

# HOLY FAMILY PARISH



01 August 2015

18th Sunday of the Year

Sundays: Cycle B

Weekdays: 1 Psalter Week 2

## DESIRE

In Titian's painting *Noli Me Tangere* (1511-15), the risen Jesus veers just inches away from Mary's touch. She may, in a second, fall to the ground. In the eternal now of the painting, however, she remains just inches away. Mary desires touch to make sense of sight but must learn to let go in order to know her rabbi more deeply. A resuscitated Jesus could only ever be a phantom, a zombie even. The risen Jesus remains present no longer as the mistaken gardener but in the bodies of others, in the touch of the community that form his body.

In today's readings Paul and John both speak of desire. Paul urges the Ephesians to abandon old desires and illusions while John's Jesus tells his followers that their desire is misplaced. They are looking for food that rots but he is offering himself as bread from heaven. Paul asks his readers to desire Christ, to unite themselves to his body. Likewise, in the Gospel, Jesus offers his body. This is no attempt to flee the world. Instead, Christian faith invites us to live as the body of Christ and, in so doing, experience his presence in the bodies of others.



### PRIESTS OF OUR PARISH

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### REST IN PEACE

**WE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO DIED RECENTLY:**

Maureen McErlean; Baby Niall Gallagher



**FOR THOSE WHOSE MONTHS MIND OCCURS AT THIS TIME:**

Sue O'Connor

**FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS AT THIS TIME:**

Winnie McCaughey; Edward Mulgrew; Joan McGarry; James Harrison;  
Marie Claire Campbell; Connor Cassidy; Lionel Millard; William Gillen

**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD**



### WEDDINGS

Congratulations to **Catherine Kelly & Caomhan McGlinchey**, and **Laura Lagan & Aaron Houtman**, who were married in the Parish recently.

### BAPTISMS

Welcome, to Holy Family Parish, those babies recently baptised:- **Erin Olivia McEntee; Kevin Michael Blake; Oriana Maynes; Heidi Gibson and Aoife Patricia Graham.**

### POPE FRANCIS' TEN SECRETS TO HAPPINESS

1. Live and let live
2. Be giving of yourself to others
3. Proceed calmly in life
4. Develop a healthy sense of leisure
5. Sundays should be holidays
6. Find innovative ways to create dignified jobs for young people
7. Respect and take care of nature
8. Stop being negative
9. Respect others' beliefs
10. Work for peace



### POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST

**Universal: Volunteers:** That volunteers may give themselves generously to the service of the needy.

**Evangelisation: Outreach to the marginalised:** That setting aside our very selves we may learn to be neighbour to those who find themselves on the margins of human life and society.

### QUOTE FROM LAUDTIO SI

Every year, hundreds of millions of tons of waste are generated, much of it non-biodegradable, highly toxic and radioactive, from homes and businesses, from construction and demolition sites, from clinical, electronic and industrial sources. The earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth.

### FIRST FRIDAY

Next Friday is the first Friday of the month. If you, or someone you know, would like a First Friday visit during next week, please contact the Parish Office.







### **PERPETUAL ADORATION (HOLY FAMILY & ST THERESE)**

Extra adorers always welcome, please contact the Parish Office. Additional help is especially required for the summer months, as people take their holiday. Every hour helps, so please contact the Parish Office.

### **FATIMA STATUE**

Available for Parishioners to have in their home for one week, helping to promote the prayer life of the family. Contact Pat on 02890781497.

### **THE FAITH AND LIFE CONVENTION**

Saturday 26th Sept 2015 in Our Lady and St. Patrick's College, Knock, from 10am. The theme for this year is "What Hope for Faith?", and the keynote speaker will be Fr Brendan Comerford SJ. We strongly encourage you to be part of this great day, which will build on the success of last year. Comments from last year's delegates include "very worthwhile and enriching", "an excellent day of togetherness" and "a thoroughly excellent event, vital for the future development and growth of our faith in this diocese". Online booking, including a choice of 20 workshops at [www.faithandlifeconvention.org](http://www.faithandlifeconvention.org).

### **RETIRED TEACHERS URGENTLY NEEDED, ONE MORNING PER WEEK, IN WEST, NORTH AND SOUTH BELFAST**

Contact Anne at Sólás on 90247600, 07518 915430 or email [anne@solasbt7.com](mailto:anne@solasbt7.com).

