

Celebrating the Liturgy

Weekend Mass Times:

Sat. (Vigil) 6.30pm
Sunday: 10.00am & 12 Noon

Weekdays:

Monday 7.30pm
Tues - Sat. 10.00am

Divine Office:

Morning Prayer: Mon. 10.00am 6 months' notice required
(Followed by Rosary)

Thurs: 10am (followed by Mass)

Marriage:

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.

St. Anne's Primary School and Nursery Unit – Enrolment

in Nursery Unit and Primary 1 for September 2018.

Nursery - Children born on or between 02/07/14 and 01/07/15 are eligible to apply for a place in a pre-school education provider. Listed below are the dates for the Nursery Unit Open Days. Application forms and the school prospectus will be available from 1st December 2017 from the school office. The closing date for applications for a Nursery place is **Wednesday 10th January 2018, by 12 noon.**

Nursery Open Days - Wed 13th December 2017 2.30pm (Principal's address at 2.45pm.)
Please park in the church car park and proceed to the Nursery Unit

Primary 1

Children born on or between 02/07/13 and 01/07/14 must begin their Primary education in September 2018. Listed below are the dates for the Primary 1 Open Days. Application forms and the school prospectus will be available from 1st December 2017 from the school office. The closing date for applications for a Primary 1 place is: **Wednesday 10th January 2018, by 12 noon.**

Primary 1 Open Days - Wednesday 6th December 2017, 1.00 – 2.00pm

Monday 8th January 2018, 1.00 – 2.00pm,

(Tour begins at 1.00pm, Principal's address at 1.45pm.)

Please park in the church car park and proceed to the Main School Office

One World Group – Last Weekend –Thank you for your wonderful generosity.

Traidcraft Goods; £537.40, S'hand Books; £50.00, Handmade Cards & Donations £36.05

Trocaire Gifts; £2160.00 Christmas Hamper Ballot; £403.30

1st Prize Sharon Geary, 2nd Prize; Imelda Moore 3rd Prize; Norah Quinn.

We wish you a Blessed and Peaceful Christmas & New Year and look forward to seeing you at our next stall 3rd & 4th February 2018

Parish Finance –

The Weekly Collection amounted to: £2163.93

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity.

Altar Society, Church Cleaners – Group C this week.



St. Anne's Parish

Pastoral Community of Derriaghy & Colin

Very Reverend Feargal McGrady, PP

St Anne's Parochial House, Tel: 9061 0112

Parish Sister: Sr. Mary Murray. Tel: 9061 0112

Parish office: 9061 0112 Parish Centre: 07745169205

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Second Sunday of Advent

10th December 2017 Year B Psalter 2

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Here begins the second part of the Prophet Isaiah, the Book of Consolation. After the justifiable chastisement and warning of the first part, where the people are reminded of where infidelity will bring them, there begins the promise of a road back to God and the image of a messenger announcing the 'good news' a new way opening across the desert.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 84

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help -

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:9-14

In this reading, the image of the Day of the Lord, so beloved of the Prophetic Tradition, is reinterpreted. It is no longer the imminent day of divine intervention, but rather the ongoing 'day' of God's invitation to humanity to live in his presence through the Son.

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

The Prologue of Mark gives us a programme for the entire gospel. The image of John here is the image of a 'precursor' – a foretaste of what is to happen when the good news really takes root with Jesus Christ. John's ministry of baptism is merely a prelude to what will happen with Christ: John brings people across the Jordan, symbolically restoring them to the Land of the Promise; but Christ will bring them further yet, through fire and Spirit, into a renewed relationship with God the Father.

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Claire Mooney & Christine Callan who died recently.

Stella Anderton, John, Bridget & Eileen Browne,

Louise MacSherry

whose anniversaries are at this time and those whose names are in the Book of remembrance. May they rest in peace. Amen.

St Paul's Missal – 2018 On sale this weekend in the Church Porch £5 each

Also available; Land of Saints & Scholars, Down & Connor Edition £5.00

What Happened in Fatima, A Prayer Book for Adults & Children £2.00

Invitation to all Parishioners

The Parish Community of Saint Anne's is warmly invited to partake in refreshments; enjoy a mince pie in the church porch after all masses this weekend.

– An opportunity for parishioners to gather at this festive time of year.

Advent Programme

2nd Sunday of Advent 10th December 7.00 pm - Evening prayer in honour of Our Lady

Third Sunday of Advent – 17th December - 4.00 pm

Penitential Service (Folk Group) - Visiting priests in attendance

Dunmurry Churches Together Joint Advent Service

The sum of £600 was raised to benefit Marie Curie at last weeks service, sincere thanks for your generosity.

