

St. Anthony's Parish, Belfast

Pastoral Area of South & East Belfast

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PUBLIC MASS TIMES—COVID-19 ERA (will be under assessment/review)

Saturday Evening at 6.30pm. (English Parish Mass)

Sunday Morning (in Polish): 9am. & 6:30pm. (English Parish Mass): 11.30am

Weekdays: Mon, Tues & Thurs at 9.30am. Fri at 7.00pm.

All English Masses on Facebook. Polish Weekday Masses: Tues & Thurs 7pm, Sat 9am

Confessions: By Arrangement. Baptisms: By Appointment

Local SVP Conference contact details: 028 90351561



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." *Jn 21:1-19*

Fish without number. Nets too heavy for lifting now.

You gave more than they could ever hold.

And John saw with his eyes of love that the man on the shore was Jesus!

We too want to see with the eyes of love,

and be weighed down with the miraculous catch of care.

"Lord, you know that we love you." Let us feed your lambs.

Anne Osdieck

WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED LOVED-ONES

Recently Deceased: Rory Morgan, Joan McGiffin, Paul Riordan (funeral 4th May at 12.30pm), Christine Burns, Johny Njanakkal (father of Fr Niddeesh Varghese)

Anniversaries: Thomas Luck, Mairead Hughes, Robert Dunn Jnr, Robert Dunn Snr (Tues 3rd May at 9:30am), Hugh Crilly (Sat 14th May at 6:30pm).

COLLECTIONS: Many thanks for your support. Weekly £592.17. Shrines £113.95. **Online Donate Button on Website £40**

We would appreciate that if you send in a cheque to pay for a number of different donations, that you itemise what amount should go to each collection. Also include all empty envelopes in the one envelope

NEW BOXES OF ENVELOPES FOR 2022/2023 are available for collection. If you wish to have a box please contact Fr Henry.

Relaxation of Covid-19 Related Regulations & Restrictions. The pandemic is not over, and we will continue to live with the risks and effects of COVID-19 for some time. As a result, it is important that, in a spirit of Christian solidarity, we all do what we can to care for each other. Therefore, the Diocese continues to strongly recommend a number of protective measures to ensure the safety and well-being of all.

1. **Face Coverings:** the Diocese strongly recommends that face coverings continue to be worn at all times in the church.
2. **Hand Sanitizers:** will continue to be provided at the entrances. Hand sanitizing when entering the church is strongly recommended.
3. **Social Distancing:** While we no longer have to observe social distancing in the church, we need to be distance aware, especially for the vulnerable present.
4. Those administering Holy Communion should continue to **sanitize their hands before & after distribution, & wear face coverings.**
5. **Communion in the hand** should remain the norm.
6. Here in St Anthony's we are to return to the liturgical gestures of **standing, sitting and kneeling**, as marked in the missalette.
7. At the Spring 2022 general meeting of the Irish Episcopal Conference, it has been decided that **"from Easter Sunday, the obligation on the Faithful to attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation is restored."** Though for anyone who is sick or vulnerable, the obligation does not apply

Trócaire Lenten Campaign 2022. To return your donation we would ask that you convert any coins to notes, (you can do so e.g. by taking the coinage to Tesco's at Newtownbreda and place coins into the coin counting machine, and redeeming the voucher amount at customer services) and place into the envelope provided and return as soon as possible.

Trócaire Gala Concert at Clonard Monastery in Belfast at 7.30pm on Friday 20th May 2022 (doors will open at 6.30pm). Performers: Margaret Keys, The Priests and St Dominic's Girls School Choir and MC, Gerry Kelly. This event will support Trócaire's work in countries around the world, including projects in Zimbabwe which is the focus of this year's Lenten Appeal. Tickets will be available at a later date on a first come, first served basis and we will contact you again to let you know how to book them. Tickets will be free but there will be an option to make a donation on the night with all donations being matched as part of UK Aid Match funding in support of the Lent Appeal.

The Synodal Pathway. For more information about the Synodal Pathway see www.downandconnor.org/synod. Also take home the **Synodal Prayer Card** available in the porch.

Catholic Bishops of Northern Ireland on the NI Assembly Elections. Please find attached copy of the 'Make Your Voices Heard' pastoral reflection from the Catholic Bishops of Northern Ireland on the NI Assembly Elections. Also available on the parish website and Facebook pages.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2022: Full board in hotel: 5 nights (13-18 July) from £685. For further information contact the Pilgrimage Office on (028) 9077 0162 email: lourdes@downandconnor.org or visit www.downandconnor.org/Lourdes

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima 2022: Full board in hotel: 7 nights (8-15 September) from £689 per person sharing. For further enquiries and bookings contact Joe Catney 02890714001/0776425631

Lough Derg Re-opens. Three Day Pilgrimage 1st June -15th August. Booking advised. Concessions available for students, seniors and groups. One Day Retreats and guided Pilgrim Path experience: Dates in May and late August through September. Booking essential. All booking information at www.loughderg.org, email info@loughderg.org or telephone 00353 719861518. Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co. Donegal F94 N289

The Knights of St Columbanus - Commemorating the Centenary Anniversary of the death of its founder, local clergyman Canon James O'Neill (May 6th & 7th 2022), Marine Hotel Ballycastle. You are invited to join our event to mark this anniversary with guest speakers:

Friday 6th May 2pm: Bishop Noel Treanor Down & Connor
Followed by Dr. Eamon Phoenix-a talk on The Social, Political and Economic Times in Ireland of Canon O'Neill 100 years ago

Saturday 7th May 2pm: Mickey Harte, All Ireland Winning Manager-My Faith Journey. Please do come along to either event that are free to drop in and attend.

