



St. Anne's Parish

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Third Sunday of Easter

10th April 2016 Year C Psalter 3

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32, 40-41

The phenomenal growth of believers in Jerusalem evoked annoyance and fear among the clerical Jewish leaders. Peter was unfazed by bullying reprimands. His famous reply "obedience to God comes before obedience to other men" set the tone for future relationship of the Jewish establishment and the young church.

Responsorial Psalm: 29

I will praise you Lord, you have rescued me --

Second Reading: Apocalypse 5:11-14

The sacrificial lamb was always important to Hebrew religious worship, especially in the Temple. The Passover Lamb was central to the celebration of Jewish freedom from slavery. As Christ was gradually understood to be the sacrificial victim of the new dispensation, the title Lamb then became Lamb of God. In today's reading, the Lamb is worthy of all praise by all peoples.

Gospel: John 21:1-19

Scholars discuss at length how and why Chapter 21 got attached to John's Gospel with some difficulties arising about the sequence of Jesus' post- Resurrection appearances. Interesting though these discussions are, it is best to focus liturgically on this Sunday's reading as it is, exploring how the events recounted formed the infant Church and can enrich us this weekend.

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Patrick Bowers, John Lawrenson & Eddie Donnelly who died recently.

Rosaleen Green whose months mind occurs at this time

Edward Michael Walsh, Jim Kelly, Sarah McPhillips & Kathleen McKenna 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:

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

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

Remembering the Belfast Blitz

On Friday, 15th April at 7pm, Requiem Mass will be offered in St. Patrick's Church, Donegall Street, Belfast for the repose of the souls of the more than 900 victims of the Belfast Blitz. Mass coincides with the 75th anniversary of this most disastrous event in the city's history. On Sunday, 17th April at 3.30pm, a Service of Remembrance will be held in St. Anne's Cathedral at which Fr Michael Sheehan, Administrator of St. Patrick's Church, will preach. The faithful of Belfast and the Diocese are warmly invited to attend both events.

Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration

Knock Programme for Sunday, 24th April

Adults, young people, and children, let us pray and celebrate together in Knock

Starting 11am with Confessions and Holy Mass at 3pm

Please see poster in Church porch or contact: David O'Doherty on 07922481689

A Shopping Voucher

Was found in the Church last month, if you lost one please contact the office.

Irish Dance Class -Peacock Academy of Irish Dance Class,

for boys and Girls 4+ to compete or for fun. Beginning Friday 8th April 5.30pm to 6.30pm run by Karly Peacock T.C.R.G. and Shannon Peacock, in St Anne's Parish Centre.

Call Karly on 07515510070 to sign-up or for info. Spaces limited.

Parish Finance – The Weekly collection amounted to: **£2330.05**

St Patrick's Day Collection for Irish Language £115.90

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity.

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

A Eucharistic Prayer Vigil for Vocations to the Priesthood, the Permanent Diaconate and Religious Life

Will take place in St. Patrick's Church, Belfast on **Thursday 21st April 2016** from 7.30pm – 10pm. The Vigil will conclude with Mass at 9pm.

In his message for Vocations Sunday, Pope Francis said that, 'Each vocation in the Church has its origin in the compassionate gaze of Jesus.' May we take up this invitation to gaze on the compassionate face of Jesus, imploring Him to bless us with vocations to the priesthood, the permanent diaconate and religious life.

NI Cancer Pilgrimage to Lourdes - Friday 27th May – Wed 1st June 2016

The price of £599 (with price reduction for Cancer Patients) will include: Return flights from Belfast International, Full board and accommodation at the Hotel Agena in Lourdes for five nights based on twin/double/triple rooms. Travel insurance cover for persons up to 85 years.

