

## Celebrating the Liturgy

### Weekend Mass Times:

Sat. (Vigil) 6.30pm  
Sunday: 10.00am & 12 Noon

### Confessions:

Saturday after 10.00am Mass  
5.30 - 6.15pm

### Weekday:

#### Sacrament:

Monday 7.30pm  
Tues - Sat. 10.00am

### Adoration of the Blessed

Wed. & Thurs. 10.30am – 9.00pm  
Sat. 10.30am – 12.00 Noon

### Divine Office:

**Morning Prayer:** Mon. 10.00am  
(Followed by Rosary)  
Thurs: 10am (followed by Mass)

### Marriage:

6 months' notice required  
Please contact Fr McGrady

### Baptism:

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month at 1.15pm

Contact the parish office to book – One month's notice is required.

## St. Anne's Primary School and Nursery Unit – Enrolment

### *in Nursery Unit and Primary 1 for September 2016.*

**Nursery** - Children born on or between 02/07/12 and 01/07/13 are eligible to apply for a place in a pre-school education provider. Listed below are the dates for the Nursery Unit Open Days. Application forms and the school prospectus will be available from 1st December from the school office. The closing date for applications for a Nursery place is Wednesday 13th January 2016, by 12 noon.

Nursery Open Days – Tuesday 1st December 2015, 2.30 – 3.30pm

Tuesday 8th December 2015, 2.30 – 3.30pm

(Please park in the church car park and proceed to the Nursery Unit)

**Primary 1** - Children born on or between 02/07/11 and 01/07/12 must begin their Primary education in September 2016. Listed below are the dates for the Primary 1 Open Days. Application forms and the school prospectus will be available from 1st December from the school office. The closing date for applications for a Primary 1 place is: Wednesday 13th January 2016, by 12 noon.

Primary 1 Open Days – Thursday 3rd December 2015, 1.00 – 2.00pm

Thursday 7th January 2016, 1.00 – 2.00pm

(Tour begins at 1.00pm, Principal's address at 1.45pm.)

*Please park in the church car park & proceed to the Main School Office, Block D)*

**Parish Finance** – The Weekly collection amounted to: £2725.35

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity.

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



# St. Anne's Parish

**Very Reverend Feargal McGrady, PP**

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**Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday**  
**13<sup>th</sup> December 2015 Year C Psalter 3**

## THE DOOR OF MERCY

**The Year of Mercy - December 2015 – November 2016**

On Tuesday 8th December 2015 Pope Francis opened the Holy Door: the Door of Mercy in St Peter's Basilica, Rome,

inaugurating a Year of Mercy. He hopes this will be "a special time for the Church": a time to "gaze more attentively on mercy so that we may become a more effective sign of the Father's action in our lives."

*St Patrick's Belfast Door of Mercy*



**On Sunday 13th December Bishop Noel Treanor will open the Door of Mercy for the Diocese in St Patrick's Church, Donegall St., Belfast. This will take place during 7pm evening mass and parishioners from across the Diocese are invited to attend.**



## Recently Deceased

*Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:*

Mark Lehane, Joe Earley who died recently.

Gerry McQuade, Mary Loughran, Simon & Kathleen Clarke, Noel Marshall, Daniel & Kathleen Neill, Frank & Theresa Small, Stella Anderton, Josephine Callan, Oisín Ferran & Louise MacSherry whose anniversaries are at this time and those whose names are in the Book of

Remembrance,

**May they rest in peace. Amen.**

### St Paul's Missal – 2016

Missals on sale this weekend in Church Porch **£5.50 each**

**St. Anne's Pioneer Centre** - your *Used Stamps* are requested for the Missions.

*Box will be provided in church porch.*

Diary (£1) Calendar (2.50) Cards (1.90) tel. Josephine 90617116. Thank You."

### St Vincent de Paul

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Appeal - Please give generously!**

Christmas Lunch: Balmoral Hotel, Blacks Road **Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> December, 1.00pm**

Tickets from any member of the S.V.P. after Masses.

**Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat** - 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Dec Newbridge College, Co Kildare.

