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.

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

Yoga for Kids

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

May - Month of Mary

The Legion of Mary has provided a "May – month of Mary" stand in the church porch. There are booklets, leaflets, Rosary beads, Miraculous Medals and children's colouring-in pictures to take home.

Parish Finance

The Weekly collection (26th April) amounted to: **£2035.74**Sincere thanks for your continued generosity.
Altar Society, Church Cleaners: **Group C** 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.

St. Anne's Parish

Very Reverend Feargal McGrady, PP

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Fifth Sunday of Easter 3rd May 2015 Year B Psalter 1

First Reading: Acts 9:26-31

Poor Paul! Talk about giving a dog a bad name that sticks. He is a lucky man to have Barnabas at his side to bat for him. A question you might ask yourself is 'who has been Barnabas in my life? Who has loved me in spite of my sinfulness, faults and failings? Who has given me the courage to speak out boldly in the name of the Lord?

Responsorial Psalm: 21
You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly -

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

The theme of boldness is present to us again. We are called not just to talk the talk but walk the walk, put our money where our mouth is & love in a radical way. It knows that true love is not just moonlight and roses, but hard graft and sacrifice. Life can be messy sometimes. The commandments are a signpost for us in this.

Gospel: Luke John 15:1-8

Our art teacher at school, was very fond of reminding us that you can't just rush at a canvass. You can't fling paint with wild abandon in the style of Jackson Pollock or Wassily Kandinsky. You need to learn basic techniques, hone your craft with great dedication and purpose, build up a portfolio and decide what to include in it. Natural talent will only get you so far. If you do decide to throw paint after all that, it is paint throwing with purpose. Bearing fruit is a lengthy process. Some vines are twining or scrambling, some climb by aerial rootlets and some by tendrils. All need to be trained and pruned.

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:
Christopher Forsyth & Joe Acheson who died recently.
Kathleen McKenna, Margaret McCrory, Ada Lunny, Una Brennan & John Cahill
Rosaleen Raffo, Margaret & John Rafferty
and all whose anniversaries are at this time and those whose names are in the
Book of Remembrance. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Refurbishment Appeal

This collection currently stands at over £18000 with other money already promised to us. The appeal remains open.

Thanks to all who have contributed so generously

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.

Defibrillator Training

Thanks to those who have volunteered to undertake short training courses in the use of Defibrillators. There are still places available.

If interested please pass your name to Parish Office before Monday 11th May.

St Anne's One World Group

Traidcraft Sales: £407.05. Secondhand Books: £42, Donations & Cards £44, Trocaire; Memorial Cards £15- Many thanks for your continued support, not just financially but whole hearted support and care.

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

Down and Connor Maryvale Association invite you to a training day in the *Anchor* Catechetical programme taking place on Saturday 9th May 2015, Tobar Mhuire Retreat Centre, Crossgar. There are still places available. This course is especially suited to anyone involved in their parish including Ministers of the Word, Sacramental Preparation, Special Eucharistic Ministers or anyone who would like to understand the methodology of catechesis. The cost including full lunch, materials and training is £60. For further information please contact Brigid 07955656780 /bmmcalister@hotmail.co.uk.or www.anchoryourfaith.com

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.

Reverend Andrew Black

Is being Ordained today in St Colmcille's Church, Holywood Please keep Andrew and his family and friends in your prayers at this time of great joy and rich blessing in our Diocese.

The Prayer Circle

Wish to let you know that a group of parishioners met and prayed for the bereaved of the parish on last Tuesday evening. We wish to thank all who attended. If you would like to pray for our dead and our bereaved parishioners but cannot attend the meetings then you can become a virtual Circle member and pray in your own home. If interested in being enrolled please contact the bereavement Support group through the Parish office

"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
Each story can be read by an individual or used, as the basis for discussion, in a
group or school setting.

The book costs £10 and is available from the Parish Office A very worthwhile and interesting book.

Cemetery Sundays

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

City Cemetery – Sunday, 10th May – Please note that this year Prayers will take place in St John's Parish Church at 3 pm. Families who have loved ones buried in the Glenalina Section (Upper Section) are invited to gather in St John's Church. Their graves will be blessed after the Prayer Service. Those who have loved ones buried in the Lower Section nearer the gatehouse are invited to stand at or near their graves, which will be blessed during the service. Speakers outside St John's Church should reach the lower end of the Cemetery as far as the Gate House.

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.

Habitat for Humanity Northern Ireland is hosting a special evening of music and song with The Priests. The classical music trio **The Priests** will present a special fundraising concert in St Patrick's RC Cathedral, Armagh on Friday 29th May 2015. The evening will celebrate the hope that local people have helped Habitat for Humanity Northern Ireland build over the last 21 years. Tickets cost £20 and can be purchased at www.habitatni.co.uk or from Armagh Parish Office (Tel 028 37522813).