



St. Anne's Parish

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

21st May 2017 Year A Psalter 2

First Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Surprisingly, the Samaritans welcomed the message of Phillip's preaching when they heard it because they were open to receiving it. Sometimes we, steeped in the Christian tradition, who would be expected to receive the message of the Gospel with open hearts, do not do so. We introduce all kinds of conditions and restrictions. Or we choose what suits us and disregard what is too challenging.

Responsorial Psalm; Psalm 65

Cry out with joy to God all the earth -

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Taking the advice of Peter, as Christians we are called to have our answers always ready for those who ask us the reason for the hope that is ours. And the reason for our hope is Jesus our Risen Lord. But he can only be our hope if we have experienced him personally as our Lord and Saviour.

Gospel: John 14:15-21

The fundamental commandment of Jesus is that we love God and our neighbour. We cannot love one without the other. It is impossible to compartmentalise God and people such that they remain unconnected. Our dealings with others have implications for our friendship with God. This is how, in practice, we connect love and the commandments. If we love God, we will keep his commandments.

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of

Brian O'Neill who died recently.

Thomas Panamattathil,, James McCullagh, Maureen Cashell,

Maureen Kelly 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.

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 23rd May at 7.30pm

Further information from Fr Peter O'Kane 90618477

Lough Derg – 3 Day Pilgrimage

Bus leaving Catholic Chaplaincy, Friday 9th June, returning Sun 11th 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 25th 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, 23rd May – 7pm in Parochial House.

Parish Finance –

The Weekly Collection amounted to : £2829.13

Please return your Trocaire Box as soon as possible

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity.

Altar Society, Church Cleaners: Group B 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

Upcoming Events at Tobar Mhuire:

Annual Summer Institute - July 5th - 6th, 2017: The Cross –The Call to Mercy and Compassion Speakers: Rev John Dunlop, Rev Trevor Williams, Pat Coyle
Resting at the Well - 6 Day Retreat. 25th June - 1st July. Director: Brian McKee.

This retreat will have a mixture of silence; talks; meditation and communal prayer. Both events open for Residents and non-residents. For further information: secretary@tobarmhuirecrossgar.com or telephone: 02844830242

Annual Diocesan Collection for our Student Priests (Sunday 21st 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 last year. Your continued support of this annual church collection on Sunday 21st May 2017 is requested. Your financial contribution is another concrete way of supporting our students as they journey towards priesthood for service in our parishes.

Buses will be leaving from various parishes throughout the Diocese. For further information please contact Fr Vincent Cushnahan, the Pilgrimage Director, at: cush25@hotmail.com

Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Thursday, 25th May – 7.30pm, Church of the Nativity 7.30pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,

Singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet & Mass

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. Information leaflets including reflections of current members are in the porch and are on the parish website to help inform you about the council.

NOMINATION PAPERS are available in the church porch, collect from the office, by e-mail, or alternatively downloaded from the website.

NOMINATIONS MUST BE RETURNED BY TUESDAY 23rd May at 1PM- to the office personally or by email.

The election will take place weekend Masses 3rd/4th June.

PRAYER for GOD'S GUIDANCE for our 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

The Annual Diocesan (one day) Pilgrimage to Knock,

led by Bishop Noel Treanor, will take place on Sunday, 11th June.

St Vincent de Paul organised Bus to Knock – Leaving St Anne's Car Park:

8am returning 10.30 pm Approx. Stopping for morning coffee and scones and evening meal on return at the Killyhevlin. Cost £35.00

Contact the parish office for further information.

St Vincent de Paul Appeal

Urgently required for 1 Mans Bicycle and bicycles for 6year old and 3 year old.

If you can assist in any please contact the Parish Office, leave your name and contact details and we will get back to you.

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.