Further info; Organised by young people for young people aged 16-35

[www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie), email; [Dublin@youth2000.ie](mailto:Dublin@youth2000.ie) or call 00 353 1 6753690

**LIVING YOUTH** – Come and join in our third Monthly Diocesan Youth Mass  
**Sunday 20th December 5.00 pm** (Confessions & Music Practice from 4.30 pm) in  
Holy Family Church, Newington Avenue, Belfast, BT15 3AP. Refreshments after

**Parish Trust Library** - located at the top right hand side aisle in the church.

Please feel free to browse or borrow the books at any time.

### NI Hospice – Lights to Remember

Christmas is a time filled with joy and celebration; but for many people, it is also an extremely difficult time. At Christmas our thoughts often turn to those who are sadly no longer with us. This is why we have our **Lights to Remember** appeal each year focused on a very special *Christmas tree at Hospice, lit by thousands of lights, all individually sponsored.*

By sponsoring a light on the Hospice tree in memory of your loved one, or by making a donation, you can help us continue caring for local people facing terminal illness this Christmas and beyond.

The annual Lights ceremony will take place on Thursday the 17th December. Starting with refreshments at 6.30pm, **Lights ceremony at 7.30pm at Dominican College, Fortwilliam, Belfast** followed by **a torchlight procession to Hospice** on Somerton Road where the tree lights will be switched on at 8.15pm.

To sponsor a light or find out more call **028 9077 7123** or visit **nihospice.org**

### St. Anne's One World Group

Last weekend stall; *Trocaire Gifts* £1280, *Traidcraft Sales* £720.43, *Donations & Handmade items* £95.16, *Secondhand Books* £90 *Christmas Hamper Ballot* £429.  
*Congratulations to winners 1<sup>st</sup> Carmel Brady, 2<sup>nd</sup> Maura Jordan 3<sup>rd</sup> Teresa Erne*

**Most sincere thanks for your wonderful support**

### Dunmurry Historical & Heritage Group

14th December Beechlawn Hotel 11 a.m Welcome back Gwyn Hughes.

### Advent Programme

**Third Sunday of Advent 13<sup>th</sup> December**

**Parish Penitential Service at 4.00pm with Folk Group**

Visiting priests will be in attendance.

*Please note the change of time above, 4.00 pm*

**Also, Parishioners are warmly invited to come along to:**

*St Patrick's Donegall St., Belfast 7.00pm*

**Bishop Noel Treanor will open the 'Door of Mercy'**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent 20<sup>th</sup> December**

Service of Light 7.00pm in the Church

Organised by Christian Life Community

### Diocesan Refugee Response Update

**Supporting the First Group of Syrian Refugees to Arrive in Belfast next week.**

The Diocesan Team working on the response to the Syrian refugee crisis have been liaising with officials at the Department of Social Development (DSD) to prepare for the arrival of the first group of refugees to come here under the official Westminster Government scheme.

DSD have now confirmed that this first group will arrive to Belfast, directly from the UN Camps in Lebanon and elsewhere, next **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**. The group will comprise 51 persons, in 10 family units. Almost half of the group will be children, ranging in age from 15 years to a few months.

The families will arrive first to a 'Welcome Centre' set up by the DSD. They will stay at this Centre for a few days during which they will receive information from a number of services and agencies. After this nine of the families will be moved to accommodation in North and West Belfast. One family will be placed in South Belfast. The families will be invited to choose schools for their children from the different sectors available, though for those housed in North and West Belfast Catholic schools are expected to be the nearest option.

To date, the total collected from Parishes as part of the Diocesan Refugee Response initiative is just over £220,000 (two hundred and twenty thousand pounds). This represents an extraordinary level of generosity and is one of the highest amounts taken up in a single Diocesan Emergency appeal collection in recent years. The money has been used by SVDP and Trócaire to provide food and emergency aid directly to those fleeing war and persecution in Syria and Iraq. Part of the monies has also been used to build a vital food warehouse near one of the refugee camps. The Parish Hall in the Parish of St. Agnes, Belfast is being used by SVDP as a warehouse for clothes and other much needed items that are being shipped out on a regular basis. As winter approaches there is a particular need for warm clothing and blankets. Any Parishioners who wish to donate such items should bring them to their local De Paul shop.