

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:

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

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

DIOCESAN VOCATION WEEKEND

The "Door of Mercy" has been opened in this Jubilee Year of Mercy! Have you ever considered the possibility that God is calling you to be His ambassador of mercy as a priest in the Church? If so, why not take this opportunity to gather with other men who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood? This retreat will create the time and space to help you discern God's call in your life.

The retreat will take place in Drumalis Retreat Centre, from Friday 19th – Sunday 21st February 2016. Contact: Fr. Kevin McGuckien, (02890614567) Email:.

Welcome into the Church and Parish Family

Jacob Oliver McMahon, Conal James Deery, Nathan George Presley, Jude Michael John Crawford who were baptized recently.

St Patrick's Day Family Celebration, after 10 am Mass.

Include live traditional music and song, céilí dancing, Irish dancing and much more. St. Anne's PTA will be joining the event this year. If you are a musician, singer, dancer or have another talent and would like to be involved in this celebration please contact Siobhán on 07846626700.

Habitat Gala Ball - Living Youth Fundraiser. Contact; info@habitatni.co.uk to sponsor a Habitat team travelling to Ethiopia in August

The Tullyglass House Hotel, Ballymena. Tickets £40 each or £400 per Table
Please consider coming along and giving your support.

Parish Finance – The Weekly collection amounted to: £1845.69

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity.

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



St. Anne's Parish

Pastoral Community of Derriaghy & Colin
Very Reverend Feargal McGrady, PP

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First Sunday of Lent

14th February 2016 Year C Psalter 1

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

The Israelites have not yet crossed over to the Promised Land but they are very close. The direction given, is to help prepare the Israelites' new life; as they settle in "the land of milk and honey". All God asks of them is to present a basket of the first fruits when they reach the Promised Land, to remember their struggles recalling with gratitude the One who gave hope, strength and providence when they called on him.

Responsorial Psalm 90

Be with me, O Lord, in my distress -

Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13

There is a very immediate, personal and powerful message declared: "The word is very near you, it is on your lips and in your heart". Allow these words to rest in you, awaken in you. If I search the depths of myself am I able to rest in the love and all the Lord has for me? Or do I judge myself?

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

The Spirit who descended upon Jesus at his baptism now leads him into the desert for forty days. In this wilderness, Jesus endures the temptations of the devil. Jesus defends against the evil one with a string of quotes from Deuteronomy. Although the devil plays a central role in this story it is God who is in control.

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Gerard McAreavey, Alice Cunningham, Patricia Lunney & Bridie Heagney who died recently.

Patricia McBrien whose months mind occurs at this time.

George Rooney, Richard Maguire, Mary McTaggart, James Leeson, Freddie Lyttle, Ellen Murphy, William, Elizabeth & John Mooney, Gerald, Annie & Dominic O'Neill, whose anniversaries are at this time and those whose names are in the Book of Remembrance. May they **Rest in peace. Amen.**

Lenten Programme 2016

First Sunday of Lent 14th February

Evening Prayer of the Church 7pm - With the Traditional Choir

2nd Sunday of Lent – 21st February
Stations of the Cross at 7pm – All are warmly invited encouraged to attend

3rd Sunday of Lent - 28th February
Lenten Focus Presented by our One World Group

Fourth Sunday of Lent – 6th March
*Mothering Sunday
No Evening Service*

Fifth Sunday of Lent –
13th March 7pm Prayer Service
*with Fr Conor McCarthy
The 7 Last Words from The Cross*

Sixth Sunday of Lent – 20th March
Parish Penitential Service - 4pm. (visiting priests in attendance).

Save the Date - St Anne's Parish, Spring Ball

Malone Suite, Ramada Hotel, Shaws Bridge - Friday, 29th April
Drinks Reception 7.30pm – Dinner 8pm – Dancing to 1.00am
Tickets £30 – Dress Code: Smart Casual
Further details to follow or contact Anne Murray 07762 936262

DO SOMETHING SPECIAL THIS LENT!

Many people choose to abstain from alcohol during Lent. Why not take this opportunity to help someone you love with an alcohol or drug problem by offering up your sacrifice as a prayer for their freedom from addiction. Take the Short-Term pledge Register your pledge with local Pioneers or the Down and Connor Pioneer office- Tel: 028 90894070 or email dandcpioneers@gmail.com.

Has your life become a routine? Do you feel alone and hopeless?

Is your faith not answering to the challenges you face today
Come and listen to a good news - Meetings continue for adults and youth.
Monday and Thursdays at in Parish Centre. 7.30pm Childcare provided.

GIFT 1 Programme for First Year Pupils Will NOT be meeting this Sunday
14th February due to mid-term.

Meetings will resume Sunday 21st February at 6pm in the Parish Centre..

Series of Talks in OLQP Church On the Tuesday's of Lent beginning the 16th February following the 7.00pm Mass there will be a series of six talks in the Conference Room on the theme of 'Prayer & Prayer Methods'

LIVING YOUTH – Come and join us for our next Monthly Diocesan Youth Mass on **Sunday 21st February 2016 at 5.00 pm** (Confessions and Music Practice from 4.30 pm) in Holy Family Church, Newington Avenue, Belfast, BT15 3AP. Refreshments after in the Church Gathering Space. All welcome.

Safeguarding News

Our Parish has recently been audited by the Safeguarding Office with regards to working to Diocesan policies and procedures in relation to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults .A portfolio of evidence was presented to the auditor at a meeting on 3rd Feb. We were also questioned on our processes and procedures what is working well and not so well. Verbal feedback from the audit has been very positive **with our Parish achieving full compliance.** We expect a written report in the future. The Parish Safeguarding Committee would like to thank all those who prepared information for the audit and to the staff from the Parish Office **With regards to safeguarding there can never be complacency, your Parish Safeguarding Committee will continue to work with all our Parish Groups and external groups who use our facilities to ensure compliance with policies and procedures and to ensure that St Annes is a nurturing and safe environment for our children and vulnerable adults and for the many dedicated volunteers within our Parish. Thank you.**

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

St Patrick's Day Charity Dinner Dance & Concert with The Priests

St. Patrick's Parish is delighted to announce a spectacular Dinner and Dance Event to celebrate St. Patrick's Day and raise much-needed funds for the Church's Stone Restoration Fund. The Parish will host a Dinner Dance in Titanic, Belfast on Thursday, 17th March. The evening will commence at 7pm with a drinks reception. This will be followed by a sumptuous three-course meal at 8pm. Internationally renowned singing trio 'The Priests' will give an after-dinner concert. Guests can then dance the night away to swing sensation 'Dave Martin and the Casino Cats'. Tickets are priced at £60 each. Tickets are available from the Church Sacristy after Masses and the Parish Office, Monday to Thursday 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pm or by contacting the parish by phone: 028 90324597 or by email: stpatricks@downandconnor.org

APPLETREE DAYCARE & AFTERSCHOOLS CLUB

Operating during term-time from 1.30pm – 6pm and play schemes over the Easter and Summer breaks. Open to all, not exclusive to St Anne's Primary School. Starting February, competitively priced based in St Anne's Parish Centre. Sporting activities ie soccer, basketball, golf & gaelic games and creative workshops. Fully B.H.S.C.T. registered, all our childcare practitioners and coaches are vetted. For information or to register contact; Oisin; 90614441, appletreedaycare@yahoo.co.uk