"Come Away and Rest Awhile" CARA RETREAT. Are you a parent of a young person with a disability? Would you like to take some time out to pray, reflect and meet other parents? If the answer is yes we would love you to join us for a parents retreat at: Drumalis Retreat Centre beginning Friday 24th June, 6pm until Saturday 25th June, 4pm. For information or to register your interest contact: Louise McQuillan Tel: 07922437679 Email: lmcquillan@downandconnor.org

A Biblical walk with the Blessed Mother - Online Course & Retreat Day, will take us through the Scriptures leading us into a deeper understanding of Mary's life. Although Mary is mentioned in only a few chapters of the entire Bible, these are filled with rich insight which will help us to understand Mary's humanity and the extraordinary mission to which she was called by God. The programme will begin on Monday 2nd May @7.00 pm for 5 weeks meeting online and then concluding with a Retreat day on Saturday 4th June 2022 10.00-4.30 pm. Venue: Parish centre, Parish of Maghera, Newcastle. The cost of the programme including your study materials and the retreat day (including lunch) is £35. To register e-mail livingchurch@downandconnor.org

Meditating with Mary in the month of May. Additionally, the Living Church office has prepared a resource for Parishes for the Month of May: Meditating with Mary in the month of May. A participants resource is designed to be delivered over three sessions and centres on the Annunciation, Visitation and Magnificat by reflecting on scripture, sharing our insights and closing in prayer. We will be holding a choice of two training sessions on Tuesday 26th April @7pm or Wednesday 27th April @7pm. If you have leaders in your Parish who you would like to run the programme they can book onto the training using the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e0Vm8VHTzGI> It is a resource that is also easily adaptable should you wish to use it alongside May Devotions and we can make printed copies available for your parish on request.

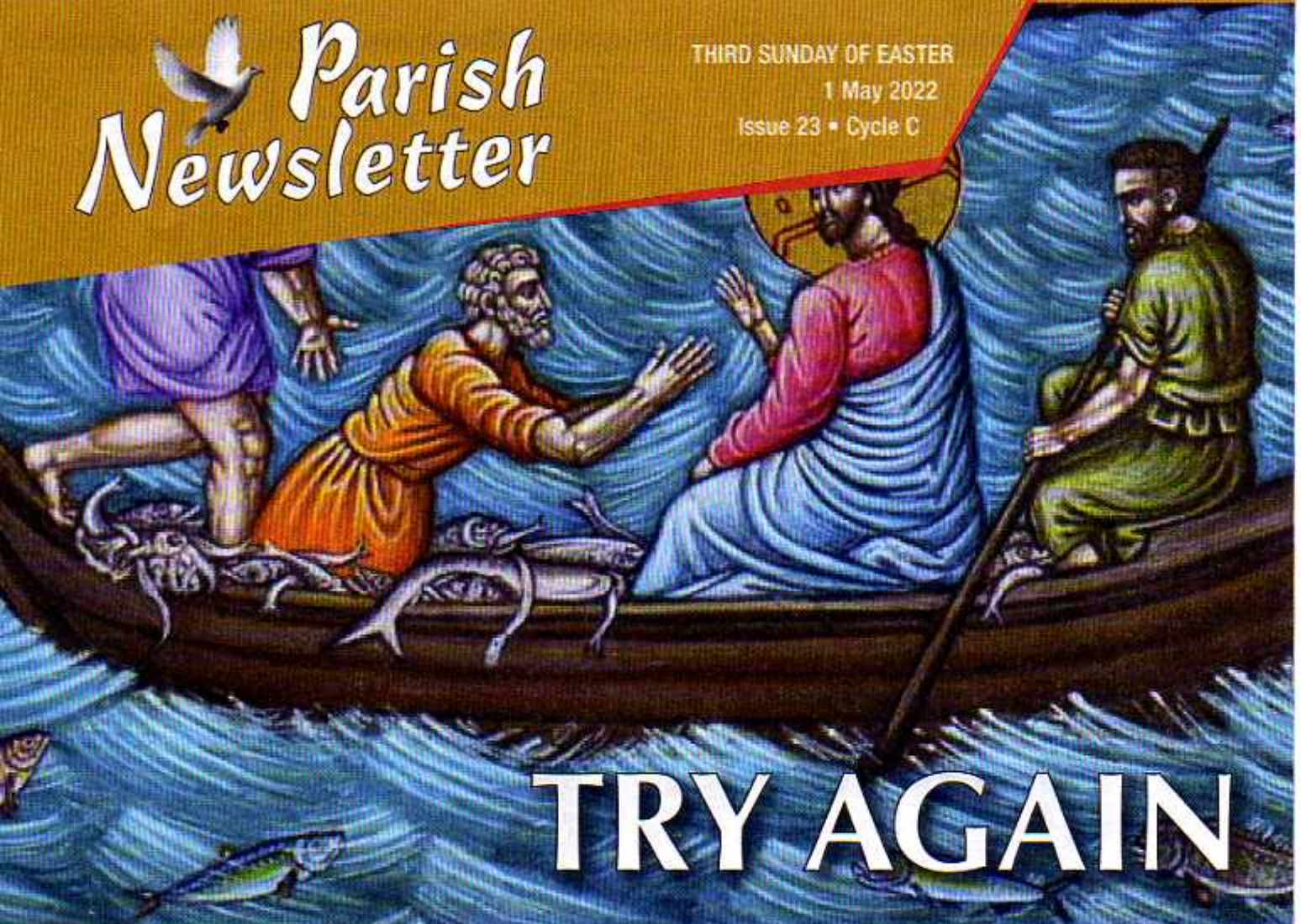
CEMETERY SUNDAY 2022 After two years of the blessing of the graves by Bishop Treanor alone, we are delighted to welcome families back to pray for their loved ones who lie at rest in the Belfast cemeteries:

