

### The Wider Circle

The Wider Circle is running a new series of Steps to Healing programmes starting in January 2012. These programmes were designed by Father Eamon McCreave to help people who have suffered from trauma. The programme dates are listed below:

#### Weekly Programmes

- Australia House, Belfast; begins 16 January 2012
- Corrymeela House, Belfast; begins 18 January 2012

#### Residential Programmes

Corrymeela, Ballycastle; 20-22 January 2012  
Benburb, Dungannon;  
9-11 March 2012

If you are interested or want more information please contact [info@widercircle.org](mailto:info@widercircle.org) or call 90693430.

### A Perfect Christmas Gift!

St. Agnes' Choral Society is delighted to announce that it will be performing the family favourite 'Annie' in the Grand Opera House, Tues. 28<sup>th</sup> Feb. – Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar. 2012. Tickets can be booked by phoning 02890 241919

### NI Hospice

"Christmas is a time to remember loved ones and I invite you to join in remembering your loved one(s) this Christmas by sponsoring a light in their memory on the Hospice Christmas Tree. Join our Lights to Remember Ceremony on Wednesday 21 December at 7.30pm at Dominican College, Fortwilliam Park, Belfast, BT15 4AP (refreshments from 6.30pm) This will be followed by a torchlight procession and the switching on of the Christmas tree lights at the hospice on Somerton Road, Belfast."

To sponsor a light or for information call 028 90 777123 or visit [nihospice.org](http://nihospice.org)

### Trócaire

'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and love your neighbour as yourself' Luke 10:27. On this fourth Sunday in Advent as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ we are asked to help our less fortunate neighbours in the developing world through Trócaire Global Gifts. Make a difference to someone's life from as little as £5. Gifts are available at [www.trocaire.org/globalgift](http://www.trocaire.org/globalgift) or by calling 0800 912 1200.

### St Michael the Archangel – Vocation Blurbs

#### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God – 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012

"They made known what had been told them about this Child." If you may be one of those called to make the Christ Child known to others as a priest call Fr. John Murray, Vocations Director, St Michael's Church, 200 Finaghy Road North, Belfast, 02890913761 or e-mail Father Murray on [vocations@fmurray.co.uk](mailto:vocations@fmurray.co.uk)

#### The Epiphany – 6<sup>th</sup> January 2012

"They offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." Is god calling you to give Him the gold of your freedom, the incense of your prayer, and the myrrh of your love through a vocation to the priesthood call Fr. John Murray, Vocations Director, St Michael's Church, 200 Finaghy Road North, Belfast, 02890913761 or e-mail Father Murray on [vocations@fmurray.co.uk](mailto:vocations@fmurray.co.uk)

#### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 15<sup>th</sup> January 2012

"Behold the Lamb of God." Could it be that you are being called to point out the Lord to others as a priest? Call Fr. John Murray, Vocations Director, St Michael's Church, 200 Finaghy Road North, Belfast, 02890913761 or e-mail Father Murray on [vocations@fmurray.co.uk](mailto:vocations@fmurray.co.uk)



# St Peter's Cathedral Parish Newsletter



24/12/2011

### The Nativity of Our Lord

**Parish Telephone: 028 9032 7573 In Emergency Parish Mobile: 07739 223 334**

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**Email: [stpetersbelfast@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stpetersbelfast@hotmail.co.uk)**

### MASS TIMES IN THE CATHEDRAL PARISH

**Weekday Masses:** Monday 10.00am, Tuesday 7.30pm,

Wednesday – Saturday 10.00am

**Saturday Masses:** 10.00am (confessions after 10am Mass), 6.30pm (Vigil)

**Sunday Masses:** 9.00am, 11.00am & 6.30pm.

**Mass in the Adoration Convent Chapel, Falls Road: Mon. – Fri 12 noon.**

### Christmas Mass Times:

**Christmas Eve:** Festival of Carols 8.30pm. Mass at 9.00pm.

**Christmas Day:** 9.00am and 11.00am.

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> December, Feast of the Holy Family:** 10.00am.

