



St. Anne's Parish

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

24th September 2023



This Week in St. Anne's

Sunday Mass: 5pm Vigil & 11am

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

Confessions: Sat 4.30pm & before masses.

Parish Office: 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 & Renovation Fund**

**Last w/end: Weekly Offering Env £920.76 Loose £266.26
Autumn Offering: £374**

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 located in the main porch of the church. It is "contactless", and you can also Gift Aid your donation. It's so simple!

Recently Deceased: Rosaleen McGrady.

Anniversaries: Agnes Toner, Pat Boden, Isabel Smith,

Pathways to the Future Prayer

God of Love, you are with us in every transition and change. As we enter into this new era with excitement and even some anxiety, we recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love.

We thank you for the gifts, talents and skills with which you have blessed us. We thank you for the work of others that gives breadth and depth to our own work. Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another. We ask this in your Holy Name. Amen

Seeing your life through the Gospel

1. 'I was there first'. Envy easily comes to the surface when faced with the good fortune of others, especially when compared to what seems less favourable treatment of ourselves. Can you recall that feeling in yourself and what it did to you? Can you also recall times when you were content with your lot, even though it seemed others had greater gifts, better opportunities, etc.
2. A parent or teacher who gives a lot of time to a difficult child does not love the others less, but if we are one of those other children we may not see that. Recall a 'Jesus person' in your life who helped you to overcome feelings of envy and helped you appreciate that the apparently more favourable treatment of another did not mean a lessening of love for you.
3. This leads us to the core message of this parable, namely, that God's love is a free gift, and not earned. Recall moments when you were particularly conscious of the gifts that God has given you by counting all the blessings that you have, no matter how small.
4. 'It is too late now' are words sometimes uttered to justify doing nothing about a situation. This parable tells us that where love is involved, it is never too late. Can you recall times when you got a positive response after taking action when you thought it was 'too late'?

John Byrne OSA Email jbyrneosa@gmail.com

Foodbank - The collection box will be outside the church each day from 10am to 4pm. Your continued generosity is very much appreciated.

***Trócaire** is looking for people to join our team of Christmas fundraisers to help respond to the urgent need of poor communities around the world, including the millions of children and families caught in conflict across Ethiopia, South Sudan and Ukraine.*

You can take action and make a difference through a range of activities, including the promotion of our Gifts of Change – training and support will be provided.

If you would like to find out more about what you can do to help now or over the Advent and Christmas period, then please email Mark McMahon at infoni@trocaire.org or call 028 9080 8030.

Season of Creation 2023

The Season of Creation is marked throughout the Christian world from 1 September to 4 October (Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi) and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment. This year's theme is "**Let Justice and Peace Flow**" taking inspiration from the Prophet Amos. We are called to join the river of justice and peace, to take up climate and ecological justice, and to speak out with and for communities most impacted by climate injustice and the loss of biodiversity. As the people of God, we must work together on behalf of all Creation, as part of that mighty river of peace and justice.

Prayer for Migrants and Refugees
• World Day 24 September

Lord, make us bearers of hope,
 so that where there is darkness,
 your light may shine,
 and where there is discouragement,
 confidence in the future may be reborn.

Lord, make us instruments of your justice,
 so that where there is exclusion, fraternity may flourish,
 and where there is greed, a spirit of sharing may grow.

Lord, make us builders of your Kingdom,
 together with migrants and refugees
 and with all who dwell on the peripheries.

Lord, let us learn how beautiful it is
 to live together as brothers and sisters. Amen.
 Pope Francis

Adult Faith Development - Drumalis

Pathways – Adult Faith Development Programme

Now in our 18th Year... Have you ever thought of taking time out, to reflect, to better understand your faith in all its richness, to explore how it might be integrated with your busy, daily life and to nurture in a focussed way your relationship with God? If "yes", then Pathways may be for you. The course runs one Saturday per month from October to June, either in-house at Drumalis or online via Zoom.

Certificate in Christian Thought (Two-year, part-time course)

It aims to offer a space where adults can explore, reflect upon, discuss and study faith and how it relates to life in today's world, both at a personal and community level. It is possible to do the course for validation by St Mary's University College or for personal development only. The course is offered either in-house at Drumalis or online over seven Saturdays from September to May. For further information/register contact Drumalis 02828276455/28272196 or email maura@drumalis.co.uk Further information also available on Drumalis website: <http://www.drumalis.co.uk>



SAT 30/09 Retreat for Mothers
 10am
 St. Teresa's Parish Hall
 (pre-registration required)

The Camino of St Michael the Archangel
 From St Peter's Cathedral to St. Michael's Parish, gathering at 1:15pm
SAT 30/09
 Eucharistic Healing Service at 4pm
 Mass at 5pm with homily on St. Michael and the Archangels by Fr Peter Prusakiewicz

TUE 03/10 Mother of Mercy
 Reconciliation Night - 7:30pm
 Corpus Christi Church
 Ballymurphy
 (Light refreshments afterwards)

Fr John Harris (Prior of the Dominicans in Ireland)
 talk on "If Mary were but known" and Q&A
THU 05/10
 Holy Rosary's Parish Hall at 7pm

FRI 06/10 Mass followed by Sacred Heart Devotions with Way of the Cross - 6pm
 Immaculate Heart of Mary Church - Antrim Road

First Saturdays Devotions followed by Sung Mass with homily - 10:30am
 Immaculate Heart of Mary Church
 Antrim Road
SAT 07/10
 First Saturday Devotions and Holy Hour followed by Mass 12:00pm
 St Mary's Chapel Lane

"IF MARY WERE BUT KNOWN."

SUNDAY 08/10



OUR 20TH ANNUAL ROSARY PROCESSION

Followed by Benediction and Catholic Organisations' Fair in St. Comgall's Hall with refreshments afterwards
 From St. John's Parish to St. Peter's Cathedral 2:30pm
 (shuttle bus available from St Peter's to St John's from 12:30-2:15pm)

For more information on each event, please visit: www.legionofmarydc.co.uk or call 07955386288

