



St. Anne's Parish

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 4th February 2018 Year B Psalter 1

First Reading Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Job wrestles with his dilemma! He sees the human condition as that of a hireling, a slave awaiting a day's wage. God is the over-seer and Job addresses God directly.

A soothing reality is presented to us in the phrase "my life is like the wind" This very phrase brings us to a different level, in that we hear an illusion to the "breath of God in man", even in the afflicted Job.

Responsorial Psalm: 146

Praise the Lord who heals the broken - hearted

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 9:16-9, 22-23

Like Job, Paul, too is restless in his adherence to God. The obligation has been imposed on him to preach. Paul enters into contact with slavery. The gospel has placed him not in a position of lordship but in a position of complete service. He has become "all things to all". The sharing of the gospel becomes his fulfilment.

Gospel Reading Mark 1:29-39

Here the mission of Jesus is explicit. He is sent to heal. First Simon's mother-in-law who, once restored, waits on all who are gathered. Those who are healed by Christ are immediately called to serve the Church. As evening comes, the whole town is gathered at the door in search of healing. Jesus' comprehensive healing touches physical illness and afflicted.

Recently Deceased

*Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:
Ethna Crangle & Arlene Breeze who died recently.*

Joe McAlloone & Brieghe Stewart whose months mind occurs at this time Jimmy Stewart, Fr Paul Lyttle, Robert Murray, Patsy Ranaghan, William Craig, James & Isobel Brady 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.

Lourdes 2018: we are currently seeking nurses (on the NMC live register - working in any area) to join the volunteer staff of the Diocesan Pilgrimage (11-16th July 2018). For more information please email us at lourdes@downandconnor.org or telephone the Pilgrimage Office (028) 90646040. The subsidised fare for nurses is £520. Thank you.

Tobar Mhuire Ash Wednesday Day of Prayer. We invite you to join us for a day of Prayer and Solidarity with the homeless in our community beginning with Mass and the distribution of ashes at 9.00am, followed by a day of Adoration in the chapel. In the evening we will host a Prayer Service with Ashes beginning at 7.00pm during which we will remember the plight of the homeless.
At 8.00pm we invite you to join us for a presentation given by members of the homeless community and Paul McCusker, a tireless worker with the homeless in Belfast. Please feel welcome to come for either or both evening sessions.
Contact Tobar Mhuire T: 0284483044 Email: secretary@tobarmhuirecrossgar.com

Lenten Retreat Days in Dromantine

Dromantine is offering two retreat days during Lent.

Saturday: 17th February Led by Fr Aodhan McCrystal, SMA

Saturday 10th March – Led by Fr Des Corrigan

Time 10am – 5pm, Cost £25 including lunch, tea/coffee. Bookings 308201964 or admin@dromantineconference.com - www.dromantineconference.com

Radio Maria Ireland

Is an Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station, Prayer, Catechesis, Uplifting music, Talks, Interviews and Testimonies – all commercial free – Listen via FREE APP "Radio Maria Ireland" streaming on www.radiomaria.ie or via PHONE – get live feed by calling 00353 14373277 (no extra charges apply). Please join our growing faith family.

Blessing of Families 2018

Having begun this New Year in which we hope to welcome Pope Francis to our shores. Pope Francis has asked that we spend time thinking about the value of family and the importance of family in this year, when we celebrate the World Meeting of Families in Dublin, we believe that each family in this parish is important.

To that end we invite your family to a special service of Blessing of Families and we invite you to personally reach out and ask a neighbouring family to accompany you on:

Sunday 11th February in the Church 6pm-6.30pm

Family Prayer for World Meeting of Families 2018

*God, our Father,
We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son,
One family, in the Spirit of your love.
Bless us with the joy of love.
Make us patient and kind,
gentle and generous,
welcoming to those in need.
Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.
Protect all families with your loving care,
Especially those for whom we now pray:*

[We pause and remember family members and others by name].

*Increase our faith,
Strengthen our hope,
Keep us safe in your love,
Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share.
This we ask, through Christ our Lord,
Amen
Mary, mother and guide, pray for us.
Saint Joseph, father and protector, pray for us.
Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us.
Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, pray for us. Amen*

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 this 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

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.

Diocesan Staff Training

Due to training the parish office will be closed on **Wednesday 7th February**

LENTEN PIONEER PLEDGE

Many people choose to abstain from alcohol during Lent. Why not take this opportunity to perhaps help yourself or someone you know with an alcohol or drug problem by offering your sacrifice for freedom from addiction? Please consider taking the short term Lenten Pledge and make a difference to someone's life. Register your pledge with local Pioneers and say the daily prayer.

Prayer: "I promise in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary to abstain from all alcoholic drink until the end of Lent."

Welcome into the Church and Parish Family

Oisín Risteard Gilmore & Maria Maureen Josephine Sinclair
Who were baptized recently.

Yoga for Beginners (6 Week Course)

If you think you are stiff or too old to start doing Yoga – this is the class for you!

Experience the Health Benefits of:

Gentle movements with the breath – improved posture, muscle tone and movement

Improve coping skills for life's stresses.

Starting: Mon. 12th February 11.00am -12.00 & Thurs.: 15th February 7.30pm – 8.30pm

For more information message Brenda (Yoga Teacher & Physiotherapist)

07810183205 or email bcafolia@ntlworld.com

Notice for Parish Bulletin

Join with people all over Ireland in the Lenten Crusade for Life. Why not offer up your prayer and fasting during Lent for the Protection of the Unborn? Perhaps you may like to say the rosary each day, do some form of fasting or have Mass offered for the protection of Life. Starting February 14th finishes April 1st.

For flyers on the crusade, please contact: Human Life International (Ireland) on 094-9375993 or email: mail@humanlife.ie

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: **£2154.78**

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity.

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