



St. Anne's Parish

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

19th July 2015 Year B Psalter 4

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Strong words of warning today to those charged with shepherding God's people! Speaking in God's name, Jeremiah's words were first addressed to those whose poor shepherding resulted in foreign armies invading Israel and forcing God's people into exile. The remedy is God's promise that he will shepherd his people to himself.

Responsorial Psalm 22-

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want -

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:13-18

Paul, writing to the Christian community in the Greek city of Ephesus, is emphasising that in Jesus Christ there is no longer a distinction between believers based on their background. Those born Jews and those born pagan are being formed into one community in Christ. He is the peace between all, for he has shed his blood for all.

Gospel: Mark 6:30-40

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, is full of compassion – for the sheep on his flock and for their shepherds. The apostles, returned from mission, need rest. The crowds, who flock to Jesus, need his shepherding and his guidance.

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Alex O'Neill, Oliver McDonald, Betty Minshull, Billy Murray
& Mary McKinley who died recently.

Clarice Tuite, Geraldine McGuinness, Mary King, Michael Donnelly,
David & Molly Magill, Pat O'Hanlon & Anthony Fitzpatrick,
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

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.

Emmanuel School of Mission – Give all, get more!

Are you between 18 and 30 years old?

Would you like to deepen your faith?

Do you fancy spending 9 months in Rome (with opportunities to spend short periods doing missionary work in various countries?)

Contact fionaedmund@fsmail.net

“Supporting Youth is building the Church of today”

Parish Finance –

The Weekly collection amounted to: £1403.47

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity.

Altar Society, Church Cleaners: Group B this week.

Fr John Murray

Former curate in St Anne's has been writing a monthly column in the Sacred Heart Messenger for many years. A little book with 50 articles written by Fr John entitled "Saints of Our Time" has been published (cost £9.99)

All profits going to Trocaire.

Please show your support for Trocaire by buying this beautiful book.

Please contact the parish office if you would like a copy.

Bereavement Support Group

Have you suffered bereavement?

If you wish to talk in confidence –

please ring the parish office **90610112** and a member will contact you.

Faith and Life Convention

A date for the diaries! The second Faith and Life Convention is going to take place on: **Saturday 26th September**

In: Our Lady and St Patrick's College, Knock.

Those of you who were there last year will remember the lively spirit of community and of learning together that we all experienced. This year our main speaker is Fr Brendan Comerford SJ, speaking on:

What hope for faith?

In the afternoon twenty workshops will be on offer with a great variety of themes. Online booking is available already at www.faithandlifeconvention.org.

Bodybuilders Summer Camp

ST COLMAN'S CHURCH HALL, DUNMURRY 27th – 31st JULY

For children Primary 1 to 5th Year Sessions: 10-12, 2-4, 7-9

We are also looking for LEADERS from the age of 16 and above to help us for the whole week or part of the week. If interested please email noel@resound.cd for further information and leader form.

GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER (GIFT)

The GIFT programme for First and Second year pupils will begin after the summer break. Application forms were given to all P7 pupils for the GIFT 1 programme last week. To help planning it is important that these are returned asap. Application Forms for the Gift 2 Programme will be sent out shortly to those who took part in the 2015 GIFT 1 Programme. However if you are going into 2nd year in September but did not take part in GIFT1 you are welcome to join in. If interested contact the parish Office for an application form.

Youth 2000 - Summer Festival

Thursday 13th – Sunday 16th August.

For young people aged 16-35, an opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic Faith and meet many new people, with over 1000 young people. The weekend will include inspiring talks, workshops, dramas, concert, prayer, games and times of sharing. The festival is donation only.

Free buses from all around Ireland. For more info and to book online, visit: www.youth2000.ie or phone 0035316753690

Diploma in Pastoral Theology

Do you want to study and reflect on Christian life and ministry and the way ordained and lay ministry complement each other?

Would you like to combine a comprehensive study programme with the acquisition of new skills and supervised practical experience of ministry?

Coursework is appraised on a continuous assessment basis. There are no exams. For more information please contact Maura Burns at 028 28276455 or visit the Drumalis website, www.drumalis.co.uk

Laudato Si – Pope Francis' Encyclical on the Environment

An “urgent challenge to protect our common home ... to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change”

Thus introduces Pope Francis's plea of Laudato Si, a text of such landmark significance that it may well become one of the most important sources of Catholic Social Teaching since its inception with Pope Leo XIII's Rerum Novarum in 1891. Both the title of the encyclical (“On Care for Our Common Home”) and its opening quote from St. Francis's canticle establish the focus of this text.

It's all about relationships.

In the introductory section, Francis, following his thirteenth-century namesake, calls the earth our “common home”, which is like our sister and our mother. But we are damaging this familial relationship as we harm the environment. In so doing, we are damaging our relationship with other humans, particularly those least equipped to defend themselves: the poor and future generations. We are forgetting our interconnectedness with the earth and with those around and ahead of us who depend on our good stewardship of the gift of creation. Given the universal nature of our common home, Francis makes it clear that the encyclical is addressed to not only members of the Church but is a vehicle to “enter into dialogue” with all people who are “united by the same concern” [3, 7].

The first chapter, “What Is Happening to Our Common Home”, looks at the various symptoms of environmental degradation. The impacts of climate change are considered alongside issues of the depletion of freshwater and loss of biodiversity. There is no substantial discussion of the science of global warming; instead, it simply points to the overwhelming consensus concerning the negative impact of carbon-intensive economies on the natural world and human life: “Caring for ecosystems demands farsightedness, since no one looking for quick and easy profit is truly interested in their preservation” [36]. The encyclical firmly posits that a truly ecological approach is also inherently social – an approach that simultaneously hears the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. The social and environmental impacts of mining is cited as a prime example of this. In many places within the text, Francis lauds the achievements of the environmental movement, while at the same time, he critiques elements within it. He forthrightly dismisses the idea that population growth is to blame for environmental damage; such a suggestion is often a way of refusing to reduce overconsumption by the affluent. Later on, the encyclical states that abortion can never be viewed as a justification for the protection of nature.