



# St. Anne's Parish

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*Third Sunday of Lent*

*4<sup>th</sup> March 2018 Year B Psalter 3*

**First Reading Exodus 20:1-7**

Note how before the commandments are given, a proclamation is made ; God's liberation of the people is the basis of their relationship. The Sabbath injunction is not a prohibition but a summons to remember; recalling slavery leads the people to welcome Sabbath rest.

**Responsorial Psalm: 18**

*You, Lord have the message of eternal life -*

**Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:22-25**

Today, as in Paul's world, people are magnetically pulled by different , even opposing ideologies. At one pole, there is attraction from the rising religious orthodoxies of our time; at another, there is the secular zeal of the Western world.

**Gospel Reading John 2:13-25**

The aim of Jesus' dramatic gesture in a courtyard of the Temple is not to oppose the holding of a market in a holy space. Animals were necessary for pilgrims' Temple sacrifices. Money changers were essential to stop pagan images on foreign coins entering the more sacred areas of the Temple complex – by exchanging them for Temple currency. The Jews remain mystified, but John's readers see later that the old worship must give way to the new one begun in Jesus.

**Recently Deceased**

*Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:*

Tommy Farrelly & Jude Offadam who died recently

Vera Marshall, Jean & Terry Toal, Kathleen Feeney, Dermot McPhillips,  
Peter Brennan,

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:

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month at 1.15pm

Contact the parish office to book – One month's notice is required.

The Parish of Drumbo & Carryduff - Pilgrimage to the Holy Land ( Tuesday 22 - Wednesday 30 May 2018) Package price - £1,440 per person sharing

This includes return coach transfers from Carryduff to Dublin Airport, return flights with British Airways, generous luggage allowance, 4\* Hotels on a half board basis (3 nights Tiberias / 4 nights Jerusalem)

& all excursions. If you are interested to receive further information please contact the Parish Office on 028 90812238 opt 2 or Anam Cara Travel - 02825 821 690

This pilgrimage is organised and coordinated by Anam Cara Travel (Co Antrim)

LIMITED PLACES REMAINING!

### 42nd Street

St. Agnes' Choral Society are excited to be producing the Broadway Classic, 42nd Street, from 10th-14th April. The show is also currently running in The West End but why not avail of the chance to see it in The Grand Opera House? Tickets can be purchased online at [www.goh.co.uk](http://www.goh.co.uk) or via the Box Office on 028 9024 1919

### Weekly Toddlepopps Classes

Calling all little ones and their grown ups! Toddlepopps music and movement classes take place every Thursday in St Anne's Parish Centre at 10.30am (babies & toddlers) and 11.30am (older toddlers & pre-schoolers).

Toddlepopps is suitable for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers up to 4 years old. We sing, dance, play and tell stories. Contact Angela on [07890325551](tel:07890325551)

### Parish Finance –

The **Weekly Collections** amounted to: **£2904.99**

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity.

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

**Please note - Extra Mass During Lent**  
**There will be an extra Mass at 7am on Friday mornings during the month of March, starting Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March (Mass will finish before 7.30am)**

**Lenten Programme 2018 – ( Sunday’s at 7.00pm)**

**Third Sunday of Lent – 4<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Evening Service presented by our Christian Life Community**

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**Fourth Sunday of Lent – 11<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Mother’s Day (No evening service)**

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**Fifth Sunday of Lent – 18<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Presented by our One World Group**

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**Sixth Sunday of Lent – 25<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Parish Penitential Service - 4pm**  
**(visiting priests in attendance).**

**Important Meeting .....**

For ALL Eucharistic Ministers who bring Holy Communion to the sick and housebound in their own homes or in Nursing/Residential Homes.  
Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the parish annex  
Please make every effort to attend this meeting.

**ALPHA – Explore Life’s Big Questions**

Hosted by St Anne’s & Lowe memorial Church  
Balmoral Hotel / Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March /7.30pm  
Superhero!! Come and hear a “Great Footballers” story!  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 7.30pm in Lowe Church

**“Love...It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.” 1 Corinthians 13, 4-7.** Trócaire has launched it’s Lenten campaign ‘Until Love Conquers Fear’. Fear is felt by millions of people around the world who can’t feed their families, are forced to flee their homes because of conflict or are imprisoned for standing up for their rights. Love is the support shown to them by people here at home through the Lenten campaign. [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org)

**In November over 30,000 Irish People** gathered at our coasts to pray the rosary to preserve Life & Faith in Ireland. Now we turn to our Mass Rocks and Ancient Monastic Sites, on Sunday March 18th, at 2.30pm, to pray the rosary, and ask our deceased brethren, who risked their lives for the faith, to intercede for Ireland. Sign up a location at [www.coastalrosaryireland.ie](http://www.coastalrosaryireland.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.

**Welcome into the Church and Parish Family**

Darragh Joseph Corbett, Lorcan Jarlath Slane, Autumn Ellen & Dannan James Magee,  
Emily Kathleen McPolin, Luke Damien Coyle, Matthew James O’Hanlon  
Who were baptized in February.

**Registration for all WMOF2018** events is open via [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie).

Individual pilgrims and families can now register for the main three-day WMOF2018 Congress from August 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, guaranteeing your ticket(s) for the Festival of Families on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August and for the Closing Mass on Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> August.  
Thousands of people have already registered with considerable interest from overseas.  
Don’t miss out on these once in a generation events. REGISTER NOW!  
[www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie)

**Invitation from, Lowe Memorial Church .....**

A very warm invitation is extended to St. Anne’s to attend the upcoming service for continued peace and reconciliation which will take place at Lowe on Sunday night 11<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm. A stringed quartet, featuring musicians from the Ulster orchestra, will lead the music and praise, and a group of young people from the arts group "Pophouse Arts" will be performing a piece ( a number of whom are pupils of Rathmore Grammar).  
To date, we have SDLP, SF, and Alliance MLAS and the DUP MP booked in, as well as a rep from The Green Party.

**THE PRECIOUS BOOK OF CREATION**

Perhaps we used to think that spirit and matter were opposed to one another, but *Laudato Si’* stresses that the Spirit is active in all matter in order to bring it home to God. Matter is spirit-endowed; it has vast potentiality; it is ‘on the move’. The theory of evolution is now accepted by the Church, with the added religious dimension that it originates in the Spirit, who has been playing in creation over some fourteen billion years, kneading and moulding it like clay, creating the most beautiful and extraordinary diversity of species. Each of these carries the stamp of life, which is the mark of the enlivening Spirit.

The Pope says:

‘God has written a precious book, whose letters are the multitude of created things present in the universe. No creature is excluded from this manifestation of God: from panoramic vistas to the tiniest living form, nature is a constant source of wonder and awe. It is also a continuing revelation of the divine’ (85).

We can learn to read God’s ‘precious book’. In every detail of nature, God is trying to convey something to us. God wants us never to lose the sense of wonder we had in childhood. ‘*Children’s faces looking up, holding wonder like a cup*’. This is to be our adult attitude too. Jesus refers to it when he says: ‘*Unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven*’ (Matthew 18:3). In a true sense the ‘kingdom of heaven’ is not only what we will enjoy beyond death: it is already given us in creation; it is all around, to be enjoyed, respected, admired. That is the child-mind at work, and we can pray to have it ourselves. Admire a plant, a bird, or a bee, and ask God, ‘What are you communicating to me here?’ Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, whose insights lie behind *Laudato Si’*, could playfully speak of a cloud in the sky as ‘*the calligraphy of God*’. Try this, but not while driving!

Brian Grogan SJ