### **BOOKS FOR SALE**

Saints of our Time, by Fr. John Murray. Price £10. Available from the Parish Office.

### **GERRY'S COUNTRY & WESTERN SHOW**

In the Lansdowne Hotel, Friday 14th August at 8pm. Cost £10, and proceeds will go to the Northern Ireland Hospice.

### **REMINDER - TENNIS SUMMER CAMP**

4 day summer tennis camp at Cavehill Tennis Club. 9am - 2pm. Mon 03rd - Fri 07th Aug. Please contact Richard Parker on 07809 425655.

### **LEGION OF MARY HOSTELS ANNUAL CHURCH DOOR COLLECTION**

Sincere thanks to Holy Family parishioners, who generously donated £756.00 to our Church Door Collection last weekend. All benefactors are remembered in the prayers of the hostels.



### **HOLY FAMILY PARISH 100 CLUB**

#### **BUILDING FUND WEEK 13**

**£200** - Rosaleen McCann, c/o Evelyn Gardens

**£200** - C McCormick, c/o Chichester Manor

**£200** - Tommy McEldowney, Salisbury Gardens

**Promoter's Prize - Pam Cullinan**

## **FEAST DAYS IN THE COMING WEEK**

Tuesday 04th - **St John Vianney**, priest

Friday 07th - **St Sixtus 11**, pope and his four deacon companions were put to death

Saturday 08th - **St Dominic**, priest

**St Dominic** (1170-1221), also known as Dominic of Osma and Dominic of Caleruega, was a Spanish priest, and founder of the Dominican Order. He is the patron saint of astronomers.



## **R.C.I.A**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is for individuals from any faith background (and none) who want to explore and enquire into the catholic faith. Starting 2nd October, it is a weekly series of classes and discussion covering a wide range of aspects of the catholic faith. Contact Fr. James Boyle or Anne McCrossan - 90320482 or email: administratorofstmarys@btinternet.com

## **NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK**

Sunday 13th September. Chief celebrant Bishop Brendan Leahy, Bishop of Limerick. 2.30pm - Anointing of the Sick, 3pm - Pilgrimage Mass, followed by the Rosary. And an invitation to all children to write a prayer for their grandparents. Forward the prayers to the CGA office - info@catholicgrandparentsassociation.com, all prayers will be blessed at the pilgrimage.

## **NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS**

Eight weeks from today we will be celebrating a National Eucharistic Congress in Knock, Co. Mayo. This is a nationwide event, and one that involves us here in our parish. Throughout the country today we begin to prepare. We will reflect on the Congress theme 'Christ our Hope' found in the readings each Sunday, until September 26/27. This week you are invited to think about what hope means to you, and where your hope comes from.



## **THE TRANSFIGURATION - THURSDAY 06TH AUGUST**

The Cross requires the Exodus of Jesus, his death, Resurrection and glorification. The disciples have to realise that he must depart, just as they have now prepared for his going up to Jerusalem to die. In Christian teachings, the Transfiguration is a pivotal moment, and the setting on the mountain is presented as the point where human nature meets God: the meeting place for the temporal and the eternal, with Jesus himself as the connecting point, acting as the bridge between heaven and earth.

## **MASS TIMES IN HOLY FAMILY PARISH**

**Holy Family Church (all Masses available on webcam via [www.holy-familyparish.com](http://www.holy-familyparish.com))**

Mon-Fri: 9.15am

Sat Vigil: 6.30pm

Sun: 10am & 12 noon

Confessions: Sat 5.45pm - 6.15pm

**Adoration of the Most Holy Eucharist: Mon 10.00am - 4.00pm**

### **St Therese of Lisieux Church**

Mon-Sat: 10.00am

Sat Vigil: 6.00pm

Sun: 10.30am & 12 noon

Confessions: Sat 10.30am - 11.00am and 5.15pm - 5.45pm

Holy Mass in the Extraordinary Form every 3rd Tuesday at 7.00pm and every 2nd Sunday at 6pm

**Perpetual Adoration of the Most Holy Eucharist: Sun 1.00pm - Sat 5.45pm, continuously**