



St. Anne's Parish

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Third 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.

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve 9pm Vigil
Christmas Day 11am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Monday 19th Dec 7pm

Your Giving

This w/end - **Weekly Offering**

Last w/end Collection:

Weekly Offering: Envelopes £947.50 & Loose £207

Monthly Offering: £651

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**

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!

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

Anniversaries: Brendan McDonagh, Margaret O'Rourke, Kathleen & Simon Clarke.



**Please support our Annual
Christmas Appeal**

Trócaire

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.

Freephone 0800 912 1200.

Liturgy of the Word

Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday!

General theme: The joy of the kingdom is anticipated. The signs of the kingdom already come are given to the messengers of John the Baptist, and they are familiar with the prophecy of Isaiah. Patient waiting for the fulfilment is our Christian duty. There should be no complaining, no giving up or losing heart. Joy, prayer and thanksgiving should characterise the Christian community.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah 35:1-6. 10

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy.

The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God.

Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. 'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.'



Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for those the Lord has ransomed shall return.

They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145

Response: *Come, Lord, and save us*

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. *Response*
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. *Response*
3. It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. *Response*

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St James 5:7-10

Now be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains!

You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Is 61:1

Alleluia, Alleluia!
The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me.
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor
Alleluia!

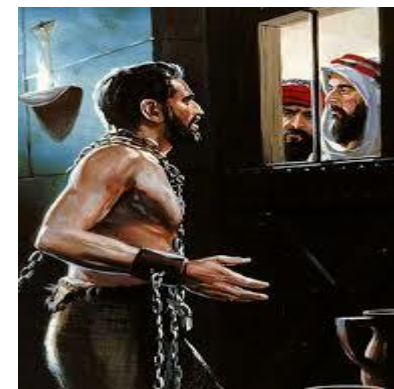
GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 11:2-11

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?'

Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me'.

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more



than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. 'I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

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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.**

Stage & Screen... and a touch of Christmas!

Join the award-winning St. Agnes' Choral Society for an evening of music from Broadway and Hollywood, with Christmas songs to get us all in the spirit!

This Sunday 11th December, 7pm, St Anne's Parish Centre, Finaghy BT10 ONE.

Tickets £10. Payable by cash on door or prebook via Agnes Choral or <http://shorturl.at/bruWY>



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:

Toothpaste	Sweets
Toothbrushes	Chocolate
Soap	Gloves
Shampoo	Scarves
Body Wash	Hats
Sanitary Products	Deodorant

Please leave shoeboxes under the Christmas Tree on the ground floor of the Chaplaincy, 28 Elmwood Avenue by:

MONDAY 12TH DECEMBER



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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
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