The party will consist of patients, ex-patients, relatives and friends accompanied by, medical, nursing and other staff. please contact: Mrs Jean Clarke, Hon. Secretary, c/o Drumbo and Carryduff Parish or speak to us on 07516759646 or email mail@nicancerpilgrimage.org.uk
Chairman: Dr Seamus McAleer, Spiritual Directors: Fr. Dermot McCaughan, Fr Adrian Eastwood, Fr Andrew Black.

The Holy Cross Group – Bethlehem

Who visited the parish recently are very grateful for the generosity of the parishioners who so kindly bought the religious objects made out of olive wood to support the poorer Christian families in the Holy Land **£2475.00** was raised.

Down & Connor Living Youth

Are bringing a group of 54 to Krakow for World Youth Day in July 2016.
Their choir will be providing music at the vigil Mass in St Anne's on **Saturday 16th April** and will have a church door collection following Mass if you would like to make a donation

Holy Year of Mercy on Lough Derg

Lough Derg Jubilee Year of Mercy Pilgrimage Season opens on Sunday 1st May with One Day Retreats which continue on 2, 7, 8, 10, 14, 15, 17, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29 & 30 of May. Booking is essential. Contact Lough Derg by telephone: 00 353 71 9861518, email info@loughderg.org , www.loughderg.org.

**Beginning Experience - Are you suffering the pain of loss of a partner?
Looking for help & understanding?**

Beginning Experience (a support group for widowed, separated and divorced people) meets every Wednesday from 8pm to 10pm in St Bride's Hall, 38, Derryvolgie Avenue, Malone Rd, Belfast, from Wednesday 13th April 2016.

*For further information please contact
Phil Tel: 028 90 207645 or Marie Tel: 07896119669*

St Anne's One World Group

Traidcraft Stall in the Parish Centre after ALL masses this weekend please come along and show your support.

St Anne's Parish, Spring Ball –

Malone Suite, Ramada Hotel, Shaw's 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**

Lectio Divina

Will resume in the Parochial House on **Wednesday, 13th April** after 10am Mass and at 7.30pm. **All are welcome to join in our Reflection on the Sunday Gospel.**

Lay Dominicans Celebrating 800 Years - 1216-2016

We are asked to announce that Lay Dominicans in Down & Connor are celebrating the 800th anniversary of the founding of the Dominican Order, the Order of Preachers, with a Jubilee Mass, with Bishop Noel Treanor presiding, on Sunday May 1st at 2.30 pm in the Chapel of Dominican College, Fortwilliam Park. This will be followed by refreshments, talks and prayer.

This is an excellent opportunity to celebrate the great contribution of Dominicans in our Diocese and also to find out more about the Dominican Charism and about the apostolate of the Lay Dominicans in particular past pupils welcome.

Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to Poland

St. Patrick's Parish, which hosts the Door of Mercy for Down and Connor Diocese, will lead a Pilgrimage of Mercy to Poland from 8th to 15th September. Pilgrims will be accommodated on a half-board basis in a luxury 4* hotel in the historic city of Krakow. Pilgrims will have an opportunity to visit the Wieliczka Salt Mine, the shrine at Czestochowa, Wawel Castle and Cathedral, the birthplace of St. John Paul II, the tomb of St. Faustina, the shrine of Divine Mercy and Auschwitz Concentration Camp. Itineraries and booking forms are available from St. Patrick's Parish Office, 199 Donegall Street, Belfast (tel: 02890324597). The cost of the pilgrimage is 995 Euro per person sharing (a single supplement applies). Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

HABITAT GALA BALL:

Living Youth is sponsoring a Habitat team traveling to Ethiopia in August – 4 the successive year. . To help raise funds a Gala Ball will take place on Friday 22 April in The Tullyglass House Hotel, Ballymena. Tickets £40 per person; £400 per table. Master of Ceremonies; Sarah Travers - Dancing to The Housem8s. Thanks to our many supporters tickets selling well but more available. Come enjoy a wonderful evening and help build hope for families in Ethiopia. For more information or to reserve tickets please log on to: info@habitatni.co.uk