



# St. Anne's Parish

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## *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

*13<sup>th</sup> March 2016 Year C Psalter 1*

### **First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21**

The message of Isaiah is one of renewal. It is a classic, prophetic missive of reconciliation and encouragement. It challenges hearers to greater, higher perception of what is being revealed. God is in the process of the "formation" of his people that we may declare for him

### *Responsorial Psalm 125*

*What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad -*

### **Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14**

Saint Paul is in full sporting-metaphor mood in today's second reading. He also uses images from the fiscal world too and speaks of loss and gain. It is all ultimately about the riches of eternal life, made available through faith in the resurrection of Christ.

### **Gospel: John 8:1-11**

The Gospel forms a prelude to the imminent passion of Jesus Christ. It is placed here on the fifth Sunday of Lent because it is the first episode of the action being brought against Jesus.

### **Recently Deceased**

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

Eillish Doran who died recently.

Gerard McAreavey whose Months Mind is at this time.

Niall Holmes, Terence Toal, Winifred Foy, AnneMarie Rooney,

Margaret McCullough, Brendan McBrien, Gretta Dow, Rita Cushley,

Annie & Jimmy Catney, Charlie O'Neill, Alice McEvoy,

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

### **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.

### **CLONARD YOUTH DAY OF MERCY - SATURDAY 19TH OF MARCH**

This special gathering for young people will begin at 2PM and will take place in Clonard on the eve of Palm Sunday/Holy Week. The event will consist of workshops and talks with a particular focus on God's Mercy. There will be the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation and make the Holy Door Pilgrimage. The day will conclude with the vigil Mass of Palm Sunday in Clonard Church AT 7.30PM. This Event is aimed at young people aged 15+ and its Free. For more information e mail [youthministry@clonard.com](mailto:youthministry@clonard.com) or telephone 02890445950, Brendan

### **Save the Date ..... Not to be missed!!!!**

Movies and Musicals with Laganside Sinfonia

Join us for an evening of music from stage and screen with music by John Williams, Hans Zimmer, Claude-Michel Schonberg and many more! The concert will also feature guest soloists Tara McNeill & Nathan Moore refreshments. Afterwards

*St Anne's Church, Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 7.45pm*

Free admission with retiring collection in aid of Alzheimer's Society.

### **C.L.C. Group**

Meeting Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> March in the annexe after Mass.

### **St. Patrick's Day bi-lingual Mass**

Join parishioners at St. Oliver Plunkett's church in Lenadoon and start St. Patrick's Day the traditional way - by going to Mass in our native language. Fr. Alan McGuckian (SJ) will say a bi-lingual Mass at 10.00am. It is a great opportunity to celebrate our national Saint. Refreshments served afterwards in the Parish Hall. Tá fáilte roimh gach duine!

**Parish Finance** – The Weekly collection amounted to: **£1867.91**

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity.

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

## Lenten Programme 2016

*A new musical setting of the Lenten devotion*

*The Seven Last Words of Christ by Fr Conor McCarthy*

*St Anne's Church, Dunmurry, Belfast on Sunday 13 March at 7pm.*

It is a time of prayer and reflection on the words Christ speaks during his crucifixion. The music will be provided by Fiona Flynn (soprano), James McConnell (organ) and Fr Conor (cello). *All are very welcome to attend.*

**Sixth Sunday of Lent - 20<sup>th</sup> March at 4 pm**

**Parish Penitential Service. (Visiting priests in attendance).**

**St Patrick's Day – 17<sup>th</sup> March**

*Vigil Mass (Wednesday) 16<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm & Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> at 10am*

*Shamrock will be on sale this weekend and on St Patrick's Day*

*The Annual church door collection for the support of the Irish Language will be taken up outside the Church after both Masses 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> March*

**Grand St. Patrick's Day Family Celebration**

St. Anne's Parish Centre after 10 am Mass.

Live Traditional Music and Song provided by CCÉ Loch Lao and friends. Céilí Dancing, Irish Dancing, Face Painting, Hair Braiding, Refreshments and much more!!! Hosted by St. Anne's Parish and St Anne's PTA. All proceeds to Parish/School Funds. Please come along and support this worthwhile event!

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Please note there will be no Adoration on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> March

**Advance Notice ....**

The Annual Inter-Church Easter Morning Service will be held this year on the Green area, Kingsway, Dunmurry (main street) at 7.00am  
NOT in Lady Dixon Park. Further information next week.

**Year of Mercy Good Friday Falls/Shankill Walk – March 25th**

beginning at 4.45pm outside Clonard Church and finishing there through Clonard's Holy Door at 6.00pm. Join with others in marking this special Year of Mercy with the 13th Annual Good Friday Prayer Walk. All are welcome!

Contact Ed Petersen in Clonard for more details (Tel. 90445950).

**St Anne's Parish, Spring Ball**

Malone Suite, Ramada Hotel, Shaws Bridge – *Friday, 29th April*

*Drinks Reception 7.15pm – kindly sponsored by ESS*

Dinner 8pm – Dancing to 1.00am

Tickets £30 each or book a table for 8-12 people. Dress Code: Smart Casual - *Everyone welcome. Tickets are now available from: the Parish Office or Anne on: 07762 936262*

**Financial Report 2015**

Is available this weekend for all households, please take a copy.

## Easter Penitential Services

Our Lady Queen of Peace – Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> March 7pm

St Luke's – Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> March 7pm

*St Anne's – Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> March 4pm*

Christ the Redeemer – Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> March 7pm

St Colman's – Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 7pm

Church of the Nativity – Wed. 23<sup>rd</sup> March 7.30pm with Divine Mercy Holy Hour

**"God Never tires of forgiving us"**, We are the ones who tires of seeking his mercy. Come and listen to good news. Talks for young people and adults. Mondays and Thursdays at 8:00 pm in the Parish Centre.

## Congratulations

To the primary 7 boys and girls of St Anne's who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday past from Bishop Noel Treanor. We pray that the strength of the Holy Spirit will remain with them always.

## March Parish Pastoral Council Meeting -Summary

The opening prayer and scripture reflection was led by Danny Agnew.

A Parish Event for the Year of Mercy, joint ventures for Pastoral Communities, Communication and Youth Work were discussed.

Members reflected on recent events including completion of the excellent Parish Safeguarding Audit Report and the Biblical Walk with Mary.

Organisers were acknowledged for their contribution.

Parish events for the next month were noted and events outside the parish are available on the Down and Connor website.

The next meeting is on Thursday 7th April and parishioners are always welcome to contribute to agenda items by getting in touch with the PPC secretary:  
[gerry.carson@ntlworld.com](mailto:gerry.carson@ntlworld.com)

## Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother

We finished our Biblical Walk with Mary on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March after 6 sessions in which we immersed ourselves in the Scripture passages related to Mary in the Gospels and Ch.12 of the book of Revelation. The work book also directed us to passages in the Old testament which threw light on Mary's role as Handmaid of the Lord, Mother of the Messiah Jesus, as the Queen Mother and as the new Eve.

In our study "the First Good News" proclamation Genesis 3:15 became an important text in our understanding of the title "Woman" used by Jesus at the Marriage Feast of Cana and on the Cross when Jesus gave Mary to us to be our spiritual mother. One participant spoke of the joy she had in being reminded that Mary is her mother in heaven along with her earthly mother who is deceased. The

DVD lesson summaries given by Dr Edward Sri reinforced our Scriptural rediscoveries about Mary our mother who pondered all things in her heart "and is the best disciple of her Son and our model of faith. Our six week pilgrimage with Mary was both enlightening and enriching.