

*Parish of Hannahstown - St Joseph's & St Peter's
West Belfast Pastoral Community
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Reflection on this Sunday's Gospel - Journey of Faith

There is a certain freedom about accepting the word of God and the gospel of Christ. Jesus tells his disciples not to force the truth of the gospel on people. If they don't accept it and welcome it they are to move on.

The journey of faith is complicated and a long journey. People accept bits and pieces at times, and remain open to further growth. We sometimes expect too much of people and forget that their life stories and their struggles may make it too much to accept a lot of the gospel. Are some types of people who have made terrible mistakes never to be forgiven and welcomed back into the church?

The reason the apostles would walk away is that people would not listen to them, not that they would not do what they said. We hope for an openness to the gospel from people, as we hope for an openness to everyone's life story when we try to share the word of Jesus.

This is true for parents and teachers; we open the word of God and the truth of Jesus to younger people, and hope that now or later they will be followers of Jesus. It does not happen immediately.

The prophet Amos seems to come from an ordinary job to be a prophet; from the ordinary ways we try to follow Christ and live out the gospel we can share the best of our faith with another generation.

Have I judged too easily?

Ask for a heart open to the struggles and history of others.

Lord help me to see others as you see them.

(Reflection by Donal Neary SJ)

THE PARISH OF HANNAHSTOWN WELCOMES INTO THEIR FAITH COMMUNITY – GRACE MARGARET-ANNE ADAMS, CALVIN THOMAS KEENAN, RUAIRÍ CONOR MAGUIRE WHO WERE BAPTISED LAST WEEKEND

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Margaret Brown RIP

MONTH'S MIND: Marie McNally RIP

ANNIVERSARIES: Kathleen & Jimmy Mullen, Mary Alice Murray RIP

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.

The Masses are streamed on the webcam live from St. Joseph's Church, Hannahstown and St. Peter's Church, The Rock:

St. Joseph's Church - www.churchmedia.tv/camera/st-josephs-church

St. Peter's Church - www.churchmedia.tv/camera/st-peters-church-2

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated on a Saturday from 5.15pm – 6pm in St. Joseph's Church, Hannahstown.

WEEKLY OFFERING COLLECTION: £964.00

MONTHLY OFFERING COLLECTION: £1,028.50

Many thanks for your continued generosity.

PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES –Parish office hours are 9am – 1pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Monday 12th & Tuesday 13th July.

10th WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES IN ROME 2022 - The Dicastery for Laity Family and Life has asked for this video message from Pope Francis to be shared with dioceses and parishes. In his message, Pope Francis outlines some important changes that have been made to the structure of the 10th World Meeting of Families in light of the Covid-19 pandemic. The WMOF2022 is being hosted by the Diocese of Rome but the changes being introduced will see a much greater focus on the local Church. The link for the video message is: **<https://youtu.be/fTKeQXY2DEY>**. The link is also available on our parish website.

JOB VACANCY - The ACRE PROJECT is now recruiting a **Manager for our LOCAL CLIMATE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE** in Northern Ireland. The project operates out of the values of Laudato Si' and works with local community groups on a cross-community basis to develop new initiatives to save our planet. The post is part-time: 22.5 hours a week, flexible hours. The salary is circa £30,000 pro rata. For full details please see: **<https://www.communityni.org/job/manager-acre-project-local-climate-development-initiative>**

REGISTER TO VOTE - From 1 July 2021, the electoral register in Northern Ireland will be renewed as part of the national canvass. If you want to vote in future elections, you must register to vote after 1 July, even if you've registered before. **To register online and for more information please visit the link below:** **<https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>**

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in St Peter's Church, The Rock every Friday from 2pm – 8.30pm.

EVENING PRAYER – Evening prayer continues in St. Peter's Church, The Rock every evening @ 7pm. During this time of prayer there will be Eucharistic Adoration, the recitation of the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed. You are invited to join us for this time of prayer via the webcam.

SUPPORTING THE PARISH FINANCIALLY – A very sincere thank-you to those who continue to support the Parish of Hannahstown financially. Donations can be made via our donate button on our website www.hannahstownparish.com. Alternatively anyone wishing to switch to online giving by establishing a direct debit or to make a bank transfer, the parish bank details are as follows: Sort Code: 93-84-75 Account Number: 35232062. In these very challenging times your support to our Parish is greatly appreciated.

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS – *God send his angels to console your loneliness.* Pope Francis released a message for the First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly ahead of the date of the celebration which is scheduled for Sunday 25th July. The theme chosen by the Pope for the inaugural commemoration is “I am with you always” (Mt 28: 30). Pope Francis reassures the elderly that God is always with them. He also reminds them of their vocation to preserve our roots and to pass on the faith to the younger ones.