

St. Anne's Parish



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Fourth Sunday of Easter

26th April 2015 Year B Psalter 4

First Reading: Acts 4:8-12

Here we have an innocent man who has been accused of lying and misleading people. The truth is that he has cured a paralysed man simply by praying for him in the name of Jesus Christ. The Jewish leaders refuse to believe him because they have rejected Jesus as the Messiah. He courageously insists that Jesus is the Saviour of the entire human race, Jews and Gentiles alike.

Responsorial Psalm: 117

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone -

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2

Our deepest desire is to be like God, to be God-like, to be good. We cannot achieve this deep desire by relying on ourselves. We need the grace of God. The love of God has been poured into our hearts in Jesus Christ, the Risen Lord. Through him we become children of God. We become children of God by following Jesus, by becoming like him – Christ like people.

Gospel: Luke John 10:11-18

Jesus describes himself not as a magnificent king or powerful leader. He said, "I am the good shepherd." His listeners knew immediately that he was speaking of a humble caretaker of the flock that depended on him for survival. The good shepherd lays down his life to save and protect his flock. No one forces him to do so. He chooses to give his life for the sheep he knows by name and loves unconditionally. The Good Shepherd looks forward to the day when all people will 'be one flock'. They will recognize his voice and be gathered into the fold.

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of: Mary Ellen (Ellie) Byrne, Geraldine Trainor, Kevin McKenna, Joe McKay and Joe Acheson who died recently. Margaret Carruthers, Patrick Murphy, Jim Kelly, Joan O'Hanlon, Sr Malachy Higgins, 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.

Diocesan Liturgy Seminar

The Annual Diocesan Liturgy Seminar, entitled

"Closer to Christ in the Eucharist"

Will be held in St Brigid's Parish Hall, Derryvolgie Avenue

Saturday 9th May from 1pm – 4.30pm

It will be presented by Bro. Pat Mullins O. Carm.

To book, please contact:

Malachy McKeever 07760108903 or email Malachy.mck@gmail.com

First Saturday Devotions

In St Matthias' Church, Glen Road, **On Saturday, 2nd May**

3pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions

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

Welcome into the Church and Parish Family

Natalie Etain Olivia Burke, Orlaith Frances Browne, Erin Kathryn McMahan,

Eva Sophie Kearney and Ben James Kearney who were baptized recently.

Parish Finance

The Weekly collection (19th April) amounted to: **£2330.22**

Trocaire Collection to date: £8040.64

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity.

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

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 Office....

Will be closed on Tuesday, 28th April due to a Diocesan staff training day.

Trócaire Boxes

Please remember to return your family Trócaire Box to the Church. *Donations to Trócaire are being doubled this year again by the Department of Overseas Development* so it is important to get your donation in early to maximize the amount our Diocese is able to send to those most in need of our help.

Defibrillator Training

The Parish plans to acquire 2 defibrillators for the church and Parish Centre. It is hoped to have a number of Parishioners confident in the use of these devices and we are seeking volunteers to undertake a short training course in their use. Anyone interested please contact the Parish Office.

St Anne's One World Group

Combined April and May Stall will take place this weekend **25th/26th April** due to 1st weekend in April being Easter and 1st weekend of May the bank holiday weekend. Please come along and show your usual support.

Forgiveness: the key to healing and happiness – 1 Day Retreat

Reflect on ways to deal with life's hurts and disappointments, so that we can let go, move on, and find peace and happiness.

Facilitated by Fr. Des Corrigan, SMA

Date; Sat. 30th May 2015. Time; 10 am – 4.30 -

Contact: 028 30821964 or Email; admin@dromantineconference.com

Yoga for Kids

St Anne's Parish Centre after school every Wednesday - **1st Session free ...**
Contact Aisling 07753323534 for further information.

St Anne's Conference of St. Vincent de Paul

Annual coach trip to the Antrim Coast, will take place on Thursday 21st May. If interested please contact any of the members or leave your name into the office.

Watch and Pray

Wednesday 29th April at Christ the Redeemer Church, Lagmore.

Mass at 8pm followed by social time, Q&A, and Adoration. Come and go as you please! For anyone aged 18-35 who wants to dip a bit deeper into their faith.

Hosted by the Young Adult Ministry and everyone is welcome.

Kids First

Free government funded pre-school place are now available at Kids First Daycare and Afterschool for children who have been unplaced in nursery and who are going to be in their pre-school year in September 2015.

For further details please contact Kids First Daycare 028 90308661

Parish Envelopes

All Parishioners should by now have received their envelopes for 2015/16. If anyone has not received these, or wants to take envelopes, please contact the Parish Office.

Thanks to those Parishioners who agreed to deliver envelopes

Refurbishment Appeal

The response to this appeal has been truly magnificent and we thank those who have contributed so generously. To date almost £16000 has been collected, including Gift Aid and Functions to date. The Appeal will continue for a number of months and we ask Parishioners to make the Refurbishment Appeal known to any current or past Parishioners who may not attend St Annes regularly. The Financial Statement and Appeal envelopes are available in the Porch and envelopes can be placed in the box in the Porch or returned to Parish Office. The painting of the Church and Parish Centre will hopefully be completed this week.

Golf Tournament

As part of the Refurbishment Appeal we will be organising a number of fund raising events in 2015.

A golf tournament has been arranged for Thursday 28th May at Balmoral Golf Club in opposition to the Irish Open. Please consider supporting this event by playing or attending the Dinner that evening.

Or even better by bringing a fourball.

Tee off times are available from 2.00 until 3.30.

Cost is £30 per person for Golf and Dinner or £15 for Dinner only.

We are also seeking sponsors for each of the 18 holes at £100.

If interested in sponsoring, playing or attending the dinner please contact the Parish Office or telephone 07904 569110 or 07925 244470

Prayer meeting for Bereavement Support Group.

Will take place on **Tuesday 28th April** at 8 pm in upper room parish hall. It will last for 30 mins. to say prayers for the bereaved in our parish.

A Eucharistic Prayer Vigil for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

Will take place in Church of Mary, Mother of the Church, Saintfield, on Thursday 30th April 2015 from 7.30pm – 10pm.

The Vigil will conclude with Mass at 9pm.

“Behind and before every vocation to the priesthood or to the consecrated life there is always the strong and intense prayer of someone: a grandmother, a grandfather, a mother, a father, a community.... This is why Jesus said: “Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest,” that is, God the Father, “to send out labourers into his harvest” (Mt 9:38). May these words of Pope Francis encourage us to come together to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.