

Parish of Hannahstown - St Joseph's & St Peter's
13th September 2020 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The parable of the unforgiving servant highlights the generous love of God and sets a blueprint for our treatment of others. The master who cancels the servant's large debt does so out of compassion, and the servant is grateful – but not so grateful that he is willing to take pity on a fellow servant who owes him just a small amount. It seems he has learnt nothing; he has neither appreciated the gift he has been given, nor is he willing to pass it on to others.

We are each loved infinitely by God. He has provided us with every good thing, and we are expected to live accordingly. Because we have been loved, we must love. In this Season of Creation we focus in particular on our relationship with creation. We have been gifted with this wonderful world, with all its beauty and natural resources. Yet in so many ways, we have failed to appreciate this gift. We depend entirely on the earth's resources, yet instead of respecting them we have plundered them, causing great harm to the earth and its inhabitants. We have built comfortable and cheap lifestyles at the expense of the world's poorest people. If we carry on this way, there will be no gift to pass on to future generations. We are like the servant in the gospel – taking, but giving nothing in return.

Today, we are called to act as people who loved infinitely by God. All of creation speaks of God's love for us. We are deeply connected with the earth and all of its people. We must live a life which is not centred exclusively on ourselves, but on the needs of others.

“Creation can only be understood as a gift from the outstretched hand of the Father of all, and as a reality illuminated by the love which calls us together into universal communion”
(Pope Francis, Laudato Si’)

BAPTISM – In order to arrange a Baptism please call at the Parish Office with the child's long birth certificate. It must be one of the parents who makes the arrangement for the child's Baptism.

CARE FOR THE FAMILY....BECAUSE FAMILY LIFE MATTERS –

This organisation offers Marriage Support, Parental Support and Bereavement Support. We would encourage you to visit their websites and

find out more <https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/>

<https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/family-life/bereavement->

[support/widowed-young-support](https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/family-life/bereavement-support/widowed-young-support). A free Zoom support day for young widows and widowers here in NI on the 3rd October 2020 for further information visit

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/widowed-young-support-3-october-tickets-116738188063>

PRAYER ONLINE - Come and join us at www.soulparemission.com.

Who are we? We are a new interactive prayer website created by Jacinta Crockford DipTH, Spiritual Director. What's on offer? A variety of PDF meditations on Mother Teresa, St John Paul II, Ignatius Spirituality to name but a few. Lots of content to Dive into. There you will find - Podcasts on Faith, Friendship & Knowledge; Rosaries, Prayers and Marian Consecration. Come and join us and be part of the prayer movement online!

RUBY ANNIVERSARY – *The Parish of Hannahstown would like to wish Gerard & Josephine Owens a very Happy 40th Wedding Anniversary. May God Bless you both on this special occasion.*

PRAYER INTENTIONS: We extend our sympathies to the families of those who died recently and those whose month's mind and anniversary occur at this time.

ANNIVERSARIES: Jackie Brennan, Billy & Bridie Grant, Rose Maguire, Mary Ellen Mulligan, William Murray and Adrian McGovern RIP.

FEEL A NEED TO RETURN TO CELEBRATING YOUR FAITH?..... -

Encounter the presence of the Spirit of God in our weekly meetings

How?

Spend an hour and half each Thursday evening exploring the Catholic Faith

When?

Programme commences 15th October 2020

Where

St Mary's 25 Marquis Street, Belfast BT1 1JJ

Secure your place!

Email: rcia@downandconnor.org or contact Fionnuala Tel 07702073895

THE SEARCH FOR MEANING AND MORAL VALUES - DR

JOHNSTON MCMASTER – Is there Life after Covid-19? This Public Theology course by Zoom hosted by Drumalis will commence on 22 September and take place over eight Tuesday evenings from 7 pm – 9 pm. It will explore two themes: The Search for Meaning and The Search for Moral Values. The cost is £50 for the series. To register or for further details, please contact Drumalis by phone during office hours (Mon – Fri, 9 am – 5 pm) – tel 028 28272196 or 028 28276455, email drumalis@btconnect.com or check the website <http://www.drumalis.co.uk>

MASS TIMES – St Joseph’s Church – Monday, Wednesday & Friday @ 9.15am.

Vigil Mass Saturday @ 6pm. Sunday @ 11.30am.

St Peter’s Church – Tuesday @ 9.15am; Sunday @ 10am.

12th & 13th September	6pm (Vigil) St Joseph’s	10.00am St Peter’s	11.30am St Joseph’s
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Upon Request	Upon Request	Upon Request
MINISTER OF THE WORD	Marie Gough	Mary Peyton	Rachel Connolly

HANNAHSTOWN PARISH DRAW – We would like to encourage Parishioners to sign up for the Parish Draw for 2020 - 2021. If you are already a member of the Parish Draw we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. The Monthly Draw gives our members an opportunity to win fantastic prizes each month and we also have two additional draws each year with even bigger prizes. Payment can be made at the Parish Office, by direct debit or directly to one of the Parish Draw Promoters (a list of promoters names are held in the Parish Office). The money raised from the Parish Draw goes towards the upkeep of our Parish. It runs from October and this is when your payments would commence. For further information please contact the Parish Office - 02890614567.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION – The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on 19th September in St Peter’s Church at 2pm. We look forward to welcoming these boys and girls to receive the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – will take place on 11th October at 2pm in St Joseph’s Church.