



St. Anne's Parish

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

6th March 2016 Year C Psalter 4

First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12

Joshua "rolls away" the reproach of Egypt from his suffering people. The "passover" of the threat of annihilation is celebrated. The bread of life, the manna in the desert gives way to the possibility of a new dispensation; a new form of bread for the journey and a new Passover.

Responsorial Psalm 33

Taste and see that the Lord is good -

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Saint Paul indulges in one or more of his favourite themes and sayings. We who believe are "in Christ" and have been recreated. We are already a "new creation". Our work is that of ambassadors. We are to be reconcilers because we have been reconciled.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Home is where we behave worst and are treated the best. The story of the prodigal Son is Jesus response to the self-righteous, to the snobbery of the Scribes and Pharisees. In order to justify his dealings with sinners Jesus tells the story of the prodigal Son. The story has as much to do with the father and the generous forgiveness of the father or with the indulgent, sulking elder brother and his sense of injustice.

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

John Geary, Rosaleen Green who died recently.

Carmel O'Hagan (Coughlan) whose Months Mind is at this time.

Vera Marshall, Peter Brennan, Robert Rodgers, Maeve Mulholland

Dermot McPhillips, Bridget & Catherine McCullagh,

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.

Matt Talbot Pilgrimage

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Venerable Matt Talbot in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Sean McDermott St, Dublin Saturday 2 April. Concelebrated Mass in the Church at 12.30. For further details and booking, please contact Josephine O'Hagan (90617116) Mary Holden on (075990606999 or 94423956).

Parish Trust Library - Thank you to all who have donated books.

Unfortunately at present we are not able to accept any more books.

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

live traditional music and song, céilí dancing, Irish dancing and much more. St. Anne's PTA are joining the event this year. Musicians, singers, dancers or other talents wishing to be involved contact Siobhán on 07846626700.

Dunmurry History & Heritage Group

Next meeting will be in Beechlawm Hotel.....11 am on Monday, 21st March
Our Guest Speaker this month is Henry Wilson who will speak on:
"The Forgotten Men" (their statues in Belfast City Hall)
Further Info. From willieandmyrabrown@gmail.com

GIFT 1 Programme for First Year Pupils

Meetings continue this Sunday, at 6pm in the Parish Centre.

Parish Finance – The Weekly collection amounted to: £2098.90

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity.

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

Lenten Programme 2016

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 at 4 pm
Parish Penitential Service.
(Visiting priests in attendance).

A new musical setting of the Lenten devotion

The Seven Last Words of Christ by Fr Conor McCarthy

in St Anthony's Church, Craigyhill, Larne on Friday 11 March at 7pm and in 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.*

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 will be available next weekend from: the Parish Office or Anne on: 07762 936262*

Friends of St. Therese Pilgrimages 2016

Divine Mercy Shrine, Krakow – Malta – In the footsteps of St Paul

Dates, March, April, May, September & November

Poster with details in church porch, Or email: daniel.morgan5@btconnect.com

All profits to the Third World.

PSNI Information

The police have contacted us to pass on information concerning a recent upsurge in house break-in and car theft in the area. Ciara & Harry from the Neighbour Policing Team will host a meeting in the Presbyterian Church Hall, Glenburn Road on **Monday 7th March at 2.30pm** to advise on ways of protecting and perhaps upgrading your personal security. St Anne's parishioners welcome to attend.

Ceili for Parkview Special School Lisburn

Wheelchair Mini Bus Fund

Saturday 12th March at 8pm. Crescent Arts Centre

Light Refreshments, Raffle, Music : JJ Carthy

Bean a' Ti : Claire Hughes

St Anne's One World Group – Fundraising Draw
Ballots on sale Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th March £1 each
Draw to raise funds for 'Assisted Projects' be held after the One World Traidcraft Stall this weekend 6th March (Mother's Day)

"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.

Mass for Ireland – St Mel's Cathedral – Saturday, 19th March

Mass for Ireland in the beautifully restored St. Mel's Cathedral, Longford, Diocese of Ardagh and Clonmacnoise, on Saturday 19th March, Feast day of St. Joseph, with prayers for wellbeing of families, and protection of human life. Rosary at 2.30 p.m., and Procession to Altar of The Holy Family. Mass at 3 p.m., Holy Hour 4 p.m. Bus leaving Belfast at 9 a.m. picking up at Sprucefield, returning to Belfast for 7.30 p.m. Tickets £10 return. Contact Orla 07545 452362 or email info@anteaghlachnaofa.ie. Information at www.anteaghlachnaofa.ie

We want to bring to your attention that some homes in some parishes around the country are receiving Trócaire boxes delivered to the door with instructions that they will be collected after Lent is finished. *This is not a genuine Trócaire or parish method of delivery or collection,* so please report any such activity to the Police and make us aware also please.



A Mother's Day Prayer

All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.

We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.