



St. Anne's Parish

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 12th February 2017 Year A Psalter 2

First Reading Ecclesiasticus (Sirach) 15:15-20

"I've had choices, I heard voices telling me right from wrong.
If I had listened I wouldn't be here today.
Living and dying with the choices I made." Leonard Cohen
If only making the right choices were that simple.

Responsorial Psalm: 118:

They are happy who follow God's law -

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

The late Fr Martin Tierney once said that we are too shy to evangelise. Only by facing our 'fear and trembling' do we learn how much we love the Gospel. This happens when the Good News is lived out in the real world not just the safe places such as our church buildings, parish offices and centres.

Gospel Reading Matthew 5:17-37

One of the paradoxes of the Christian faith is the high moral demands that it makes, especially the Catholic Church, on one hand, and the compassion and mercy of Christ on the other. It is a paradox that the media saturated world of today struggles to understand and appreciate. A God who appears to demand a lot and yet, when in our weakness we fail, he pardons us.

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Vincent McDonnell who died recently.

Mary Willaghan whose months mind occurs at this time.

Richard Maguire, Rosaleen Bradley, George Rooney, Ellen Murphy

Mary McTaggart & Neil McCarney

all 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.

MARRIED COUPLES

Gift yourselves a special weekend break together to boost and refresh your relationship by making a **Marriage Renewal Weekend**. The next Weekend will be at The Creggan Court Hotel, Athlone from 3rd to 5th March 2017. For more info and / or to book, visit www.marriageencounter.ie or call (087) 784 0408. Weekends are presented by **Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland**.

Could you spare some time to help with the cleaning of the Church.

There is a rota in place, so your commitment would be once a month!
Please contact the parish office for more details.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2017

Full board in 3* hotel: 7 nights (10-17 July) for £675 or 5 Nights (11-16 July) for £590. Full board for sick or infirm pilgrims with medical and nursing care in Accueil Notre-Dame: 5 Nights £490. Youth Team (8-17 July) £550
All flights from Belfast, Application forms now available from the Parish office. Or Pilgrimage Office 9064 6040 or email: Lourdes@downandconnor.org.

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 Collections** amounted to: **£1621.48**

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity.

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

Women's World Day of Prayer – Friday 3rd March
Dunmurry Churches Together
St Anne's -7.30pm Please come along and show your support
Refreshments afterwards.

GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER (GIFT)
There will not be a meeting of GIFT this Sunday 12th February.
Meetings will resume again on Sunday 19th February at 6.0pm as usual.
Have a nice mid-term break.

CLC Meeting
This Monday, 13th February, in the Parochial House after evening Mass.

DIOCESAN VOCATION WEEKEND
Are you being called to make Christ's presence real in the world? Have you ever considered the possibility that God is calling you to do so as a priest in the Church? If so, take this opportunity to gather with other men who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood – take the time and space to help you discern God's calling in your life.
The retreat will take place in Drumalis Retreat Centre, from Friday 17th – Sunday 19th February 2017. If you wish to attend this retreat or would like further information contact: Fr. Kevin McGuckien, 23 Hannahstown Hill, Belfast, BT17 0LT (02890614567) Email:k.mcguckien@downandconnor.org.

Day of Prayer to Find God's Peace and Healing- Lisburn Cathedral
Saturday 18th February 10am-5pm *An opportunity to pray for the future of our country.* Come and go as you please! **Divine Healing Ministries**
Personal prayer will be available for anyone who wishes to receive it.

One World Group Traidcraft Stall
Last weekend raised; Traidcraft Goods £427.23 , Second-hand Books £90, Handmade cards £9 and Donations £43.58 .
Congratulations to Mr Frank Erne who won the 'Traidcraft Hamper'.
A heartfelt thank you for your continued support.

Volunteer (s) Needed
The small number of Catholic Residents in the Pines Nursing Home would appreciate receiving Holy Communion on a weekly basis.
We are grateful that one person has already volunteered, *if another could join her* that would make the task lighter.
Please contact the parish office with your name and telephone number.

Ceili Dance Group – Every Wednesday Evening
All proceeds to St Bernadette's Children's Home, Lima, Peru.
Please come along, we need your support.

Avila Carmelite Centre
Come and See The Discaled Carmelites
Vocation Day Retreat – Saturday 18th March
Is God calling You to a religious vocation?
Come along to our Priest and Friar Day to find out more.
Email: ireland@carmelitevocation.ie Overnight accommodation available

Parish Mission Commences 18th March
Parish: The Church living in the midst of the homes of her sons and daughters. Pope Francis
Many Families, Many Groups, - One Parish!
Our Mission will be led by:
Fr Johnny Doherty & Fr Brendan Keane, Clonard Redemptorist Priests
The success of this Mission depends on your daily prayers.
The Mission Prayer Leaflet will be given to you at the back of the church this weekend.

Tobar Mhuire Ash Wednesday Day of Prayer.
Survivors of human trafficking suffer unbelievable physical and psychological trauma from which it can take a long time to recover. We invite you to join us for a day of Prayer and Solidarity with those who are victims of human trafficking beginning with Mass and the distribution of ashes at 9.00am followed by a day of Adoration in the chapel. In the evening we will host a Prayer Service with Ashes beginning at 7.00pm during which we will remember those exploited through human trafficking,
At 8.00pm we invite you to join us for a presentation on the plight of people who have been trafficked. Please feel welcome to come for either or both sessions.
For further information: Contact Tobar Mhuire T: 02844830242 Email: secretary@tobarmhuirecrossgar.com

Pro-Life Information Meeting: Precious Life will be hosting an information evening regarding the upcoming elections with advice on candidates and their stance on abortion. This will take place on Thursday 16th February@7:30pm in St Bernard's Parish Centre, Glengormley. All welcome. For more information contact **Precious Life on 02890278484 or email info@preciouslife.com**

Our Lady and St Patrick's College, Knock
The PTA is organising a Recycling Uniform Campaign during February and March 2017.
We welcome clean items of the College's uniform from parents and former pupils.
Please leave or send donated uniforms to the College Reception.
A 'Pop-up' Uniform Sales Shop will be open in the College on Thursday 13th April 2017, 11.00am -2.00pm