Celebrating the Liturgy

Weekend Mass Times: Confessions:

Sat. (Vigil) 6.30pm Saturday after 10.00am Mass

Sunday: 10.00am & 12 Noon 5.30 - 6.15pm

Weekday: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Wed. & Thurs. 10.30am – 9.00pm

Tues - Sat. 10.00am Sat. 10.30am – 12.00 Noon

Divine Office: Marriage:

Morning Prayer: Mon. 10.00am 6 months notice required (Followed by Rosary) Please contact Fr McGrady

Thurs: 10am (followed by Mass)

Monday 7.30pm

Baptism:

1st & 3rd Sundays of the month at 1.15pm

Contact the parish office to book - One month's notice is required.

"Hold Your Head up High"

Written by Fr Paddy Delargy PP of All Saints Church, Ballymena Sub-titled "Conversations and Controversies in a Catholic Parish"

The stories cover a variety of topics:

Anointing the Sick, Loneliness, Forgiveness

The book costs £10 and is available from the Parish Office

A very worthwhile and interesting book.

Annual Diocesan Collection for the Education of our Student Priests (Sunday 17th May 2015)

This year our diocese has ten students in training for the priesthood. Fr. Andrew Black has just been ordained. Rev Conor McCarthy will be ordained in June. James O'Reilly will be ordained deacon later this month. The second collection on the feast of the Ascension is the yearly collection for the education of our student priests. Thank you for your support of this collection last year. Your financial contribution is another concrete way of supporting our students as they journey towards priesthood for service in our parishes.

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the boys and girls of St Anne's Primary School who will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion today.

Parish Finance

The Weekly collection (3rd May) amounted to: £1950.97 Sincere thanks for your continued generosity. Altar Society, Church Cleaners: **Group D** this week.

St. Anne's Parish

Very Reverend Feargal McGrady, PP

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Sixth Sunday of Easter 10th May 2015 Year B Psalter 2

First Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35

In Ireland we know what happens when we put ecclesiastical leaders and personages on pedestals. The implosion is never pretty and in our case, it has been followed by so many aftershocks that we walk very gingerly on the ground unsure when the next earthquake is coming. We need the humility of Peter before us, be open to the Holy Spirit and understand God has no favourites.

Responsorial Psalm: 97 The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations -

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

There is an echo here of John 3:16, God sending his only Son. If we believe, we have life. We have life if we believe. Richard Dawkins would strongly disagree. He would say you can admire the garden without believing there are fairies at the bottom of it. So many believe this, by our love can we change their hearts?

Gospel: John 15:9-17

We talk about the complete package. Other colloquialisms we are familiar with are the whole nine yards, the whole kit and caboodle. A question to pose to ourselves is "what is the complete package, the bundle Jesus offers me?" The commandments are the 2real deal" and by following them we will be liberated in love not enslaved in fear. That's joy you can't buy online! It's a lot

Recently Deceased

more than a paltry nine yards! It's infinite.

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:
Fr Roger McGourty (St Mary's, Chapel Lane) who died recently.
Paul Graham, Frank & Mary Donnelly, Seamus & Maureen Kelly
and all whose anniversaries are at this time and those whose names are in the
Book of Remembrance. May they rest in peace. Amen.

St Anne's Golf Tournament

The date of this tournament has been changed to Thursday 4th June at Balmoral Golf Club. Tee times are available from 2.00pm to 3.30pm. Fee (including Dinner is £30). Please consider Playing or Bringing a Fourball. The Dinner at 7.45 is open to all in the Parish and Cost is £15 per person. We are also seeking sponsors for each of the holes at £100 per hole. If interested in any of the above please sign the Golf Interest sheet in porch of Church at all Masses. This will enable us to gauge interest.

For bookings or enquiries please contact 07904569110 or 07925244470.

Refurbishment Update

Work on the Refurbishment programme is continuing on target with the Painting, Door Closers, Carpet Cleaning and Replacement Lighting projects completed.

We apologise to any Parishioners who were inconvenienced by this work. We plan to have grounds cleaned and the beds replanted by end of May, we are seeking volunteers to undertake the training in defibrillators.

A feasibility exercise into the options for the new boiler starts this week.

Refurbishment Appeal

The Refurbishment Appeal has now collected in excess of £20,000 and we are grateful to all those who have contributed so very generously.

As the Boiler could cost in excess of £20000, the Appeal remains open for those wishing to make a contribution. There are envelopes in the porch allowing any contribution to be gift aided.

Mass of Remembrance

For children who died at the Dawn of Life-

On Monday 25th May the evening mass (7.30pm) will be celebrated for parents of children who died at the Dawn of Life.

Cards are available in the porch for those wishing to include the name of their child. Completed cards can be given to Fr. Feargal, Sr Mary or left into the Parish Office This is an opportunity for our community to prayerfully support parents whose children have died in circumstances of miscarriage, stillbirth or in infancy There will be a cup of tea afterwards and an opportunity to speak to a member of the Bereavement Support Team if you so wish.

Baptism Sunday Prayer Service

A Prayer Service and Blessing for parents and families who have had a child baptised in the past year. The Service will be followed by light refreshments in the Parish Centre and will last no more than an hour.

We hope you and your family will join us for this special occasion on: Sunday 31st May at 4 pm in St Anne's Church.

To assist with catering please contact the parish office if you will be attending.

Fr Feargal & Sr Mary invites you

To a <u>VIGIL</u> on: Wednesday 27th May in: St Anne's Church, 7.00pm-9.00pm
To **PRAY** For -

The Reverend CONOR Mc CARTHY Whose **Ordination** will take place on: Sunday, 28th June in St Anne's



All are welcome to join in this Prayer Service of Adoration, Testimonies, Readings, Intercessions, Benediction and Veneration of Our Blessed Lady.