



St. Anne's Parish

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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
17th September 2017 Year A Psalter 4

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus (Sirach) 27:30-28:7

For the author of the Book of Ecclesiasticus keeping the law of Moses is the ultimate wisdom. In Leviticus 19:17-18, observant Jews are counselled against taking revenge. Sirach echoes that teaching and warns that divine punishment will be visited on those who harbour anger and resentment.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 102

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy -

Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9

St Paul reminds Christians in Rome that they belong to Christ in life and in death.

It follows that the death of the Christian as well as his or her life has witness value. This has implications for parish and faith community. Funerals, for instance provide opportunities for memorable and graced liturgical celebrations that are quite unique.

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Perhaps Peter is weary of hearing Jesus talk about forgiveness. Perhaps he is puzzled by Jesus' own seemingly endless forgiving of wrongs. He asks "how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as 7 times"? One clear message emerges; forgiveness received is for passing on to others. This echoes the Lord's Prayer "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us" Genuine forgiveness is from the heart.

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Stephen Ferrin & Eileen Weldon who died recently

Mickey McVicker, Loretta O'Neill, Denis O'Callaghan, William McCann, Maeve Wilson, Sara McGarvey & deceased members of McGinnity Family 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.

Will You Lend A Hand?

The Legion of Mary needs young men between 16-18 to give 2 hours per week working for homeless men in Morning Star House, Belfast. If you are interested or would like to find out more information please Contact Michael 07763418867

Bodybuilders Weekly

Starts Wednesday 13th September, runs from 6.15 to 7.30, happening in St. Colmans parish hall in Dunmurry, and is completely free. It is open for children starting P1 up to children starting first year. Contact information would be Darragh- 07710779145, or the email address bodybuildersweekly@gmail.com.

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.

Charismatic Renewal

Is a current gift of Grace for the whole church and is now being currently advocated by Pope Francis. Just to let you know that the Good Shepherd Prayer Group still meets every Saturday night @ 7.15pm, in the room adjacent to the Altar. Also accessed by the car park opposite the small gate. You will be very welcome.

Parish Finance –

The Weekly Collection amounted to: £1833.66

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity.

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

Annual Legion of Mary Hostel's Church Door Collection

Will be taken up this weekend 16th/17th September. Please give generously.

Preparing for the Sacraments

Parents whose children attend schools other than St. Anne's Primary School and wish to have their children enrolled in the Parish for the Sacraments of:

First Penance, First Holy Communion and Confirmation contact the Parish Office.

Ceili Dance Class Resumes

Wednesday evenings 7.30 pm – New members welcome – come along, enjoy the dance and the craic!

One World Group URGENTLY needs new members

One weekend a month and one meeting – Come and join us

Beginning Experience

Are you suffering the pain of loss of a partner? Looking for help and understanding?

Beginning Experience (a support group for widowed, separated and divorced people) meets every Wednesday evening from **8pm to 10pm** in St Bride's Hall, 38, Derryvolgie Avenue, Malone Rd, Belfast. **Information Evening: Wednesday 20th September at 8pm. 1st weekly meeting Wednesday 27th September at 8pm. All welcome. For details**

please contact Phil Tel: 028 90 207645 or Marie Tel: 07896119669

JOB VACANCY – SACRISTAN (Salaried and Permanent Position)

The Parish of St Anne's are seeking to recruit a Sacristan, and the vacancy is to be advertised on the Diocesan website at: <http://www.downandconnor.org/job-vacancies/> and the Community NI website, from Monday 11th September 2017. Details relating to the Terms and Conditions pertaining to the role can be accessed there, together with the Job Description and Employment Application form.

Applications are welcome from anyone who feels they meet the criteria and are interested in playing an active part in the Parish.

Closing date for applications will be: 12.00 noon on Friday 22nd September 2017.

Faith and Life Convention

Bishop Treanor invites you to attend our fourth Faith and Life Convention on Saturday 30th September in Our Lady and St Patrick's College, Knock, Belfast beginning at 10am. This year we are delighted to welcome Cardinal Kevin Farrell as our keynote speaker. He will speak to us on the theme: **Faith in the Family**

In the afternoon each participant will have the opportunity to take part in two workshops from a range of twenty seven. The workshops fill up quickly so it's best to book now!

Perhaps the best part of the day is the pleasure of meeting up with a great crowd of committed people from all over the diocese and beyond!

Online booking is available at: www.faihandlifeconvention.org Booking forms are also available from the Parish Office. Hope to see you in September..

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO 10am Mass on Saturday 30th SEPTEMBER

Ballroom Dancing

Commencing **Tuesday 12th Sept.** 8pm -10pm in Parish Centre
New members especially Welcome.

Annual Parish Assembly

Monday 25th September at 8pm (after 7.30pm Mass) in the Parish Centre

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) invites all parishioners to this year's Assembly. This is an opportunity for parishioners to hear a report about the work of the PPC over the past year and to express their hopes for the future of the parish.

We have invited as our guest speaker this year, Fr Eddie Magee from St Mary's University College, who will speak about the Year of the Family.

We look forward to welcoming you all there.

A Day For Married Couples

Following on from a very successful Parish Mission in March this year Fr Johnny Doherty and Fr Brendan Keane have offered to host a Day for Married Couples on 18th November.

Taking place from 10am to 4pm cost £20 per couple and includes lunch.

The four sessions are given by a priest and a married couple and will cover such areas as Communication, Sacrament of Marriage etc. In a time when there is so much external pressure on marriage and family life this "away" day gives the opportunity to look at and re-assess our priorities for our marriage. No group discussion, totally private time for each couple, not heavy but practical and no age limit. Even those married many years benefit from this retreat- taking time to listen to each other – re-assess our values, talk about concern and rejoice in being a "Life and Blood Sacrament".

If interested please contact the parish office for further information.

St Anne's Conference of SVDP

Require a couple of volunteers to help out in Musgrave Park Hospital on a Sunday morning 7.30am-10am. If interested please contact Rose Ferguson 07808913121

The Financial Report for year ended 31st december 2016 is available in the Church porch this weekend. Thank-you for your generous support.

Apostolic Work

Thank all members of the parish who donated money to our recent fundraising. £425.00 was raised and this money will be sent to the priests and nuns working in the missions through- out the world.

ANNUAL PIONEER MASS

The annual Pioneer Mass for the Belfast Region will be celebrated in Corpus Christi Church, Springhill Grove, Whiterock Rd. on Wednesday 27th September at 7 pm. Persons wishing to be presented with any of the following - Gold, Silver, Young Pioneer or other emblems/ certificates contact Pat 9262 9959; Josephine 9061 7116; Ian 9061 6601. Light refreshments

St Anne's Mothers' Prayers Group

Will resume on **Thursday 14th September in Parish Centre**

Tea/Coffee 10.45am – Prayers 11.00am

New members very welcome. Contact 028 90615398

Toddle pops Book Bugs Coffee & Cake Morning

Toddle pops Book Bugs are holding a coffee and cake morning on Thursday 21st September between 9.00am and 12 noon in St Anne's Parish Centre. Come along for a look at our Children's books and a slice of cake. We will be running a competition and it a great time to ask us about books suitable for the little ones or get ahead with your Christmas shopping!

Everyone welcome!