



St. Anne's Parish

Pastoral Community of Derriaghy & Colin

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

21st January 2018 Year B Psalter 3

First Reading Jonah 3:5-10

The Prophet Jonah is unlike any of the other prophets. His story is often regarded as a children's story but is best understood as a parable, Holding a moral lesson, parables are stories that tell us something about ourselves and also reveal to us something about God and God's ways of engaging. They invite us to a new understanding.

Responsorial Psalm: 24

Lord, make me know your ways –

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

In this passage, Paul is expressing his own opinions with regard to celibacy and marriage, rather than speaking on behalf of Jesus. Aware of the immoral difficulties that exist in the surrounding pagan culture. Paul's desire is to d#save people from any hardship they may encounter.

Gospel Reading Mark 1:14-20

John is arrested and Jesus' public ministry begins. He is entrusted with God's plan for a world on fire with the fullness of life - a world maeked by harmony and inclusion, justice and acceptance, truth and authenticity, a worl in love with the God of all creation.

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Fr Gregory Cormican, Moira Burke who died recently.

Annie Rodgers, Carmel O'Hagan-Coughlan, Elizabeth & Edward McCrudden, Malachy McGrady, Baby Donal Barry, Elizabeth Dynan, Gerald Murray, Thomas Hargy, Patricia (Paddy) Conroy all 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

Weekday:

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.

Take The First Step to Overseas Volunteering!

Viatores Christi runs Overseas Volunteer training weekend courses in Dublin - if you are interested in becoming an overseas volunteer or just want to learn more about social justice at home or away, this course is for you. Call us today - Viatores Christi +353-1-8689986 or email apply@viatoreschristi.com for info.

KUDOS ACADEMY

P6/7 Maths and English Tuition in St. Anne's Parish Hall.

We have a few places remaining in our classes beginning in February 2018. Classes will be held on Wednesday from 4.30pm - 5.45pm and also from 6.00pm - 7.15pm. Please visit www.kudosacademy.org for more information and to join us. If you have any queries, please contact Aisling on 07759477990.

Divine Mercy – Adoration and Mass

Thursday, 25th January 7.30pm

Church of the Nativity, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

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.

Parish Finance –

The **Weekly Collections** amounted to: **£1728.71**

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity.

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

Dunmurry Churches Together

Christian Unity Service – 7pm on Sunday 21st January

This year the Service will be held in Dunmurry Presbyterian Church, Kingsway
The Theme is “Liberation from Slavery”, prepared by the Carribean Churches
Pope Francis continues to urge us to pray together in the face of secularization.
We need each other!! Please come along and support this Service of Worship.

Living Youth / Down & Connor Youth Commission

Annual Church Collection will be taken up this weekend 20th /21st January
Please collect a leaflet from the porch.

DIOCESAN VOCATION WEEKEND

Is God calling you from your family to serve His family? Have you ever asked Jesus what he wants from you? Perhaps He wants you to serve as a priest in His Church. Take this opportunity to gather with other men who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood. This retreat will create the time and space to help you reflect on what vocation Jesus is calling you to.

The retreat will take place in Drumalis Retreat Centre, from Friday 16th – Sunday 18th February 2018. If you wish to attend this retreat or would like further information contact: Fr. Kevin McGuckien, 23 Hannahstown Hill, Belfast, BT17 OLT (02890614567) Email:k.mcguickien@downandconnor.org.

A Day For Married Couples

Will be held in Clonard Monastery, on: **Saturday, 27th January,**
Cost: £20 per couple to include lunch. For further information, please contact:
Jim & Rosemary McLoughlin, 07711070405

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO NURSING/RESIDENTIAL HOMES

An Adult Safeguarding Information Seminar will be held at St. Mary's, 824, Shore Road, Greencastle on Tuesday 30th January from 7.00 - 9.30 pm.

All Safeguarding training has been recently up-dated and so it would be important that all those who bring Holy Communion to the residents of the Nursing/Residential Homes attend a seminar as soon as possible. Other dates and venues will be offered in the future.

If you wish to attend this seminar leave contact details with the Parish Office asap.

A JOURNEY IN FAITH

If you — need a deeper understanding of your Catholic faith / are seeking to return to celebrating your faith / would like to explore and enquire into the Catholic faith with a view possibly of Baptism... please come along to the Gartan Room, St Colmcille's Parochial Hall, 191 Upper Newtownards Road Belfast, BT4 3JB, on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm, to take the next step with others, where you may find example, encouragement and inspiration to help you along on your journey of exploration. Enquiries to Noeleen 07879 498131

Liturgy Team Meeting

Tuesday, 23rd January – 7pm in Parochial House.

Ceili Class

Has restarted in the Parish Hall, Wednesday 8.30pm, new members always welcome.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity runs from 18th – 25th January. This year's inter-Diocesan Services will be held in:

St Anne's Church of Ireland Cathedral, Belfast, on:

Tuesday, 23rd January at 7 pm

St Patrick's Church of Ireland Cathedral, Armagh, on Wednesday, 24th January at 7.30 pm

The theme for 2018 is “That All May Be Free” and the preacher at both Services will be Fr Kieran McDermott, Episcopal Vicar for Evangelisation and Ecumenism in the Archdiocese of Dublin.

Laudato Si' Mysticisim 2

THE CARESS OF GOD

The more we come to love nature in all its detail, the more we will want to care for it, because we care for the things we love. Here's a poet's vision of a single flower--a narcissus--coming into bloom:

When from a world of mosses and of ferns

At last the narcissus lifted a tuft of five-pointed stars

And dangled them in the atmosphere,

Then every molecule of creation jumped and clapped its hands:

God is born.

– D H Lawrence, quoted by John Feehan in *Laudato Si', An Irish Response*, 77. The whole of this poem is worth reading. When you next look at a flower, try to imagine the excitement of creation as it achieves its purpose in the perfection of that flower. There is no such thing as ‘inanimate matter’ because we know from contemporary science that every molecule is alive and dancing! St Thomas Aquinas states serenely that all things desire God: they are striving, though in a different way to us, to realise their potential. Nature has its intentions and achievements. For nature, every day is a birth-day of beauty never seen before.

Every day is a day for celebration!

The Pope says, ‘Each creature has its own purpose. None is superfluous. The entire material universe speaks of God's love, God's boundless affection for us.

Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God’ (84).

For the believer, everything in nature is a love-note from God! God is the Great Lover who creates in order to convey ‘boundless affection’ for us. Sky, light, clouds, living things--the scent of the flower, the play of the wind on your cheek, the mystery of the unfolding leaf-bud --these are ‘the caresses of God.’ God is very close indeed: the big secret is that we walk the world of the divine all the time. Allow yourself to experience some of these caresses today!

Brian Grogan SJ

The Emerald Ball at Titanic, Belfast -

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. Further info from Sinead on 02890646040 or the Drumbo Parish office on 02890812238.