



St. Anne's Parish

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4th Sunday of Easter

- **Good Shepherd Sunday** -

This Week in St. Anne's

Sunday Mass: 5pm Vigil & 11am

Masses this week: NO weekday mass this week

Confessions: Sat 4.30pm and before masses.

All services are streamed live online



Parish Office: Open Mon to Fri 9am to 1pm.

Parish WhatsApp Group – Keep up to date with what is happening in our parish community. Text your name and number to 07714691281 to be added to our WhatsApp group.

Trócaire Boxes

Please return your Trócaire boxes to the church at Mass times **or** to the parish office at opening hours

Your Giving

This w/end - **Weekly Offering**

Weekly Offering: Envelopes £1329.50 & Loose £307.50

Monthly Offering: £398

Standing Orders in April: £6223.83 Thank You!

Why not set up a **Standing Order**. You can download the **necessary forms from our website...or** call the office on 028 90610112 or email us on stannes@downandconnor.org

OR Donate Online to St. Anne's Parish

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Bereavement Support Group

Service of Remembrance for Children and Babies who have Died at the Dawn of Life on **Monday 16th May at 7pm**. We again offer an invitation to all families who have lost a baby before or after birth, or a child of any age, at any time in the past to join us as St Annes remembers these much-loved members of our community. A short service led by Deacon Pat will end in the blessing of our Garden of Remembrance.

Please complete a slip found at back of Church with your child's details if they are not yet written into the Book of Remembrance. Alternatively please leave your contact details with the Office if you wish the slip to be emailed or for BSG to contact you by phone for the details.

BSG would be grateful if any parishioner could help out on the night with the refreshments afterwards. Please leave your name with the Parish Office. Thank you!

We Remember Them

Recently Deceased: Canon Robert Fullerton, Conor McManus
Anniversaries: Sean McAleenan.

Foodbank: The collection boxes are available outside the church again from Monday 25th April. Thank you for your continuing generosity. Your giving makes all the difference these difficult days

Cemetery Sunday 2022

After two years of the blessing of the graves by Bishop Treanor alone, we are delighted to welcome families back to pray for their loved ones who lie at rest in the Belfast cemeteries.

Milltown Cemetery – Sunday 8th May.

City Cemetery – Sunday 15th May.

Hannahstown Cemetery – Sunday 29th May.

All ceremonies are at 3pm.



Music in St. Anne's – Would you be willing to help with our liturgical music in church? Do you like to sing? Do you play a musical instrument? Have you been an important part of our music ministry before Covid-19? We would love to have you share once again your talent for music! Come along to a meeting on **Wednesday 25th May at 7.30pm**. Everyone is most welcome, and you only need a love for music and worship. Why not bring along a friend too?

The Church teaches that music forms an integral part of solemn liturgy. The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy states that the musical tradition of the Church is a “treasure of inestimable value, greater even than that of any other art”. The main reason for this pre-eminence is that, as a combination of sacred music and words, it forms a necessary or integral part of solemn liturgy, according to Sacrosanctum Concilium.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church notes that composition and singing of inspired psalms, often accompanied by musical instruments, “were already closely linked to the liturgical celebrations of the Old Covenant”. The Church continues this tradition “making melody to the Lord with all your heart” (Eph 5:19). As St Augustine of Hippo stated: “He who sings prays twice.”

The Church teaches that song and music fulfil their function as signs in a manner even more significant when they are “more closely connected... with the liturgical action”.

These signs should fulfil three criteria:

- A beauty expressive of prayer.
- The unanimous participation of the assembly.
- The solemn character of the celebration.

“How I wept, deeply moved by your hymns, songs, and the voices that echoed through your Church! What emotion I experienced in them! Those sounds flowed into my ears distilling the truth in my heart. A feeling of devotion surged within me, and tears streamed down my face – tears that did me good (St Augustine).

The Church teaches that the harmony of signs (song, music, words, and actions) is even more expressive and fruitful “when expressed in the cultural richness of the People of God who celebrate”.

Hence, religious singing by the faithful, according to Sacrosanctum Concilium, “is to be intelligently fostered so that in devotions and sacred exercises as well as in liturgical services”, in conformity with the Church’s norms, “the voices of the faithful may be heard”.

Vocations

As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has a plan for our lives! He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to religious life or to live as generous single people.

Sunday 8th May 2022 is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. It is also known as "**Good Shepherd Sunday.**"

The Lord asked his disciples to "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

Pray also for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead. Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.

As a priest your ministry is not only at the altar, but it is also in the world, sanctifying it by your life and ministry.

Archbishop Dermot Farrell

For a Christian, a vocation is not something God calls us to do, it is also the person God calls us to be.

Father Stephen Wang

Discerning a vocation is now firmly counter cultural. No longer is it simply a matter of leaving it to a seminary; there has to be proper accompaniment every step of the way. In Ireland, we who love our faith need to have the courage to create a new culture of vocations.

Bishop Dennis Nulty

As a priest Priests are at the frontline caring for the sick, the bereaved, and staying with their people during war. Bishop

Alphonsus Cullinan

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Heavenly Father, we ask you to send labourers into your harvest and to bless all who strive to listen to your voice. Inspire, in the hearts of men and women, vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life. Bless our families with a spirit of generosity, so that those whom you call have the courage to give themselves to your Church in faith. Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 13:14. 43-52

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies, and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

"I have made you a light for the nations,
so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth."

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 99

Response: *We are his people, the sheep of his flock.*

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. *Response*
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. *Response*
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. *Response*

SECOND READING

Apocalypse 7:9.14-17

I, John saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe, and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, I answered him,
'You can tell me, my lord. 'Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10: 14

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd;
I know my own and my own know me
Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL *John 10:27-30*

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;
I know them, and they follow me.
I give them eternal life;
they will never be lost
and no one will ever steal
them from me.

The Father who gave them to
me is greater than anyone,
and no one can steal from the
Father. The Father and I are
one.'



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The Catholic Chaplaincy QUB

Golden Jubilee Ball

Belfast City Hall

10th June, 7pm

Black Tie



THE CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY
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Tickets: £80 (£50 for students)

Table of 10: £800

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