



St. Anne's Parish

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

26th July 2015 Year B Psalter 1

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

A miracle of multiplication of bread is worked through the prophet Elisha and becomes more than enough to satisfy the needs of all. God, in his graciousness, provides generously for human hunger – of body and spirit.

Responsorial Psalm 144-

You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires -

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

God, in his graciousness has been generous to us, and we, in turn, are to be generous in our living of the life he calls us to, especially in our efforts to build up the Christian community. Paul implores the Christians of Ephesus to lead a life worthy of their baptismal calling. We may not feel we have much to offer, but if we give from a willing heart, it will build the body of Christ to the glory of the Father.

Gospel: John 6:1-15

From today, the continuous reading of St. Mark's gospel is interrupted and instead we listen to and reflect on the sixth chapter of John's gospel, Jesus' teaching on the Bread of Life. We start with the miracle of the loaves and fishes, what seems inadequate is freely given and shared and is more than adequate to feed the crowd. In the Eucharist, we remember that Jesus offered himself for the salvation of all. He is the Bread of Life that satisfies the deepest hungers of the human heart.

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Ken Havel who died recently.

Thomas Kerrigan, Sally McCann, John Jordan, Peter Elliott, Mary Blease & Maureen Murphy. 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.

Parish Finance –

The Weekly collection amounted to: £2141.97

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity.

Altar Society, Church Cleaners: Group C 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.

Ulster Youth Orchestra

This year's programme opens with the Les Preludes by Liszt, followed by Stanford's Irish Rhapsody No 4, The Fisherman of Lough Neagh and will conclude with Saint-Saens magnificent Organ Symphony which will be performed by

Belfast organist, 15 year old Donal McCann.

Saturday, 22nd August, 7.45pm Ulster Hall.

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.

Preparing for the Sacraments

Parents whose children attend schools other than St. Anne's Primary School and wish to have their children enrolled in the Parish for the Sacraments of: First Penance, First Holy Communion and Confirmation should contact the Parish Office immediately with their details. Preparation Classes starting in September..

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

R.C.I.A.

RCIA stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and is for individuals from any faith background (and none) who want to explore and enquire into the catholic faith.

It is a weekly series of classes and discussion covering a wide range of aspects of the catholic faith. The weekly classes last 1hr.30mins.

Participants on RCIA programmes come from all walks of life, ages and backgrounds. What they all have in common is that they felt the call of God urging them to change the direction of their lives.

RCIA is also for cradle Catholics who want a deeper understanding of their catholic faith and for Catholics who have lapsed from the practice of celebrating their faith and whom God is inviting to come back to him.

Ultimately, RCIA is a journey of faith exploration and development, culminating in the reception of the catechumens/candidates into the catholic community at Pentecost, if after their exploration and enquiry into the catholic faith the Holy Spirit inspires them to do so.

The RCIA programme begins at St. Mary's, Chapel Lane on Thursday 22nd October 2015. Should you wish to take part, please contact Fr. James Boyle, or Anne McCrossan ASAP to arrange a meeting and register. Tel: 02890 320482

Email: administratorofstmarys@btinternet.com

Feast of St Anne

Sunday 26th July is the Feast Day of St Anne, we ask her to bless and protect our parishioners and to comfort all who are sick and those who have been bereaved. St Anne intercede for us.

Laudato Si – Pope Francis' Encyclical on the Environment

The second chapter, "The Gospel of Creation", considers the world the way that God intended it. The chapter surveys the rich scriptural traditions to show that there is no biblical justification for "a tyrannical anthropocentrism unconcerned for other creatures." [68]. Likewise, there is no room for misanthropic versions of environmentalism since reverence for nature is only authentic if we have compassion for fellow humans. A person who is truly concerned about the trafficking of endangered species is automatically concerned with the trafficking of humans.

The third chapter, "The Human Roots of the Ecological Crisis", examines the twin notions of what it calls the "technocratic paradigm" and a "modern anthropocentrism" borne out of a view that sees nature as a mere given, devoid of any spiritual or transcendental value. These notions have led to the misplaced ideas that the earth's resources are infinite and that economic growth and technology alone can solve global hunger and poverty. In reality, a purely materialistic view of reality has not only resulted in disregard for the environment, but also undermined the worth of a human life, especially those forms viewed as having little or no utility – human embryos, the poor, or people with disabilities. At the heart of consumerist and profit-driven economic ideologies is a wrong-footed idea of dominion. The result is exploitation, and a throwaway attitude towards nature and human life itself. The encyclical calls for a bold cultural revolution in our attitude to development and progress. It puts it rather bluntly: "Nobody is suggesting a return to the Stone Age, but we do need to slow down and look at reality in a different way, to appropriate the positive and sustainable progress which has been made, but also to recover the values and the great goals swept away by our unrestrained delusions of grandeur."

Welcome into the Church and Parish Family

Thomas Patrick Carson & Benjamin Peter McAuley-Young.
Who were baptized recently.

Retired Teachers urgently needed, one morning per week, in West, North and South Belfast

"The children's special needs charity Sólás has a number of volunteering opportunities, for Retired Teachers, to provide 1:1 support to children, with additional educational needs, in primary schools. One morning per week, is required and full induction and ongoing support will be provided. Please contact Anne at Sólás on 02890 247600, Mobile 07518 915430 or email anne@solasbt7.com