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> December, Feast of St. John:** 7.30pm.

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> December, Feast of the Holy Innocents:** 12.00pm (in memory of all those who died during infancy). **(There will be no 10.00am Mass)**

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> December:** 10.00am.

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> December:** 10.00am.

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December:** Vigil 6.30pm.

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January:** 9.00am, 11.00am & 6.30pm.

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January, Feast of Epiphany (Holy day of Obligation):**

**Thursday Vigil Mass 6.30pm and Friday 10.00am.**

### Baptisms for January in the Cathedral

Baptisms will be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 1.00pm sharp. A Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January** at 8pm in the Cathedral Hall. Please give 1 months notice.

**Contact the Parish Office on Tel: 90327573**



### Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> December and will reopen on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January at 10am.

**Thank you for the flower donations!**

### Music Events in St Peter's Cathedral

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December – 8.30pm** - Schola Cantorum to sing carols before they sing at 9.00pm Christmas Eve Mass.

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December – 11.00am** – Small Group 'Cathedral Voices' to sing at Christmas Day Mass.

The Schola Cantorum's CDs entitled "O Come Let Us Adore Him" and "Praise of God in Song" are available from the Cathedral Presbytery or on Sunday after 11am Mass.



### St Peter's Cathedral Parish Draw – 20/12/11

£25: Patrick Wallace, Falls Court (813)

£25: Anne Groves, Finn Square (199)

£25: Miss Finlay, Dunville Street (596)

£25: E Connolly, Ross Road (504)

£50: Mrs Robinson, Dunville Street (592)

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### **Congratulations to all our winners!**

*If possible promoters should be present after Mass on Tuesday Evening for the draw as winners' prizes are not being collected.*



### Blessed Sacrament Candles

Candles will be burning for the Fusco Family and the Mallon & Gorman Families.

### Weekly Collection: 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> December 2011

**Envelopes: £411.50**

**Loose Plate: £617.40**

**Total: £1028.90**

**Thank You!**

### Open Days

St Louise's Comprehensive College: Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2012, Principal's address at 4.30pm and 6.30pm.

St Rose's Dominican College: Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2012, 10.00am-12.30pm.

St Dominic's Grammar School: Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2012, 9.30am-1.00pm.

Corpus Christi College: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2012, Principal's address at 7.00pm.

De La Salle College: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2012, 7.00pm-9.00pm.

### Anniversaries



**We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.**

*Shaun Molloy, Nancy Tumelty, William and Jane Hill,*

*Maureen McAree, George Gillen, Samuel Burns,*

*William McDonnell, Ann McCarten,*

*Marie Croskey and Micheal Mallon.*

**May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.**

**We also pray for our recently deceased,**

*Bridie Nugent, Anna McMahon, Kathleen Reilly, Mary Megan, Margaret Lyttle,*

*John Doran and Rt Rev Canon Joseph Cunningham (Member of Cathedral*

*Chapter), Kathleen Hennessey and James Patrick Taggart.*

### Alcoholics Anonymous

Closed Meeting every Monday and Thursday at 10.00am in the Cathedral Hall.

### St. Vincent de Paul

"We are seeking new members to help with after Mass Collections from 1<sup>st</sup> January. If you can help after one Mass for 10 minutes each week please contact Peggy Reid at 90584848. The help our collectors give each week allows our work to make a positive impact on the lives of our most needy Parishioners. Meanwhile we wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year."

### Cathedral Nursery School

Application forms for places in Cathedral Nursery School for September 2012 are now available from the school office. Any child who is 3 on or before 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012 is eligible to apply.

### St Peter's Nursery School

Application forms for September 2012 entry can be obtained from the nursery (Servia Street) or you may phone the school (90246675) leaving your name and address and an application form will be posted to you. Closing date for all applications is Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2012. Please bring your child's birth certificate.

### St Peter's Primary School

Application forms for new enrolments are now available in School. Please call the primary school on 90246675 for more details.

Open day/night on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January, 10.00am – 3.00pm and 5.30pm – 7.00pm