



St. Anne's Parish

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
24th September 2017 Year A Psalter 1

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

"Seek the Lord while he is still to be found" Isaiah here issues an urgent call to repentance and a change of heart. That God's ways are above human ways is reflected in the super-human generosity at the heart of today's gospel.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 144

The Lord is close to all who call him -

Second Reading: Philippians 1'20-24, 27

According to Acts 16, Philippi was Paul's first missionary foundation in Europe. Even though written from a prison cell with a death sentence in view. Paul's letter to his beloved Philippian community has come to be known as a "letter of joy"

In this excerpt from the letter, Paul is wrestling with the possibility of his imminent death. He wants to die, so that he can be united with Christ, but he also wants to live, so that he can proclaim Christ. For him, all that matters is that Christ will be glorified, wether by Paul's death or by his living.

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

It has been widely noted that this gospel passage pre-dates the Trade Union movement! Paying everyone the same wage, irrespective of the differential in hours worked, seems quite unfair. For the homilist or catechist who tries to say otherwise, this is a hard sell. It goes against the grain. It turns our sense of justice upside down.

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:
Rosaleen Lowry, Patrick McCabe who died recently
Isabel Smith, Andrew McCormick, Robert Nolan, Harry Conlon, Agnes Toner,
Annie Carmichael, May & Oliver Goldsmith, Gabrielle Durkan, Frank Heaney,
Pat Boden, 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.

Meeting for Returned Lay Missionaries & Volunteers

Have you ever worked overseas as a volunteer or lay missionary in Africa, Asia or South America? Would you like to meet up with like-minded people to discuss about issues of mutual concern? Join us for our next meeting which takes place on Wed Sep 27th at 7.00pm at the Sacred Heart Parish Centre, Glenview St, off Oldpark Rd, Belfast. For more info email jim.farrell@amri.ie or phone/text + 353 83 8422468

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.

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 contact the parish office for further information.

Parish Finance –

The Weekly Collection amounted to: £2252.34

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity.

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

Annual Legion of Mary Hostel's Church Door Collection

Sincere thanks for your very generous response, the magnificent amount of £1102.50 was collected.

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.

The GIFT Programme

Will be resuming in October, further details in a later bulletin.

Flower Arranging for St Anne's

We are looking for 2 – 4 volunteer flower arrangers to assist a team of 2 already in existence, so that the responsibility is shared and widened.

Mrs Bernadette McGinley, after over 20 years of looking after the floral displays in the church has now retired. Bernadette is willing to assist if needed, she is prepared to give a few demonstrations and information to help with training for the task beginning on 10th October at 7.30pm in the church. We can be most grateful to Bernadette for her years of dedication and her beautiful and meaningful displays of flowers.

St Anne's Bereavement Support Group

Will have their prayer service on **Tuesday 26th September at 8pm** in the Parish Centre. The service will last approximately 30 minutes.

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.

Liturgy Team Meeting

Tuesday, 26th September at 7pm in parochial house.

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.

Walking With Parkinson's

Start and finish at Shaw's Bridge car park, **Saturday 30th September at 10.30am**
This walking group for people with Parkinson's and their friends and family. The walk is 1.2 miles on flat ground and includes rest stops and a tea break. Everyone is welcome. If you have mobility difficulties please bring someone along to assist you.
Registration essential. Contact Benny Marley on 07969377092

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.faithandlifeconvention.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

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.

Marian Movement of Priests

Regional Cenacle for Laity, Led by International Responsible
Fr Laurent Laroque

Thursday 28th September - 7.00-9.00pm

St Peter the Rock Church,
18 Rock Road, Stoneyford BT 28 3SU

The First Saturday Devotions will take place in:

St. Matthias' Church, Glen Road, Belfast on Saturday 7th October at 3pm
Confession, Rosary, Adoration, Mass, Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Welcome into the Church and Parish Family

Freya Leana Donnell-Robinson, Niamh Alice Murphy, Rory Jonathan James Stewart,
Francesca Christine Byrne, Benan Michael Conlon
Who were baptized in St Anne's recently.

Thank –You From Sr Bride

On behalf of the poor of the semi-desert region of Brazil, and on my own behalf, I would like to thank you and all the parishioners most sincerely for your generous support of our Mission Appeal in your parish. The total donated was 2,984.33 pounds Sterling and 65 euros.

Without the generosity of people like yourselves, we could not continue to do the work we do. So I want to assure you that your gift is making a difference to the lives of very poor people, and for that, we are very grateful. I would appreciate if you would convey my sincere appreciation to the people of the parish.

May God reward each one for your generosity.

Sr Bride Counihan.