



St. Anne's Parish

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 28th January 2018 Year B Psalter 4

First Reading Deuteronomy 18:15-20

In this reading, Moses tells the people that when he dies, God will appoint another prophet for them, someone who will speak the truth and lead them to the truth. Moses is the only leader they have known and, beginning to feel insecure at his impending death. As has been his way, Moses encourages them to live in keeping with God's teaching.

Responsorial Psalm: 94

O that today you would listen to His voice! Harden not your hearts –

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Today we get a glimpse into how Paul sees his mission. Sensing the approach of a time of struggle and feeling that time is running out. Paul urges the people of Corinth not to let anything get in the way of the urgent task of teaching Christ's message, thus furthering the kingdom of God.

Gospel Reading Mark 1:21-28

Today's gospel story tells of Jesus' first miracle, which occurs in the sacred space of the synagogue and on the sacred day of the Sabbath. Jesus teaches with the authority of one who is free while the teaching of the scribes is constrained by tradition. The scribes know God's law but Jesus knows God's heart. His listeners are amazed! No one has ever spoken like this before.

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Arthur Cormican, & Noel McCarthy who died recently.

Frances Brennan & Paddy Rooney whose months mind occurs at this time
Margaret Walsh, Michael Law, William Craig, 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.

St Brigid's Day Lecture 2018

“Anxious hearts and wounded lives: The place of the New Sacred”.

By: Fr Paul Murray O.P.

In; St Brigid's Parish Hall , Thursday, 1st February 7.30pm

Fr Paul is an Irish Dominican priest, poet, author and professor. He was born in Newcastle, Co Down his brother Fr Michael Murray is a priest in Down & Connor

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: **£2055.04**

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity.

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

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 0LT (02890614567)
Email: k.mcguickien@downandconnor.org.

One World Group Traidcraft Stall next weekend 3rd & 4th February

A wide ranges of 'Traidcraft' goods and Second-hand book stall.

Please come along, we rely on your support. – Tea, coffee, juice and biscuits available

St Anne's Ceili Dance Class - An appeal for Ceili Dancers.

The class on Wednesday evenings has re-started in the Parish Centre, 8.30pm – 10pm

All profits support St Bernadette's Centre in Lima, Peru where an extension is proposed for next year. They need our support. Please join in, have fun and learn the dances.

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

Anointing Fire Catholic Ministry & Down and Connor Charismatic Team

Invite You to Belfast Anointing Fire Conference,

Saturday, 3rd February – 9am to 4pm

St Bernard's Catholic Church, 165 Antrim Road, Glengormley. Preaching, Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, Holy Mass, Healing and Deliverance Prayers

For more details contact: Thomas 07967620435 or Smitha 07411201571

The Dead Theologians Society

Calling all young adults from 18 to 25 is a new group starting in St. Oliver Plunkett Parish Hall at 7.00pm on Sunday 11th February, and then continuing each week.

Young adults are invited to join and explore their Catholic Faith through learning about the lives of the Saints. with social interaction and prayer also offered, it is a chance to form new friendships as well as develop a deeper faith, and understanding of Church teachings.

For more details, please contact Kerry Kayes on 07872 336535 or

kerryfkayes34@yahoo.co.uk. More information on DTS can also be found at their

website: www.DeadTheologiansSociety.com.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2018

Booking Forms available from the parish office. Seven nights (10-17 July) £725pps, five nights (11-16 July) £650, Youth Team (8-17 July) £590. Further information from the Pilgrimage Office 028 90646040 or email Lourdes@downandconnor.org.

Laudato Si' Mysticism 3

DIVINE MEETING PLACES

The perspective of *Laudato Si'* is that every molecule of creation is sacred, and that through each single one God's love is revealed. Creation is God's first self-revelation, and it reveals God's limitless love and affection for us. It is as if God were saying, 'Let's pull out the stops, so everyone on the face of the earth will be able to see our love. All they have to do is to look at what is surrounding them!' God sees all creation as *good*. When our impaired vision is corrected we come to see the world as a loving gift, and so are drawn towards God, and then towards care of the gift of creation that

has been entrusted to our care. This is the goal of *Laudato Si'*. From this 20/20 mystical vision of nature as divine gift, our care for the earth will flow.

But because we are small human beings, we need to start *somewhere* to learn the universal lesson that all is sacred. So the Pope says:

'The history of our friendship with God is always linked to particular places which take on an intensely personal meaning; we all remember places, and revisiting those memories does us much good. Anyone who has grown up in the hills or sat by the spring to drink, or played outdoors in the neighbourhood square, knows that going back to such places gives them a chance to recover something of their true selves'

(84).

The project *Loving Sister Earth*, in which I am involved, and which you can google, respects this insight and invites you to connect with Ireland's Holy Places. Everywhere in fact is a sacred space, but the places hallowed by our ancestors over so many generations are rich in divine associations. Going to such places gives you 'a chance to recover your true self'. Try it and you will notice a sense of connectedness as you return to your roots!

- Brian Grogan SJ

New Service for Older People

Saint Joseph's Centre is pleased to announce a new Day Opportunities Programme for Older People. This innovative new programme will operate every Tuesday at our Centre in the Grosvenor Road, Belfast from 9.30 to 3.30 beginning Tuesday 6th February 2018. The programme will provide older people with an opportunity to meet others, socialise, learn new skills and maintain their independence. The group will provide an active programme of varied activities including: arts and crafts; local history; music, film and drama; alternative therapies; social games and activities and cookery. There will be a range of guest speakers and refreshments and a three course lunch will be provided.

Transport is available to and from home to anyone accessing the service.

Staff at the centre understand the needs of older people and are respectful, carrying and supportive. We offer a warm and welcoming, family based environment. We have a particular understanding of the needs of older people with a sight and hearing loss and staff are skilled to support these individuals in a positive, unobtrusive manner.

There is a cost associated with the group but support is available to help meet the costs.

Places maybe taken on a weekly or fortnightly basis.

Places are limited so if you would like to know more or know a family member or an older person who you feel might benefit from this service, please contact

Fr Devlin on 07910 833699 Thank You.