Dunmurry Churches Together - Gospel Reflections in preparation for Christmas; 3rd Reflection – The Nativity / Incarnation in John's Gospel; Led by Sr Mary Murray in Dunmurry Presbyterian Centre on Tuesday 12th December at 7.30pm to 8.30pm (Tea first).

St Anne's Conference of St. Vincent De Paul

Annual Christmas Appeal 9th / 10th December - Please give generously!

Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch at the Beechlawn Hotel Sun 10th Dec. - 1pm.

Day of Prayer & Fasting for LIFE on 12th December.

Could you offer one or more of the following for this intention?

Mass; Visit to the Blessed Sacrament; Rosary; Fast from 9.00am to 6.00pm; Make some act of self-denial. It is a matter of Life or Death! *Leaflets available in Church porch.*

LIVING YOUTH – World Meeting of Families Volunteering

Living Youth is leading a Youth Group from the Diocese of Down & Connor to Dublin this coming summer to volunteer at the World Meeting of Families Congress and to attend the Papal Mass. The trip will be from 22nd – 26th August 2018 and will be for those aged 16 – 25. Living Youth @ info@livingyouthni.org with your name, contact number, parish and d.o.b or contact us directly on 02890 232 432.

The Emerald Ball at Titanic, Belfast - A Perfect Gift for Christmas

Will take place at Titanic, Belfast on St Patrick's Day, 17th March 2018. The evening will commence with drinks at 7pm, followed by a superb four course dinner at 8pm. There will be a high-end luxury ballot and dancing to a live band. Dress formal. Monies raised will support the Down and Connor Lourdes Pilgrimage for the Sick. Tickets are £60 each and available from the pilgrimage secretary, Sinead on 02890646040 or the Drumbo Parish office on 02890812238.

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.

Event for the Commissioning of Members of the Thirteen Pastoral Areas of the Diocese,

Presided over by Bishop Treanor, in St Anne's last Sunday afternoon (3rd December).
(3.30pm - Welcome and Hospitality.

4.30pm - Vespers in St Anne's and Commissioning

5.30pm - Fireworks Display)

As Parish priest, I would like to sincerely thank the Parish Pastoral Council and all involved, Welcoming Group, Attendants, everyone, for their professional and very competent facilitation of this Diocesan wide even. c. 300 people attended.

I would like to quote our Chairperson of the Pastoral Council, Mrs Mary Devlin,

"As a way of expressing my gratitude also I just want to say a very sincere "Thank you," to everyone for their contribution to the success and smooth running of last Sunday's event. It would not have happened without the generosity of spirit, time and effort from so many people - those who helped with the planning, the preparation of the hall, the traffic management and in and around the church and hall all afternoon.

Many of those who attended were very complimentary about our ability to host such an occasion. I would have complete faith in the ability of the parishioners to handle anything!

Important – Please note;

Three changes to times of Christmas / Epiphany Masses, in conjunction with the six Parishes in our Pastoral Area.

1) On Sunday morning, 24th December (Christmas Eve), **there will be no 10.00 am or 12.00 noon Sunday Masses. They will be replaced by one Mass at 11.00 am.**

At the Vigil and 10pm Masses the 'wrapped' figures of the Child Jesus will be brought up by the children and blessed by Fr Feargal to be placed in family cribs on Christmas Eve.

2) The First Vigil Mass of Christmas Eve (24th December) **will change from 7.30pm to 7.00 pm** (in all Parishes of the Pastoral area). (*The 10.00 pm "Christmas Eve" Mass will remain at that time.*)

3) Epiphany (Holy Day of Obligation) Vigil Mass (5th January)

The usual time of the Vigil Mass, 7.30 pm, will change to. 6.30 pm. (This Vigil is for all 3 Parishes; St Anne's, Our lady Queen of Peace and Derriagh.)

(The 6th January Holy Day Mass at 10.00 am will remain the same)

Christmas Masses and Penitential Services leaflet available in the porch.

From Bishop Noel Treanor

Since the transfer of Bishop Donal McKeown to Derry and the retirements of Bishop Patrick Walsh and Bishop Anthony Farquhar consideration has been given to the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation within our diocese.

It is proposed that each year the bishops, on a rotational basis, will celebrate Confirmation in some of the parishes of each Pastoral Community and the Vicars Forane / Pastoral Community Leaders or their Deputies will celebrate the Sacrament in the other parishes.

It is hoped that this plan will allow the bishop(s) to celebrate Confirmation in each of the parishes hosting Confirmation at least once every three years.

St Anne's Confirmation will be on Wednesday 7th March 2018 at 1.30 pm

The Elmwood Chamber Orchestra, under the direction of Fr Gerard Magee, will give a concert of music on Saturday 16th December in the Great Hall, Lanyon Building, Queen's University beginning 3pm. Proceeds in aid of CLIC Sargent, children's cancer charity. Entrance : £10, (£5 students and OAPs) pay at the door.