



St. Anne's Parish

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First Sunday of Lent

5th March 2017 Year A Psalter 14

First Reading Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

This is the classic account of the fall from grace of Adam and Eve. A tour guide standing before a full-length picture of the incident, pointed to the apple and the serpent and commented that it was a pity our first parents were not Chinese, as then they would have eaten the serpent not the apple. We tend to joke about the Fall but it highlights and makes us aware of our moral frailty.

Responsorial Psalm: 50

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned -

Second Reading Romans 5:12-19

Evidence indicates that St Paul was forbidding and censorious. He was outspoken when condemning sin and sinners. It is clear he was equally forthright when emphasising the redemptive effect of the life and death of Christ. St Paul shows us to strive always to be fair and balanced in our comments & judgements of others.

Gospel Reading Matthew 4:1-11

At his Baptism, Our Lord received into his soul the fullness of the Holy Spirit and immediately after he was moved by the inspiration of the same holy spirit to retire into the desert for a period of forty days during which he fasted and was tempted by the devil. The temptations concern aspects of the Lord's messianic mission and we see the first formal clash between the 'Prince of this World' and the genuine Messiah, between materialism and the kingdom of justice and holiness.

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Colette Deery, Kate Feeney, Jean Toal, Emmanuel Neeson, Peter Mathews, and Danny McIlroy, who died recently.

Robert Rogers, Vera Marshall, Dermot McPhillips, all whose anniversaries are at this time and those names 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: **£2472.58**

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity.

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

St Anne's One World Group

Last weekend, **25th/26th February**, *Traidcraft Sales* £296.84,
Secondhand books £60.00, *Donations/Donated Items* £53.07 and
Handmade Cards £5.00 *Our heartfelt thanks for your continued support.*

The Diocesan provision for the celebration of the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, colloquially referred to as the Tridentine Mass, has been extended.

From the First Sunday of Lent, 5th March, there will be a weekly Mass in the Extraordinary Form, 4pm in St Therese of Lisieux Church, Somerton Rd, Belfast

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 one person has already volunteered, *one other* would make the task lighter.
Please contact the parish office and leave your name telephone number.

Fr John Murray's Book Launch

"Saints for the Journey" will take place on Friday 10th March
There will be a celebration of Mass with Bishop Anthony Farquhar at 7.30pm in St Patrick's Church, Downpatrick followed by the Book Launch at 8.15pm with refreshments served in the Presbytery.

ACCORD AGM - Accord NI Catholic Marriage Care Service

Annual General Meeting Tuesday 7th March, 7pm to 9.30pm
Curran Hse, Twin Spires, 155 Northumberland St., Belfast BT13 2JF

'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.

Timetable; 9.30 Registration tea/coffee, 10.15 Welcome - Alban Maginness

10.30 Keynote Address - Archbishop Eamon Martin :

'The importance of speaking out in the public square' - 11.00 Questions

11.15 Break followed at 11.30 by Baroness Nuala O'Loan :

'The role of faith schools in a pluralist society' - 12.00 Questions

12.15 Tracy Harkin : 'Communicating the right to life' - 12.45 Questions

13.00 David Quinn : Concluding remarks

To register: Please email info@ionainstitute.ie or phone 00 353 1 661 9204

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

1st Sunday – Evening Prayer at 7.00 pm Traditional Choir

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.

Pope Francis – Lent 2017

In his message for Lent 2017, Pope Francis reminded the faithful that they should heed the Scriptures and treat each human person they encounter as a gift.

"Lent is the favorable season for renewing our encounter with Christ, living in his word, in the sacraments and in our neighbor," he said. "May the Holy Spirit lead us on a true journey of conversion, so that we can rediscover the gift of God's word, be purified of the sin that blinds us, and serve Christ present in our brothers and sisters in need."

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.

Ave Ave Ave Maria!

A pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima, blessed by Pope Francis will be visiting a number of churches in the Diocese of Down & Connor from Thursday, 9th March to Sunday 12th March as part of an All-Ireland pilgrimage in honour of the Centenary Year of Fatima

The statue will visit the following churches:

Friday 10th March, Holy Rosary 9.30am – 11.30am, St Malachy's 12.30pm-1.30pm,

Saturday 11th March, Holy Cross Church,

Ardoyne 9am – 11.30am,

St Mary's Chapel Lane 12Noon – 7.30pm,

St Mary's on the Hill 10pm Mass – and All

Night Vigil to 6am

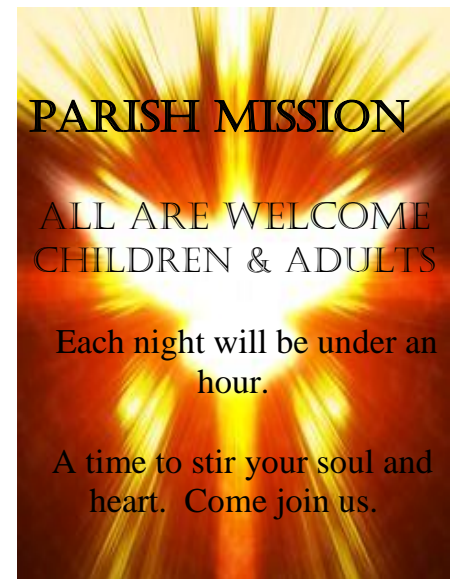
Sunday 12th March St Peter's Cathedral,

8.45am – 12Noon.

For further more detailed arrangements,

please contact

www.fatimacomestoireland.com



Parish Mission in 2 weeks – Come and join us