



St. Anne's Parish

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The Baptism of the Lord

7th January 2018 Year B Psalter 2

First Reading Isaiah 55:1-11

Using the images of food and drink, Isaiah invites his readers to seek something more, to seek God. Why waste your lives on what is not important when there is so much more to experience? Search for and experience what is life-giving and you will not be disappointed.

Responsorial Psalm: Is 12

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation –

Second Reading 1 John

Talking of love, faith and witness, this reading acknowledges that we are, indeed, children of God as well as of our physical parents. Thus, my identity as a child of God entails honouring this identity as best I can, while acknowledging that I frequently get it wrong.

Gospel reading Mark 1:7-11

Guided by the Spirit's loving action, Jesus is baptized by John and his true identity is revealed. At that moment, Jesus and the Spirit become one and Mark portrays him as the new Israel. With his baptism, Jesus forms a new people of God and leads them to a new way of life.

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Joseph McAloone, Frances Brennan, Patrick Rooney, Gloria Matassa, Briege Stewart, Sr Elizabeth McIlroy, John Quinn, Maureen O'Neill, Angie Kelly who died recently.

Claire Mooney whose months mind occurs at this time

Noreen Acheson, Michael Ewings, Marianna Gaj, Jimmy & Annie Catney, Catherine Maguire, 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.

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.**

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.)

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: **£1706.37**

Christmas Collection 3984.56

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity.

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

A Word of Thanks

Fr Feargal and Sr Mary would like to thank all those parishioners who were involved in the Christmas Liturgies especially the Choirs, Altar Society & Church Cleaners And would like to take this opportunity to wish all parishioners a Blessed and Happy New Year

Living Youth / Down & Connor Youth Commission

Annual Church Collection will be taken up next weekend 20th /21st January

A Lecture by Lord Alton of Liverpool

“Legislating for Life”

In : St Brigid's Parish Centre Derryvolgie Avenue Belfast BT9 6FP

On : Thursday 25th January at 7.30pm.

David Alton is an Independent Life Peer, he is a Catholic and strongly holds a “pro-life” position. His motto on his Coat of Arms is taken from the Book of Deuteronomy: **Choose Life.**

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

Apostolic Work – Thank You

St. Anne's Branch of Apostolic Work wish to thank all those members of the parish and others who so generously contributed the sum of £1000.00 ; this money will be sent to priests and nuns working in the missions, in countries throughout the world.

We wish to acknowledge special thanks to the Cassidy family and the Cassidy Drama Group for their fundraising efforts.

NI CANCER PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES.

Sunday 27 May to Friday 1 June 2018

The price of £699 (with price reduction for Cancer Patients) will include: Return flights from Belfast International Airport., Full board and accommodation at the Hotel Agena in Lourdes for five nights based on twin/double/treble rooms. Travel insurance cover for persons up to 85 years on date of return.

The party will consist of patients, ex-patients, relatives and friends accompanied by medical, nursing and other staff. To enquire or to obtain a booking form please contact:- Mrs Jean Clarke, Hon. Secretary, Parish, on Tel. 07516759646, or e-mail at:- mail@nicancerpilgrimage.org.uk

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.

Notice for Primary 6 & 7 Students and Parents – Open Days

St Louise's Comprehensive College
Open Night 11th January 2017 -
Principle's address 4.30pm & 6.30pm

St Genevieve's High School
Tuesday 9th January 2017 – 7pm -
All welcome

St Malachy's College
Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th
January 2018 Principals address 7pm
Parking accessed via Lincoln Avenue

Our Lady & St Patrick's College
Sat 13th January 9.15am- 12.30pm -
Principal's Address 9.30 & 11.00am
Prospective year 13 also welcome.

St Dominic's Open Day
Saturday January 13th 9.30am – 1pm
Primary 6 & 7 pupils welcome

Aquinas Diocesan Grammar School
Saturday 13th January 9am -1pm
P7, P6 and their families welcome

De La Salle College Open Night
Tuesday 16th January 7 – 9pm
Address by principal 7.00pm

St Mary's Christian Brothers
Thursday 18th January at 7.30 pm
Enquiries to the Principal - 90294000

Rathmore Grammar School
Saturday 20th January 2018
9.30am to 1.00pm - Address by
Principal at 9.30am and 11.15am

St Colm's High School;
Thursday 4th January 2018
Enquiries for Post 16 courses!
All welcome

Lectio Reflection on the Sunday Gospel

Resumes on Wednesday, 10th January after the 10am Mass and at 7.30pm.

New seekers are welcome to join the constant regular members.

The Word of God is alive and active” Hb.4

Trócaire

A very sincere thank you to everyone for the generous support at this years Trócaire Gifts Sale, the fantastic amount of £2190 was raised in St Anne's. This goodwill and solidarity is hugely important and vital in the efforts to ensure that the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world are not forgotten.

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. The trip will cost £100 per person.

We expect places to fill quickly so to register your interest please email Living Youth @ info@livingyouthni.org with your name, contact number, parish and d.o.b or contact us directly on 02890 232 432.

Come along and get involved and meet new friends!