



# St. Anne's Parish

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## *First Sunday of Advent*

**27<sup>th</sup> November 2016 Year C Psalter 3**

### **First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5**

God's presence is felt on high and sometimes in lonely places. Here, the mountain is a place of instruction. Those chosen are set apart and in climbing the mountain will become the people living in right relationship with Yahweh.

### **Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 121**

*I rejoiced when I heard they say "Let us go to God's house" -*

### **Second Reading: 1 Romans 13:11-14**

The allusion of light and darkness seems strange at a time when we tend to get up and go to bed in darkness. Perhaps it helps us realise how much light can brighten our lives. The divine light and bringer of that light can brighten the darker places of our souls where the sins mentioned by St Paul are known to live.

### **Gospel Reading: Matthew 24:37-44**

The message is clear; stay awake. Jesus' admonition is not a million miles away from where we left off with Luke's Gospel two weeks ago. As Christians we live our lives to the best of our ability in the ordinary and every day, but we also keep our eye on the prize. Behind the reading is the destruction of the Temple; the fact of which those first listeners would have been aware of. Remember, everyone laughed at Noah when he began to build the ark, but they weren't laughing when the rain came.

### **Recently Deceased**

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

Christina McFadden who died recently.

Michael Conlon, Mary Murphy, Louise MacSherry, Neil McCarney,

Catherine Quinn, Michael Donnelly

whose anniversaries are at this time and those whose names are in the Book of Remembrance. We remember all those whose names are included on the November Dead Lists. May they rest in peace.

## **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.

**The Alpha Course ....** Continues in The Devenish Complex, Finaghy Road North:  
The course will continue each Wednesday night 7.30pm – 9pm until December

### **Retired Teacher Volunteers urgently needed one morning per week**

"The children's charity Sólás is looking for 12 Retired Teachers, to provide 1:1 support to children, with additional educational needs, in a number of primary schools in West, North and South Belfast. One morning per week, during term time, is required and full induction and ongoing support will be provided. Please contact Anne at Sólás on 02890 247600, Mobile 07729 779242 or email [anne@solasbt7.com](mailto:anne@solasbt7.com) for further details and information pack".

### **Our Lady of Fatima**

The First Saturday devotions will take place in  
St. Matthias' Church, Glen Road, Belfast on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> of December at 3pm  
Confession, Rosary, Adoration, Mass, Divine Mercy Chaplet. All are welcome.

### **Knock All Night Vigil**

Buses will depart from King Street & Kennedy Way on:  
**Wed. 7<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm returning on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December at Noon**  
Price £43 to include dinner and breakfast. To book please phone 90311652  
Or call into the Pilgrim Shop, King Street £10 deposit required.

### **Bereavement Support Group – Have you suffered the pain of Bereavement?**

If you wish to talk in confidence – please ring the parish office 90610112 and a member of the Group will contact you.

**Parish Finance –** The Weekly collection amounted to: **£2533.92**

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity.

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

**St Anne's Primary School P.T.A.**

Are holding their annual Christmas Fair on:  
**Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> November** 11am – 2pm, St Anne's Parish Centre.  
Something For Everyone. Come along and show your support!

**St Paul's Missal – 2017**

Missals on sale next weekend in Church Porch **£5.50 each**

**GIFT Programme**

There will be NO further meetings of the GIFT Programme until January.

**SVDP**

Christmas Cards are on sale this weekend in the Church porch.

**Be part of a new movement of the Holy Spirit across the world!**

If you are Gifted, you are Called! If you are Called, you are Gifted!

The Holy Spirit has gifted each person with particular Charisms.

What are your Charisms?

Come and be part of the new breath which is blowing across the Diocese.

Called & Gifted Workshop:

Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 (10.00am - 8.00pm), in Newry Conference Centre  
Cost (Early Bird) £35stg by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, Normal Cost: £40stg - includes  
workshop, materials, and lunch!

Please join us! Everyone Welcome. To register please contact below:

Contact: Milanda Kelly Telephone Number: 00353429336649

**Welcome into the Church and Parish Family**

And congratulations to the parents and families of:

Ria Delia McCrory, Luke Alexander Hartigan, Roisin Catherine Murphy, Enda  
Constantine John McMahon, Olivia Jane Devlin, Luca Mario Mulholland,  
Lucy Niamh Ward, Daisy Dorothy Devlin who were Baptized recently.

**Mass of Hope – Suicide Awareness & Support Group**

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 3.00pm Clonard Monastery –

All Families bereaved and all Denominations welcome.

**Weekend Retreat Experience**

Esker Retreat house, Athenry, Co Galway

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

Theme: Healing in the Spirit.

A weekend of healing and wholeness in body, mind and spirit based on the Word of God  
and the Sacraments.

Facilitator: Fr Jim McManus C.Ss.R

Cost: £185 (includes full board and travel by luxury coach)

Coach departs Clonard Monastery at 12.30pm on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> and returns to Clonard by  
7pm on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

Contact Fr Fonsie Doran tel: 028 90445950

**Advent Programme**

**First Sunday of Advent - 27<sup>th</sup> November - 6.30 pm in St Anne's Church**

*United Advent Service of Dunmurry Churches Together –*

You will be very welcome to this Advent Service with our fellow Christians  
It is an expression of our desire to Pray and Worship Together in preparation for  
Christmas. (Hymn practice beforehand at 5pm)

**Second Sunday of Advent 4<sup>th</sup> December 7.00 pm**

Evening prayer in honour of Our Lady

**Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> December – Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

**Holy Day of Obligation**

*Vigil Mass; Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm*

*Thursday: Mass at 10.00 am – Traditional Choir*

**Third Sunday of Advent – 7.00 pm Fourth Sunday of Advent – 4.00 pm**

*Prayer Service of Light*

*With Christian Life Community*

**Penitential Service (Folk Group)**

*Visiting priests in attendance*

**One World Group – Next Weekend after ALL Masses**

Traidcraft – Christmas Goods, Secondhand Bookstall –

**Trocaire Gifts:**

*A perfect Gift for the person who has everything and an opportunity to really  
support those who are much less fortunate than ourselves.*

And don't forget **Christmas Hamper Ballot**

*Tickets will be on sale after all Masses and draw will take place after 12 Noon Mass  
in the Parish Centre.*

**Meeting for Returned Volunteers and Lay Missionaries**

The second meeting for returned volunteers and lay missionaries in the Diocese of Down  
& Connor will take place on Wednesday Nov 30<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm at the Sacred Heart Parish  
Centre, Glenview St, off Oldpark Rd in North Belfast. Please email Jim for further  
information at [jim.farrell@amri.ie](mailto:jim.farrell@amri.ie) or phone/text 00 353 83 8422468. If you know of  
anyone who might be interested, please let them know.

**Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat**

Youth 2000 invites all young adults between ages 16-35 to a Catholic weekend  
Retreat taking place from December 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, Newbridge College, Co Kildare  
The weekend is being organised by young people for young people. Parental consent  
is essential for all those under 18 years of age. All meals are provided for and  
accommodation is on site. Don't let money be an obstacle – just bring a donation and  
a sleeping bag. Newcomers very welcome! Free buses picking up from various areas  
throughout the country. Booking is essential. Contact [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie) or  
telephone  
00353(0) 1 6753690

**Christmas Gift & Craft Fair – Finaghy Community Centre**

Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 12.30 – 2.30pm – Free Admisssion