Milltown Cemetery - Sunday 8th May at 3pm. City Cemetery - Sunday 15th May at 3pm. Hannahstown Cemetery - Sunday 29th May at 3pm.

The Women of Faith Conference 2022 is LIVE on Radio Maria Ireland on Saturday 7th May from 2pm. We are blessed to have the following speakers: Sister Consilio (Cuan Mhuire), Wendy Grace (Catholic Speaker) Fr. Freddy Warner, SMA, Sister Susan Evangelist (Sister of Mercy) Dr. Edward Sri (Scripture Scholar). Please join us for this blessed event sponsored by Totus Tuus Magazine. Radio Maria Ireland is accessible by:

1. Going online at www.radiomaria.ie
2. Download the Radio Maria IRELAND App to your smartphone or tablet.
3. Listen live via Facebook
4. Call 01 4373277 and listen live
5. Listen through your TV on SAORVIEW Channel 210

Parish Safeguarding. Can you please ensure that all Children and Vulnerable Adults are accompanied at all times when entering the Sacristy / Toilet facilities. If you have any queries regarding the Safeguarding Policy please contact a member of the Parish Safeguarding Committee. Many Thanks. Fr Henry McCann PP.



TRY AGAIN

I've been glancing at this gospel for the past three days. The passage has great potential, but I was getting no inspiration. This morning I realised I was living the experience of the disciples, fishing and catching nothing. So, I took the words of the Lord as words to me: "Try again and see what happens." I'm not promising you an abundant catch like that of the disciples, but we'll see.

The appearances of Jesus to the disciples after the resurrection transformed them and enabled them to become fearless witnesses to Jesus and his gospel, as we read in the first reading today. At the heart of this witness was their total trust in the presence of God with them and their commitment to promoting the reign of love in the world. This they did in face of opposition, persecution, and sometimes death.

The strange dialogue between Jesus and Peter with the thrice repeated question 'Do you love me?' has many interpretations. Peter, who had denied Jesus three times, is now given the

Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 13:14, 43-52

Psalms 99:1-3, 5

Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17

John 10:27-30



chance of a threefold affirmation of love. The repeated question and answer is also a reminder to us today that true love is not validated by a single proclamation. It involves an ongoing commitment. We believe that love is the most powerful force for good in the world.

It is through love that our lives bear the most important fruit, yet at times it may seem that it is fruitless. We do our best and it is discouraging when the results are not what we had hoped. Jesus had that same experience. Apart from the rejection of his message by some of the leaders of his day, his outreach of love was also rejected by people who were well-disposed to



Reflection

Remember people who encouraged you to try again when you felt discouraged. Perhaps on some occasions you were pleasantly surprised by the results.



Lesson

Followers of Jesus do not live only for themselves but for others, trusting in God to help them along the way.



Prayer

O Lord, come to my help; change my mourning into dancing.

O Lord, my God, I will thank you for ever.

him. A rich young man who came for advice rejected it when it was given. Judas – one of his closest friends – betrayed him, and Peter denied that he knew him. Jesus knew disappointment and yet nobody would claim his life was worthless. His life, lived in love, has brought hope, meaning, comfort, strength and peace to countless millions.

Jesus does not promise us that each time we reach out in love to another, our outreach will be welcomed. Relationships can be complicated. Yet Jesus does promise us that when our lives are motivated by care for others, our lives will be fruitful even when they include some failures. So, when you feel discouraged listen to Jesus whispering in your ear: 'Try again'.

- John Byrne



This Week (2-8 May)

- 2 M** St Athanasius, bishop and doctor
- 3 T** SS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES
- 4 W** St Conleth, bishop
- 5 T** Blessed Edmund Rice, religious; St Asaph
- 6 F** St Beuno
- 7 S** St Anselm
- 8 S** FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

