**Celebrating the Liturgy**

**Weekend Mass Times: Confessions:**

Sat. (Vigil) 6.30pmSaturday after 10.00am Mass

Sunday: 10.00am & 12 Noon 5.30 - 6.15pm

**Weekday: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Monday 7.30pm Wed. & Thurs. 10.30am – 9.00pm

Tues - Sat. 10.00am Sat. 10.30am – 12.00 Noon

**Divine Office: Marriage:**

**Morning Prayer:**  Mon. 10.00am 6 months’ notice required

 (*Followed by Rosary)* Please contact Fr McGrady

Thurs: 10am (*followed by Mass)*

**Baptism:**

1st & 3rd Sundays of the month at 1.15pm

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

**St Paul’s Missal – 2016**

**Diocesan Directories on sale £3**

**Mater Hospital Books £10**

**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.

**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 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: **£2159.73**

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity.

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

 **St. Anne’s Parish**

 ***Pastoral Community of Derriaghy & Colin***

**Very Reverend Feargal McGrady, PP**

St Anne’s Parochial House, Tel: 9061 0112

**Parish Sister: Sr. Mary Murray.** Tel: 9061 0112

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***The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph***

 ***27th December 2015 Year C Psalter 1***

**First Reading: 1Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28**

People often reflect that family is one of the most important things in life. For Hannah, her desire for a child consumed her and engulfed her prayers. Yet even in her overwhelming joy at the birth of her son, she knew that this baby did not belong to her as a right or possession. We can’t own other people. Family is God’s gift to us.

***Responsorial Psalm 83***

***They are happy who dwell in your house, O Lord –***

**Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2**

The phrase ‘children of God’ is a beautifully simple way to express the nature of our relationship with God. Children owe their existence to their parents. Tp a parent, their child is ‘flesh of my flesh’. The love that a parent feels for their child is utterly boundless, tied into their very existence. If we in our weakness can love in this way, how much greater is God’s love for us.

**Gospel: Luke: 2:41-52**

The finding of Jesus in the Temple brings the inner workings of the Holy Family into sharp focus. It is surprising how similar it is to the modern experience of family. As any twelve year old, Jesus is gradually gaining independence from his parents. He occasionally shocks them with his apparent lack of thought.

 **Recently Deceased**

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

John Campbell & Brendan Macaulay who died recently.

Anne Hogan, Seamus & Susan Lavery, Nora Nash, Jim O’Rawe, Maureen Slevin, Marie Douglas & Louise MacSherry whose anniversaries are at this time and those whose names are in the Book of Remembrance,

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

**Dear Parishioner,**

Our Parish has been notified that the Diocesan Safeguarding Office will be undertaking an audit of our compliance with safeguarding policies and procedures. This audit will take place on 3 February 2016.

In preparation for the audit could I ask our Parish Groups to gather relevant documentation to include Codes of Conduct, details of volunteers who have undertaken awareness training etc.

The Parish Safeguarding Committee will be in contact with groups after Christmas to prepare for the audit.

Could we wish a Happy and Holy Christmas to all our fellow parishioners and especially to the dedicated volunteers within Parish Groups

Philip O Hara, Mary Devlin, Peter McIlvenney, Father Feargal McGrady

 **Part time SPRED Coordinator**

Sought to help support fellow parishioners with learning disabled in our Diocese.

Duties include providing training for our groups, giving presentations raising awareness and recruitment, administration and planning.

15 hours per week @ £8 per hour

For more information and to apply, please contact or send your CV to spreddc@gmail.com Closing date for applications, 03/01/16

**NI Hospice and Children's Hospice Charity Concert - Laganside Sinfonia**

Join us on **29th December** 2015 in St. Patrick's Church, Donegall Street, Belfast at 7:30pm with music by Rachmaninov, Sarasate and Marquez as well as a few seasonal carols and mystery encores! Entry is free with a retiring collection in aid of NI Hospice and Children's Hospice Charity Concert.

**O Come Let Us Adore Him!!!!**

The Live Crib will open at St Mary’s Church, Chapel Lane, Belfast on Saturday 12th Dec. Come along to The Grotto and meet the Holy Family, Shepherds and Kings. Also featuring, Henry AND Poppy the donkeys, goats, Emily, Billy & Gruff. All donations to Tuesday’s Child’s Christmas Appeal for war-torn children Carol singers and school groups welcome. The crib will run until 6th Jan ’16, animals arrive at 10.30am. and go home at 5 p.m. each day.

For further details e-mail info@tuesdayschild.ie.

**FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS**

will take place in: **ST.MATTHIAS’ CHURCH, Glen Road**

On, **Saturday 2nd January**

**3.00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Confessions**

**4.00 p.m. Holy Sacrifice of the Mass**

**Slimming World -**  St Anne’s Parish Centre

**On: Tuesday’s -** Sessions at 5.30pm & 7.30pm

***Mass Arrangements after Christmas***

***Monday 28th December 7.30pm***

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***Friday 1st January - New Year’s Day:***

***Feast of Mary Mother of God***

***& World Day of Peace***

***Mass at 10.00 am***

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***Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd January***

***Mass times as usual***

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***Monday 4th January Mass 7.30pm***

***Wednesday 6th January: Feast of the Epiphany***

***(Holy Day of Obligation)***

***Vigil Mass 7.30pm & Wednesday 10am***

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| **School Open Days** |
| **St Genevieve’s High School****Open Night**Tuesday 5th January at 7.00pm | **CBS BOYS SCHOOL ,Glen Road** OPEN NIGHT onTuesday 5th January at 7.0pm.All P7 pupils welcome.... |
| **St Colm’s High School**Thursday 7th January at 7pmEnquiries for Post 16 courses welcome | **St Louise’s Comprehensive College**Thursday 7th JanuaryPrincipal’s address 4.30pm & 6.30pm |
| **St Dominic’s Grammar School**Saturday 9th January Principal’s Speech 9.30am & 11 am | **Our Lady & St Patrick’s College**Sarurday 9th JanuaryPrincipal’s Address 9.30am & 11 am |
| **DE la Salle College**Tuesday 12th January 7.00 pm & 9.00pmPrincipals Address at 7.00 pm | **St Malachy’s College**Wednesday 13th January 2012 &Thursday 14th January Principal’s Address at 7pm |
| **St Mary’s Christian Brothers Grammar School****Thursday 14th January 7.30pm**Thursday 14th January at 7.30pm | **Aquinas Diocesan Grammar School**Saturday 16th January 9.30am & 1pmPrincipal’s talk: 9.30am & 11.30am |
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