacement boiler.
Please take an envelope for yourself and for anyone else you think may be prepared to help with these much needed improvements.

ARE YOU SITTING COMFORTABLY ?

.....now read this.

1% of the world's population now own more than the other 99%, any wonder that global poverty still exists on a massive scale.

' 20,000 children die each day quietly in some of the poorest villages on earth, far removed from the scrutiny and conscience of the world. Being meek and weak in life makes these dying multitudes even more invisible in death ' [U N I C E F]

' how often do we say : its not my problem.

How often do we turn the other way and pretend not to see '
Pope Francis, July 2013.

.....but time and again parishioners of St Annes have answered the call and over the next three weeks, once again you can make a difference.

Before you buy an Easter Egg in the supermarket, think of how much you are paying for it and where the money goes.....some supermarket companies don't know themselves !

Between now and Easter you can buy hundreds of beautiful knitted chicks/eggs in gift packs and baskets, lovingly created by our very own parishioners and all proceeds go to Third World projects. ' every little helps '

St Annes Apostolic Work.



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..**