



# St. Anne's Parish

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**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**14<sup>th</sup> May 2017 Year A Psalter 1**

**First Reading: Acts 6:1-7**

In the early days of the Christian community, when the number of new members was increasing almost exponentially, the apostles did not allow themselves to be distracted from praying and preaching the word of God. Now with the rapidly-diminishing number of practicing members in the Church in the developed world- Should the tasks of praying and preaching the word of God be re-prioritised?

**Responsorial Psalm; Psalm 32**

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

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9**

God's love for us is so great that He has made us a 'chosen race', a 'royal priesthood' a 'consecrated nation' and a 'people set apart'. That is why we are a privileged people. But with privileges comes responsibilities. Those responsibilities centre on our fidelity to the commandments that God has given us to transform us into the kind of people that he intended us to be.

**Gospel: John 14:1-12**

We are in an increasingly post-truth society, many of us no longer instinctively trust other people – because our trust has previously been exploited. We're not sure what the truth is any more! *Jesus asks us to trust in God, accept that he brings the truth and is the way, the truth and the life. A demanding challenge!*

**Recently Deceased**

*Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of  
Gerald O'Brien, Gerry Conlon, Brendan Seenan who died recently.  
James Deery, Barbara Kavanagh, Cecelia Hegan, Kevin Killeen  
Oliver Goldsmith, Paul Graham, Elizabeth & James Quinn  
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:

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.

### Natural Fertility Awareness Presentation

The Down and Connor Theology of the Body Team will host a Natural Fertility Awareness presentation in Christ the Redeemer Church on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 7.30pm  
Further information from Fr Peter O'Kane 90618477

### Lough Derg – 3 Day Pilgrimage

Bus leaving Catholic Chaplaincy, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June, returning Sun 11<sup>th</sup> June

For further information, please contact :

Gerry 07712935502 or Rosaleen 07976199756

### Blood Transfusion Service

The next N.I. Blood Donation Session will be held in Dunmurry Presbyterian Church Hall  
– Glenburn Road on: Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 4pm – 8pm

New donors are especially welcome

### 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.

### Liturgy Team Meeting

**Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May – 7pm in Parochial House.**

### Parish Finance –

**The Weekly Collection amounted to : £1744.86**

**Please return your Trocaire Box as soon as possible**

**Sincere thanks for your continued generosity.**

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

**MASS for OUR CHILDREN WHO HAVE DIED AT THE DAWN OF LIFE**

**MONDAY 22nd May 2017 7.30pm**

*Losing a loved one is the most excruciating pain, and loss of a child is the most unexplainable.*

*The journey through grief has many parts and one is to remember. St Anne's parish family wish to remember with you.*

If you have lost a child before birth, just after birth or in early childhood - recently or in past years, we invite you to attend a special mass to remember your child, see the book of remembrance and take the opportunity of placing a flower in our garden of remembrance.

There will be time afterwards for a cup of tea and to meet other families.

Members of the Bereavement Support Group will also be available.

Should you wish to place a name or remembrance in the Book for our Children who died at the dawn of life beforehand then please call the parish office, or we can take details on the evening



***Congratulations to***

***the boys and girls of St Anne's Primary School***

who received the precious Body and Blood of Jesus for the first time in their First Holy Communion yesterday.

May the life giving Bread always feed your soul and nourish your spirit.

**Annual Diocesan Collection for our Student Priests (Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2017)**

There are currently eight young men in training for priesthood for the diocese, one of whom, Manuelito is a deacon. The other students are Tony, Christopher, Stofan, David, Christopher, John, Kevin. Please remember them in your prayers.

The second collection on the Sixth Sunday of Easter is the yearly collection for the education of our student priests. Thank you for your support of this collection last year. Your continued support of this annual church collection on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2017 is again requested. Your financial contribution is another concrete way of supporting our students as they journey towards priesthood for service in our parishes.

**Welcome into the Church and Parish Family**

Eoghan Martin Murray, Eimhear doran, Paul Kevin Ward, Oisín Gerard McCaughley, Fionn Michael Neilly McMahon, Marie Therese Keaveney who were baptized recently.

**Day of Prayer to Find God's Peace and Healing**

Clonard Monastery – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 1pm -5pm

Are you carrying burdens from the past, hurt by the words or actions of others,

Are there things you need to say sorry for and put to rest?

Come and go as you please - opportunity to pray for the future of our country!

**Election of new members for Parish Pastoral Council 2017**

*Can you help to continue work of the PPC? Like Simon Peter, son of John, can you use your love of God to help "feed his sheep and lambs" in our Parish family? Do you know someone who could do this work?*

Please pray to God for his help in answering these questions. He will help to say "yes!" to being a member of the PPC if it is right for you and the Parish.

Please take time to read the personal reflections from current members, and say the prayer below daily so that St Anne's will be confident of a new PPC to help continue God's plan for us all.

NOMINATION PAPERS are now available in the Porch and will be available through the office by calling in person or by e-mail. **THESE MUST BE RETURNED BY TUESDAY 23rd May at 1PM to office personally or by email.**

**GOD'S GUIDANCE FOR A NEW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL FOR ST ANNE'S 2017**

*God, may your wisdom reside in all our hearts,  
And in those God has put before us  
For our new Parish Pastoral Council.*

*Give courage to those who come forward  
to be new members,*

*And to those who will support them  
As they work to grow our Parish Family  
given to us by God.*

*In the name of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
May we have the courage, the wisdom, the grace,  
And the strength to do God's Holy Will,  
Now and always ! AMEN*

**St Anne's One World Group** Traidcraft Stall weekend 6<sup>th</sup> / 7<sup>th</sup> May  
Traidcraft Goods £325.25, Donations, Books, Cards and Donated items £40.95.

**Thank you for your continued support.**

The next stall will be 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> June, as well as the usual selection of TraidCraft goods and Second-hand Books we will be having a fundraising **Tombola Stall.**

***This will be the last stall before the Summer Break – Remember to stock up!***

**Divine Mercy Holy Hour**

Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> May – 7.30pm, Church of the Nativity 7.30pm  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,  
Singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet & Mass

**Weekly Toddlepops Classes**

Calling all toddlers and their grown ups! Toddlepops classes take place every Thursday at 10.30am and 11.30am in St Anne's Parish Centre. Toddlepops is suitable for babies and toddlers up to 4 years old. We sing, dance, play and tell stories. Contact Angela on [07890325551](tel:07890325551) for further information.