

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.

St. Anne's Primary School and Nursery Unit – Enrolment in Nursery Unit and Primary 1 for September 2017.

Nursery

Children born on or between 02/07/13 and 01/07/14 are eligible to apply for a place in a pre-school education provider. Listed below are the dates for the Nursery Unit Open Days. Application forms and the school prospectus will be available from 5th December from the school office. The closing date for applications for a Nursery place is **Wednesday 11th January 2017, by 12 noon.**

Nursery Open Days - Tuesday 6th December 2016, 2.30 – 3.30pm
Wednesday 14th December 2016, 2.30 – 3.30pm
(Principal's address at 2.45pm.)

Please park in the church car park and proceed to the Nursery Unit

Primary 1

Children born on or between 02/07/12 and 01/07/13 must begin their Primary education in September 2017. Listed below are the dates for the Primary 1 Open Days. Application forms and the school prospectus will be available from 5th December from the school office. The closing date for applications for a Primary 1 place is: **Wednesday 11th January 2017, by 12 noon.**

Primary 1 Open Days - Wednesday 7th December 2016, 1.00 – 2.00pm
Thursday 5th January 2017, 1.00 – 2.00pm

(Tour begins at 1.00pm, Principal's address at 1.45pm.)

Please park in the church car park and proceed to the Main School Office,
Block D)



St. Anne's Parish

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

St Anne's Parochial House, Tel: 9061 0112

Parish Sister: Sr. Mary Murray. Tel: 9061 0112

Parish office: 9061 0112 Parish Centre: 07745169205

Website: www.saintannesparish.net email: office@saintannesparish.net

Third Sunday of Advent

11th December 2016 Year A Psalter 3

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6,10

Courage all faint hearts. God's beloved people are assured by the Prophet Isaiah that the Lord is coming to save and to heal. The wilderness will blossom. All weary hearts will revive. Imagine the arid desert dramatically transformed by desert flowers: pinks, reds, yellows, gold.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 145

Come, Lord, and save us -

Second Reading: James 5:7-10

Farmers waiting for the earth to bear fruit: the cycle of the seasons calling us to slow down, to foster patience, to muster as much good-will as we can towards friends, family members and fellow struggling believers, avoiding any semblance of judgement or complaint.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:2-11

The Lord anoints John the Baptist as his spokesperson with unstinting praise, no one greater than John the Baptist has ever been seen. John is the last and the greatest of all the prophets. The time for waiting is almost past. The time for unstinting praise and forgiveness is now.

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Sr Maire McKeown & Joan Plunkett who died recently.

Michael Traynor whose months mind occurs at this time.

Margaret & Frank Donaghy, Frank & Teresa Small

whose anniversaries are at this time and those whose names are in the Book of Remembrance. **May they rest in peace. Amen**

St Anne's One World Group – Thank you

*Christmas hamper Ballot raised £685 – Winners; 1st prize Rosaleen Hart,
2nd prize Paul McElvanna,- 3rd prize Sheila Agnew, -
4th Prize Dermot Gormley.*

Traidcraft Sales £607.15, Secondhand Books £90.00 Donations £80.56

Hand-made Cards £12.00 Donated Items £10.00

Trocaire Gifts (November & December) £2205.00

A most sincere 'Thank You' for your ongoing support

St Anne's Conference of S.V.D.P.

Annual Christmas Appeal 17th & 18th December - Please give generously!

A member of the Conference, Mrs Maeve Catney will speak at Masses
to launch their appeal.

*Senior Citizens are warmly invited to Christmas Lunch in the Balmoral Hotel on
Sunday 11th December at 1pm.* Contact the parish office with your details.

PIONEER CHRISTMAS ITEMS

Anyone wishing to purchase Pioneer calendars (£2.50) Cards (£1.90) or
Diaries (£1) please contact Adrienne 9062 2352 or Ian 9061 6601.

Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat

Youth 2000 invites all young adults between ages 16-35 to a Catholic weekend
Retreat taking place from December 16th – 18th, 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 or telephone 00353(0) 1 6753690

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 for further details and information pack”.

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: £1800.03

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity.

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

Advent Programme

Third Sunday of Advent, 11th December – 7.00 pm
Prayer Service of Light - With Christian Life Community
Parishioners are warmly invited to attend.

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Fourth Sunday of Advent – 18th December - 4.00 pm
Penitential Service (Folk Group)
Visiting priests in attendance

Invitation to all Parishioners

The Parish Community of Saint Anne's is warmly invited to partake in
refreshments and enjoy a mince pie in the church porch after all masses
during the weekend of 17th & 18th December.

The intention is for our parishioners to gather at this festive time of year.

St Paul's Missal – 2017

Missals on sale this weekend in Church Porch £5.50 each

Precious Life

Stormont Rosary Vigil For Life-

Please join us in a beautiful candlelight Rosary Vigil for the protection of
Ireland's unborn babies at Parliament Buildings, Stormont Main Gate, Upper
Newtownards Road at **7.30pm, Monday 12th December,**
the Feast of Our Lady of Guadeloupe. For more information contact Rosary
Crusade for Ireland on 028 9027 8484 or info@preciouslife.com

Carols by Candlelight

The annual candlelit service of carols and readings takes place at St Peter's
Cathedral, **on Sunday, 18th December at 4.30pm** followed by festive
refreshments in the Cathedral Hall. Everyone is very welcome to this beautiful
afternoon of singing and reflection as we prepare for Christmas.

De La Salle College – Celebrating 50 Years

Presents – Golden Jubilee Pantomime “Robin Hood”
Tuesday, 13th & Wednesday 14th December 7.30pm
Adults £5, Children £3 Everyone Welcome

Aquinas Diocesan Grammar School

Annual Carol Service

Good Shepherd Church (Holy Rosary Parish)

Thursday, 15th December 7pm

Past Pupils and friends especially welcome.