



St. Anne's Parish

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Pentecost Sunday

24th May 2015 Year B Psalter 4

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

There's a product called the Really Useful Box. It's plastic and sturdy. It does what it says on the tin, to coin a phrase. The Holy Spirit does, in this reading, what is promised by Jesus on the tin and the results are astonishing and plain to see. A box, an upper room, a cell of our own making is no place to keep the really useful Spirit of God.

Responsorial Psalm: 103: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth -

Second Reading: Galatians 5:16-25

The smorgasbord of sins on the menu in this reading makes for very uncomfortable reading. The consequences of sampling the menu are harsh. They are all on offer in abundance on our world today. There's none of us can afford to be Pharisaiically righteous as we wince our way through hearing them. We are all capable. Luckily we have another menu to get our teeth into, the menu of love.

Gospel: John 15:26-27, 16:12-15

A marriage counsellor once explained his work with couples in difficulty to me succinctly 'there's his story, there's her story and the truth is somewhere in between'. The truth in love expounded in the Gospel today is complete. It's unambiguous and not to be rooted out in between the crevices. The function of the Holy Spirit is laid out as a testimony. We are called to mirror that by our testimony, bear fruit, the subjects of teaching. We are called to be teachers ourselves and reminded to be advocates ourselves.

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Mark Cassidy, Rachel McSorley Patricia (Paddy) Mageean, who died recently.
Gerald McAufield, Eddie & Mary Agnew, Patrick Daly, Brian Smyth,
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.

“Hold Your Head up High” Written by Fr Paddy Delargy Sub-titled
“Conversations and Controversies in a Catholic Parish” Cost £10

Belfast One World Run – Sunday 31st May Ozone Complex

Join us and support Trocaire, Oxfam, Concern and Christian Aid. Starting at 3.00pm there will be 10K, 3K and 2K runs as well as Family Fun Walks.

For information contact Laurence Frazer on 02890827016 or

www.belfastoneworldrun.co.uk.

Lough Derg -The Island is Calling YOU!!!

3 Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg **Friday 12th June – Sunday 14 June**

Bus leaving from Catholic Chaplaincy-

Please contact, Gerry on 90812712 or Rosaleen 07976 199756

Aquinas Diocesan Grammar School

GL Information Evening, Thursday 28th May at 7pm

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 Annual Pioneer Mass of the Sacred Heart - Mon 15th June 7.30pm

St. Anne's Church. Gold, silver & other emblems presented on request from

Josephine 90617116 or Ian 90616601. Refreshments afterwards. **All welcome!**

Parish Finance

The Weekly collection (17th May) amounted to: **£1889.85**

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity.

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

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.

Social Events



Would you like to arrange a 'Social Event to raise funds?

To supplement the Refurbishment Appeal and hopefully allow us to replace the 17 year old boiler we hope to arrange a number of social events in the late summer and autumn.

If you are prepared to help organize an event please speak to Fr Feargal or leave your details at the Parish Office 028 9061 0112

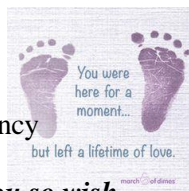
Mass of Remembrance

For children who died at the Dawn of Life-

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

Cards available in the porch for those wishing to include the name of their child. 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.



Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock - Sunday, 14th June

Coach leaving St Anne's at 8am and returning approx.. 10.30pm

Morning tea/coffee & scones and Evening Meal in Killyhevlin Hotel

Cost: £33 to book please contact Tom 90628286

Flowerbeds

As part of the Church refurbishment we have replanted the Flowerbeds beside and in front of the Church. These beautiful flowerbeds are for all to enjoy but please, please, please, do not let your children walk or play in them

Cemetery Sunday

Milltown – Sunday, 24th May - Prayers and blessing of graves will be at 3 pm

Hannahstown – Sunday, 31st May at 3 pm - Mass will be celebrated in the grounds of St Joseph's Cemetery, followed by the Blessing of the Graves.

St Peter's, the Rock – Sunday, 7th June at 3 pm - prayers and blessing of graves.

Fr Feargal & Sr Mary invite you

To a **VIGIL** 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



The Vigil will include;

Testimonies from: **Martina Purdy and Kevin McElroy**

Prayer Service of Adoration, Readings, Intercessions,
Benediction, Veneration of Our Blessed Lady.

All are most welcome to join in

Sunday 31st May- 4 pm in St Anne's Church.

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

Legion of Mary Hostels Collection Next Weekend 30/31st May

St Anne's PTA Litter Pick

Following the success of our Litter Pick last April, St Anne's PTA in conjunction with Belfast City Council, are planning a litter pick to improve the appearance & safety of our school & church grounds.

Date: Sunday 31st May 2015

Meeting Venue: St Anne's Parish Centre - Time: 2-3 pm

In order to run this event we are looking for willing volunteers to help out on day.

If you're available to help, please email the PTA stannesparentsassoc@gmail.com

or ring Anne; 07762936262, Jen 07835527546.

Refreshments in Parish Centre afterwards.