



St. Anne's Parish

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd August 2015 Year B Psalter 2

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

Moses and Aaron experience the struggle of leaders who won't sacrifice a goal worth fighting for in exchange for telling people what they want to hear. They feel the full force of the Israelites' frustration as they endure their "exile from exile", forgetting the rough treatment they endured from the Egyptians.

Responsorial Psalm 77-

The Lord gave them bread from heaven -

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:17,20-24

Paul addresses a difficulty faced by pagan converts to The Way: Jewish and Christian morality were radically different from the way of life of most Ephesians. Obligatory "Jewishness" for converts was rejected but newly baptized tabernacles of The Holy Spirit had to change their ways.

Gospel: John 6:24-35

What we now call chapter 6 of the last Gospel is dominated by John's extensive symphony composed, like Beethoven's, around themes that are simple yet capable of being elaborated and developed to infinity: The Eucharist, the Son of God, the Lamb of God, the Bread of God. Again and again we are asked to confront the gap between our mind's ability to process the inner reality of the Church's foundational sacrament and the emphatic teaching on reality give to the disciples.

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Gerry McConnell & Sean Lavery whose months mind occurs at this time.
Sr Joan Lynam & Catherine O'Neill 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: **£1768.25**

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity.

Altar Society, Church Cleaners: **Group D 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)

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

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

Jesuit Prayer Site

A very helpful Jesuit Prayer Site is available where you can listen to prayer for each day, as well other spiritual helps. www.prayasyougo.com

Hospital Visitors Course

The next Hospital visitors' course run by the NI Healthcare Chaplains' Association (NIHCA) and Edgehill College will run for 10 weeks at Edgehill College, Belfast. The course is aimed at lay people who are interested in hospital visitation, either within the local church context or within a chaplaincy context, or who already visit hospitals as part of their church responsibilities. Anyone who may be interested can get further information and an application form from:

Edgehill Theological College, 9 Lennoxvale, Tel: 028 9068 6938

Email: kirvine@edgehillcollege.org

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..

Northern Ireland Blood Transfusion Service

The next blood donation service will be held in:

Dunmurry Presbyterian Church Hall - Thursday, 13th August, 4pm -8pm

The life saved by blood donation could be Your own or a family members

Pilgrimage to Fatima

3rd September 2015 – 7 Nights, departing Dublin

Hotel Avenida, £574 all inclusive.

Spiritual Director, Fr Eamon Magorrian,

If interested please contact Anne Gribben 028 92670152 or Eileen 07745623520

Praxis Care Befriending needs Volunteers...

Can you help?

To find out more, get a volunteer application form or to speak to someone, please contact Catherine on 028 90727161 or www.praxiscare.org.uk

Volunteer Befrienders build friendships which have a lasting positive impact, make a huge difference to the adults they are matched with.

St Mary's Christian Brothers Grammar School Open Night

Parents are invited to attend our Open Night on:

Thursday 10th September at 7.30pm

Parents can register for the GL Assessment at this event.

All enquiries to Principal.028 90294000 or www.stmaryscbgs.com

National Eucharistic Congress

Eight weeks from today we will be celebrating a National Eucharistic Congress in Knock, Co. Mayo. This is a nationwide event, and one that involves us here in our parish. Throughout the country today we begin to prepare. We will reflect on the

Congress theme 'Christ our Hope' found in the readings each Sunday until September 26/27. This week you are invited to think about what hope means to you, and where your hope comes from.

Laudato Si – Pope Francis' Encyclical on the Environment

In the fourth chapter, "Integral Ecology", the encyclical charts a path to recapture awareness of the interconnectedness of creation. To do so, it is essential to appreciate the impact of environmental degradation on "cultural ecology", such as those social networks and ways of life which are bound up with the environment in which communities are placed. The experience of indigenous peoples is specifically referred to in this regard.

The fifth chapter, "Lines of Approach and Action", sets out various international collective actions needed. It highlights the imperative to switch from fossil fuels to renewables, with the use of government subsidies where appropriate. It identifies the need for international agreements and legislation not only in relation to climate change but also biodiversity and the oceans. Carbon credits are criticized as "an expedient which permits maintaining the excessive consumption of some countries and sectors."

The sixth chapter, "Ecological Education and Spirituality", shifts attention to the individual believer, families and communities, and invites them to make a difference in small but tangible ways. Consumer choices, the cultivation of ecological virtues such as reducing wastefulness, and environmental education for the young are explained as practical steps leading to a deeper, spiritual "ecological conversion" through which the follower of Christ recognizes the true worth of all created entities. The statement "God created the world, writing into it an order and a dynamism that human beings have no right to ignore" [221] stands in the hallowed natural law tradition of Aristotle and Aquinas that every creature has in its nature an end, a telos, which humans should respect and honor. The intrinsic value of non-humans is noted when the encyclical states that the "ultimate purpose of other creatures is not to be found in us" but rather in the Risen Christ who embraces all things.

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.