



St. Anne's Parish

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Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time)

14th June 2015 Year B Psalter 3

First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

Prior to this passage, Ezekiel has used an analogy which shows the destruction of Judah at the hands of Babylon. Here, Ezekiel presents a more positive scene, He describes how God takes a shoot from the same tree. This shoot represents the Davidic line and is the branch which will blossom into the long hoped for Messiah.

Responsorial Psalm: 91:

It is good to give you thanks O Lord -

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

In this section of the Letter, Paul defends his actions and apostleship, affirming his affection for the Corinthians. Two key themes in the Letter are Paul's position as an apostle of Christ and his reference to the community as the Body of Christ which is contrasted to the human body and can in fact lead one away from Christ.

This passage warns the Corinthians to beware being exiled from Christ.

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

In today's Gospel we are presented with two parables which describe the kingdom of God. While we often think of a parable as a story with a meaning, it is better to see it as a way of coming close to a mystery. By using parables to describe what the kingdom of God is like, Jesus is introducing a foreign concept using concepts with which his listeners are familiar like the mustard seed which grows unseen in the soil and yet grows into the biggest of bushes.

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Fr Colm Campbell, Kathleen Hill (Late of Nazareth Care Village)

Michael Martin & Ronan Hughes who died recently.

Celie Hegan whose months mind occurs at this time

Gerry McQuillan & Rose Gray whose anniversaries are at this time and those whose names are in the Book of Remembrance. Rest in peace. Amen

Celebrating the Liturgy

Weekend Mass Times:

Sat. (Vigil) 6.30pm

Sunday: 10.00am & 12 Noon

Weekday:

Sacrament:

Monday 7.30pm

Tues - Sat. 10.00am

Divine Office:

Morning Prayer: Mon. 10.00am

(Followed by Rosary)

Thurs: 10am *(followed by Mass)*

Confessions:

Saturday after 10.00am Mass

5.30 - 6.15pm

Adoration of the Blessed

Wed. & Thurs. 10.30am – 9.00pm

Sat. 10.30am – 12.00 Noon

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.

The Mater: The Story of a Belfast Teaching Hospital & its Community

Over generations the Mater has won a place of deep affection in the hearts of many families and health professionals who live within its easy reach and well beyond North Belfast. This very colourful and beautifully illustrated book should be of interest to people of all ages throughout the Diocese of Down and Connor, but particularly so to those living within the Greater Belfast area.

The book launch will be on Wednesday, 10th June, 6pm in the Mater Hospital

If you are interested, contact the parish office. Cost £10

Save the Date!!!!!!!

Children in Crossfire Ceili, St Anne's Parish Centre

Friday, 28th August.

Further Details later.

Praxis Care

Are looking for volunteers to befriend people who may be feeling lonely or isolated. Further information from Catherine Little 90234555

Bereavement Support Group - Have you suffered bereavement?

If you wish to talk in confidence – please ring the parish office **90610112**

Parish Finance –

The Weekly collection amounted to: **£2125.92**

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity.

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

**Rev. Conor McCarthy's Ordination
Sunday 28th June at 3.00 pm**

The Ordination Ceremony for Rev Conor McCarthy will take place on **Sunday 28th June 2015 at 3.00 pm**. All Parishioners are most welcome to attend and no ticket is necessary. After the Ordination, Parishioners are invited over to the Parish Centre for a finger buffet and refreshments.

Rev. Conor's first Mass will be held the following evening, **Monday 29th June, at 7.00 pm**. Again, all Parishioners are most welcome to attend and no ticket is necessary. After the first Mass, Parishioners are invited to the Parish Centre for a finger buffet and refreshments.

Due to numbers expected, it is advisable to come early.

Annual Pioneer Mass of the Sacred Heart at St. Anne's Church,
Mon 15th June 7.30pm. Emblems/Certificates presented.
Refreshments afterwards. All Welcome!

Welcome into the Church and Parish Family

Tyler Jonathan Hewitt, Ella-Jane Clare Reid, Orla Marie Blue,
Eamon Michael Bennett, Meadh Geraldine Kennedy & Mark Peter McKenna
Who were baptized recently.

Fundraising Social Events –

Would you like to arrange a 'Social Event to raise funds to replace the 17 year old boiler? – Contact the Parish Office 028 9061 0112

**Down and Connor Associate Lourdes Membership:
Church door collection next weekend 20th / 21st June**

The Associate Lourdes Membership allows Parishes in the Diocese to be very much a part of the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes which takes place in July, both financially and spiritually. All donors are remembered in Masses and Ceremonies in a special way during the Pilgrimage.

Volunteers Required!

The Parish requires help with the weekly washing of an Altar cloth and some small cloths, finger towels and purificators which are used during the Masses each week. If two or three people could volunteer for a rota then the task would be lighter for each individual. This is an important contribution to St. Anne's Liturgy. If you are willing to help, please contact the parish office as soon as possible.

Dunmurry History & Heritage Group – Last get together until the Autumn
in Beechlawn Hotel, Monday 15th June, 11am – Speaker: Harry Press
Theme: Linen in Northern Ireland

Corpus Christi Procession

Sincere thanks to all who organised and took part in the Corpus Christi Procession last Sunday, it was a wonderful parish celebration and great to see so many children and families.

Congratulations !!!!!

To the P7's from St Anne's for the two wonderful productions of "The Lion King" last week
So professionally done and produced. Well done!!

Annual Pilgrimage and Mass on St Patrick's Mountain, Saul

will take place on **Sunday 14th June at 3.00pm**.

Bishop Noel Treanor will be the Celebrant.

All Welcome.

Parish Baptism Team - Appeal

The Parish Baptism Team would like to recruit one, two or three more members to join them in the Ministry of preparing parents for their child's Baptism service. A visit is made to the home of each baby about to be baptized to explain the ceremony before it takes place. Two people go out to each home. Parents are always most welcoming. Training will be given to all new members and experience with those existing members offered to new volunteers. It is a worthwhile and satisfying ministry in the Parish. If you would like to join or would like further information, please contact the parish office 90610112.

Parish Golf Tournament

Many thanks to all who supported the recent golf tournament at Balmoral, special thanks to sponsors and participants.

The overall winners were:

Michael McNulty & Ladies Winner was Annette McCreesh

All proceeds towards the Refurbishment Appeal.

CLOMARD SOLEMN NOVENA

BEGINS WEDNESDAY 17th - THURSDAY 25th JUNE

The Solemn Novena in Clonard is for the whole family and community, young and old - for those who believe and those in doubt - for those who are rejoicing and those who are struggling - for those who hope and those who despair visit Clonard website for times of Novena sessions

Watch Live on webcam on Web site: www.clonard.com

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Details of Mass Times etc. on noticeboard in porch

The Redemptorists have declared 2015 a year to strengthen our love for the Mother of God in preparation for the 150th Jubilee of their special mission of making the Icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help known throughout the world.
The Novena is a time to pray and celebrate God's abundant graces and love.