



St. Anne's Parish

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Second Sunday of Lent

12th March 2017 Year A Psalter 2

First Reading Genesis 12:1-4

Here Abraham receives his call from God. Every one of us receives that call, that vocation. It may be a single life, marriage, consecrated life or priesthood. What is important is not the nature of that vocation but rather what we make of it. And as we live out that vocation God guarantees that he will sustain and reward the cheerful giver.

Responsorial Psalm: 32

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you -

Second Reading 2 Timothy 1:8-10

Here St Paul is urging Timothy to be ready to undertake hardship for the Gospel. From the outset Christianity faced opposition, challenges, persecution. We are reminded of this when we celebrate the feasts of saints who were martyrs. At present Christians are persecuted in different parts of the world in different ways; persecution, scapegoating even losing the right to be heard in public places.

Gospel Reading Matthew 17:1-9

The story of the Transfiguration is told in all the synoptic Gospels; According to tradition the 'high mountain' is Mount Tabor. Peter, James and John were Christ's intimate friends, when Christ took them up the mountainside they expected to spend the night in prayer. The change they witnessed in the person of Christ radiated through his clothes, they were in awe but not shaken.

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Nan Rogers & Maire Macauley who died recently.

Vincent McDonnell whose month's mind occurs at this time.

Niall Holmes, Terry Toal, Charlie O'Neill

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

Weekdays:

Monday 7.30pm

Tues - Sat. 10.00am

Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament:

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.

LENTEN PIONEER PLEDGE

Many people choose to abstain from alcohol during Lent. Why not take this opportunity to help someone you know with an alcohol or drug problem by offering your sacrifice for their freedom from addiction? Take the short term Lenten Pledge and make a difference to someone's life. Register your pledge with local Pioneers or the D and C office, tel. no. 02890 894070 or Ian 02890 616601.

Please give your name, address and contact no.

Prayer: "I promise in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary to abstain from all alcoholic drink until the end of Lent."

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: **£1889.22**

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity.

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

☘ ☘ ☘ **St Patrick's Day** ☘ ☘ ☘
Vigil Mass – Thursday 16th 7.30pm - Friday 17th March Mass 10.00am
followed by Celebration in the Parish Centre

☘ ☘ Shamrock on sale after all Masses this weekend. ☘ ☘

**Pastor Alastair Campbell,
Finaghy Baptist Church**

*'Excerpt from a letter sent from Fr Feargal to Pastor Alastair and his wife Carolyn
.... I want to take this opportunity to wish you all God's bounty – as you leave not
only a Christian Community you have pastored for so long, so faithfully, but also
home and community... I know how deeply respected and indeed loved you are
... you have both played a deeply enriching and valued part in the local
community, but also among your Catholic Christian neighbours and friends.. you
will be very much missed by very many, God go with you both. God's speed!
Alastair and Carolyn were good friends to us in St Anne's. We wish them well.*

'Faith in the public square',

Inaugural Conference of The Iona Institute Northern Ireland

Saturday, March 25th, 9.30 am - 1.30 pm. Admission: Free

**St Brides Parish hall- Derryvolgie Avenue, Belfast. Keynote Speakers:
Archbishop Eamon Martin Archbishop of Armagh & primate of all Ireland &
Baroness Nuala O'Loan. Register: info@ionainstitute.ie phone 003531661 9204**

'Working with Suicide' – A Churches Guide

This course for Church Youth Workers, Lay Readers, Pastoral Workers and others
interested in upcoming training, Theological Faith, Suicide & Pastoral Care
modules – 'Working with Suicide'

Monday 13th March – Dromantine Conference Centre, Newry.

Register at; reception@lighthousecharity.com or call 02890 755070

**“But see how Yahweh watches over those who fear him, those who rely on his
faithful love, to rescue them from death and keep them alive in
famine.” Psalms, 33:18-19.** Trócaire's Lenten campaign 2017 focuses on the
millions of people facing humanitarian catastrophe because of extreme weather or
conflict. Your support will help us deliver humanitarian aid to up to one million
people in crisis this year. More information at www.trocaire.org.

Adoration Convent, New Convent Shop, 63 Falls Road, Belfast.

Open Monday to Friday 9am-5pm First Communion and Confirmation gifts
now available in our new convent shop. We also carry a range of rosaries, prayer
cards, and Catholic books.

Lenten Sunday Evening Services

2nd Sunday – Stations of the Cross at 7.00 pm

3rd Sunday – Mission Service at 7.00 pm

4th Sunday – Mothering Sunday – **No Service**

5th Sunday - One World Group 7.00 pm - Trocaire Campaigns

6th Sunday – No Service.

St Anne's Primary School Confirmation

**Bishop Noel Treanor will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on the boys and
girls St Anne's Primary school on Thursday 16th March. We wish God's blessing
on the children, parents, guardians and teachers on this grace filled day.**

St. Patrick's Day bi-lingual Mass

Start St. Patrick's Day in the tradition of Mass in our native language at St. Oliver
Plunkett's church in Lenadoon. Living Church Director, Fr. Alan McGuckian (SJ)
will con-celebrate a bi-lingual Mass at 10.00am. Refreshments afterwards in the
Parish Hall, catch up with old friends- make new ones. Tá fáilte roimh gach duine

Edmund Rice Schools Trust – Annual Foundation Lecture

Wednesday 29th March 7.30pm St Mary's University Belfast.

Speaker Professor Peter Finn, President St Mary's University College

Matt Talbot Pilgrimage

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Venerable Matt Talbot in Our Lady
of Lourdes Church, Sean McDermott Street, Dublin takes place on Saturday 22
April. Concelebrated Mass will take place in the Church at 12.30.
Details and booking from; Mary Holden on 028 94423956 or 07599606999

St Anne's Parish Mission

Preparation for the Mission

A Brochure giving details of the
Mission will be handed out at the
end of all the Weekend Masses.

Please take one.

**The Mission Prayer will be handed
out before Mass to be said together
at the end of Mass. Please leave the
Prayer Card back in the Porch or
on the bench in the Church.**

Thank You.

