



St. Anne's Parish

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Second Sunday of Advent



This Week in St. Anne's

Sunday Mass: 5pm Vigil & 11am

Masses this week: Tues, Wed & Thurs at 10am

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.

Your Giving

This w/end - **Weekly Offering & Monthly Offering**

Last w/end Collection:

Weekly Offering: Envelopes £1428.80 & Loose £176.34

Renovation Fund: £379

Why not set up a **Standing Order**. You can download the forms from our website...or **Donate Online** to St. Anne's Parish
A/C No. 07707787 Sort Code 93 83 00

Standing Orders in November

Weekly Offering: £3954.83 Monthly Offering: £724

Bishops Commissions £ 309.30

Renovation Fund £929.70 Digital Plate: £358.32

A "**Digital Collection Plate**" for those who wish to donate using Credit or Debit Cards is now available. It is "contactless", and you can also Gift Aid your donation. It's so simple!

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- Thurs 8th December. A Holyday of Obligation – Mass at 10am.

Advent Extra: A Redemptorist publication to help you make the journey of Advent. Available at £2 in the church porch.

Foodbank:

Your continued support is gratefully appreciated. The need for the bank continues to grow. Thank you for your generosity and please encourage others to give to those most in need. The collection boxes are outside the church door 10am to 4pm Mon-Sat.

We Remember Them

Recently Deceased: Aminah Mulholland. (Funeral Wed at 10am)

Month's Mind: Frankie Wilson

Anniversaries: Dolores Murphy, Clare Burleigh, Anne O'Neill

ST ANNE'S ONE WORLD GROUP

Wrong size shape, type, colour? Have you any such unused items taking up cupboard space?

Would you donate them to raise funds for St Bernadette's Children's Centre in LIMA, PERU?

We will be holding a MINI AUCTION in the PARISH CENTRE this Sunday 4th December after the 11am Mass

- **TROCAIRE GLOBAL GIFTS** will be for sale too!

Refreshments will be on hand during the short viewing period before the auction.

LOTS for all ages, so please come along and bring family and friends.

NB Items for the auction can be left with members of the group in the church porch before the 5pm Vigil Mass/11am Mass.

TRÓCAIRE GIFTS OF LOVE

When you buy a Trócaire Gift of Love, you're not just giving. You're joining the fight for justice. Buy a Trócaire Gift of Love and send some love around the world this Christmas.

When you buy a Trócaire Gift, your money goes to the developing world – buying life-changing gifts for people who really need them as well as funding critical work in Trócaire's justice, resource rights and women's empowerment programmes.

When you buy online, you can choose either a traditional gift card or an e-card.

- The traditional card will be posted out to your address within 7 working days.
- The e-card will be emailed to your chosen recipient immediately or at a time you schedule. You will be able to enter a personal greeting in the e-card and send it to anyone you choose – a friend, family member or client.
- call Freephone 0800 912 1200.
- **Trócaire Gifts of Love are available this weekend in the Parish Centre after the 11am Sunday Mass.**

Trócaire

Liturgy of the Word

General theme: John the Baptist is a prophetic voice for all ages: his message speaks to us today, for conversion is always part of the Christian way of living. Conversion to each other is called for by St Paul, so that we can be tolerant of each other, united in mind and heart.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea.



That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 71:1

Response: *In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.*

1. O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. **Response**

2. In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds. **Response**

3. For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. **Response**

4. May his name be blessed for ever
and endure like the sun.
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,
all nations bless his name. **Response**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Romans 15:4-9

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing to your name.



Gospel Acclamation Lk 3:4.6

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. and all mankind shall see the salvation of God

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 3:1-12

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message:

'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand'.

This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan, they

confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father", because I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire.

I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'



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St. Anne's Primary School and Nursery Unit – Enrolment for September 2023.

Nursery Open Days - Tues 13th December, 2.30 – 3.30pm
Tues 10th January 2.30 – 3.30pm
Principal's address at 2.45pm

Primary 1 Open Days - Wed 14th Dec 1.00 – 2.00pm
Wed 11th January 1.00 – 2.00pm
Tour begins at 1.00pm
Principal's address at 1.45pm.

The application procedure opens from noon on Tuesday 10 January 2023 via the online portal. The application portal closes at 12 noon on Friday 27 January 2023.



The poster features a night scene of a Christmas market with stalls and lights. Text includes: 'Friend's of St. Gerard's' logo, 'In the school grounds', 'Christmas Fayre 2022', 'Friday 9th 5.00 - 8.00', 'Saturday 10th 11.00 - 5.00', 'December', and 'Calling all stall owners'.



The poster has a red border with white Christmas icons. Text includes: 'The Order of Malta QUB and the Catholic Chaplaincy QUB invite you to support this year's Shoebox Appeal', 'IN SUPPORT OF BELFAST HOMELESS SERVICES', 'SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR MALE & FEMALE:', a list of items (Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Soap, Shampoo, Body Wash, Sanitary Products, Sweets, Chocolate, Gloves, Scarves, Hats, Deodorant), 'Please leave shoeboxes under the Christmas Tree on the ground floor of the Chaplaincy, 28 Elmwood Avenue by:', 'MONDAY 12TH DECEMBER', logos for 'BELFAST HOMELESS SERVICES' and the Order of Malta, and contact information: 'For more information email: QUB@orderofmalta.ie Follow us on Facebook @OrderofMaltaQUB'.

CHRISTMAS FROM QUEEN'S

THE CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY AT
QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY BELFAST

presents

A FESTIVAL OF
NINE LESSONS
& CAROLS

Sunday 11th December 5pm

The Catholic Chaplaincy QUB
28 Elmwood Avenue, Belfast