

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH**  
**North Belfast Pastoral Community**  
**(Holy Cross, Holy Family, Sacred Heart,**  
**St. Patrick's & St. Vincent de Paul)**

02 December 2018 First Sunday of Advent  
 Readings: C Psalter: Week 3



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**PARISH MASS TIMES & ADORATION**  
**Holy Family Church**  
 M-F 9.15am, Sat Vigil: 6.30pm, Sun 10am & 12noon  
 Confessions: Sat 5.45pm – 6.15pm  
 Adoration: Mon 10am – 4pm  
**St. Thérèse Church**  
 Mon-Sat: 10am, Sat Vigil: 6pm, Sun 10.30 & 12noon.  
 Confessions: Sat 5.15pm – 5.45pm  
 Perpetual Adoration: Sun 1pm – Sat 5.45pm  
**(Eucharistic Adoration urgently requires people in**  
**St Therese Church between Midnight and 6am).**

**Tridentine Mass** in St Thérèse, Sundays at 4pm.  
**Divine Mercy** in Holy Family, Fridays at 3pm.  
**First Saturday Devotions** in Holy Family at 3pm

**MASS TIMES FOR THE FEAST OF THE**  
**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**  
 Holy Family Church – 11am only  
 St Thérèse Church – 7pm Vigil & 10am

**FIRST FRIDAY (03rd – 07th December)**  
 Please contact the Parish Office if you want to arrange  
 a priest to visit a sick or housebound parishioner.

**COLLECTIONS**  
 The **weekly collection** for Sunday 25th November  
 came to £3189.61. Thank you for your continued  
 support.

**100 CLUB BUILDING FUND WEEK 30**  
**£200** – Mrs Coleman, Salisbury Gardens & The McTasney  
 Family, Kylemore Park  
**£100** – Eithna Anderson, James' Court & Tom Honey,  
 North Circular Road  
**Promoter's Prize** – Philomena Donaldson

**REST IN PEACE**  
**Month's Mind:** Sheila Quinn & Marie Cooper  
**Anniversaries:** Caoimhe McCullough, Peggy & Bernard  
 McAllister, Ellen, Michael Joe & Chris Hannon, Francis  
 Maguinness, Margaret Laverty, Edward, Agnes & Ellen  
 O'Neill, Jackie Henry, Brian McCusker, James Patrick  
 Stewart (1st), Gerry & Desie Gilfedder, Lelia McCusker,  
 Nuala Steele, Terry McIvor, Anne Hillen, George Mooney,  
 Ted McCormack, James Henry Close, James & Josie Burns  
 and Martin Salmon

**MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK**  
**HOLY FAMILY**  
 Mon 03rd (9.15am) Ellen, Michael Joe & Chris Hannon  
 Tues 04th (9.15am) Francis Maguinness & Margaret Laverty  
 Wed 05th (9.15am) Edward, Agnes & Ellen O'Neill  
 Thurs 06th (9.15am) Marie Cooper MM  
 Sat 08th (6.30pm) Margaret McAllister MM  
 Sun 09th (10am) James Gibney  
 Sun 09th (12 noon) Louie Stone (30th)  
**ST THERÈSE**  
 Mon 03rd (10am) Lelia McCusker  
 Thurs 06th (10am) Nuala Steele  
 Sat 08th (6pm) Frank McElkerney  
 Sun 09th (10.30am) Daniel McCaughey  
 Sun 09th (12 noon) John Francis Walls

**BAPTISMS IN NOVEMBER**  
 Alastair Robert Mackenzie, Ellie-May McReynolds, Darci  
 Kathleen Hayes, Aidan Colm Donnelly, Faye Anna Devlin,  
 Senan Joseph Cooley, Aodhan Michael Ward, Caodhan  
 Francis Maguire, Sadie Mae Kelleher & Callie Mary Green

**DEVELOPING WORLD GROUP REMINDERS**  
**Trocaire Gifts of Love**  
 On sale in the Gathering Space after all Holy Family  
 Church Masses this weekend.  
**Big Give Christmas Challenge**  
 Trocaire NI will be participating this year, 27 Nov - 4  
 December (noon). Any ONLINE donation made to  
 Trocaire through [thebiggive.org.uk](http://thebiggive.org.uk) during this period  
 will be match funded up to a total of £25,000.  
**Art by Syrian and Palestinian refugee women**  
 Trócaire invites you to the launch of an exhibition of art by  
 Syrian and Palestinian refugee women on Mon 10th Dec at  
 1pm in Falls Rd Library. Running 'til end Dec. Free entry.

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**  
 We are seeking a volunteer to lead on First Confession and  
 First Holy Communion sacramental preparation for the  
 children of non-Catholic schools. This involves a set of 6  
 weekly classes for each group of 6-10. It may suit a student  
 teacher or retired teacher. Please contact the Parish Office.

**LOURDES ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP**  
 Thanks to the Parishioners of Holy Family who raised a  
 generous £887.52.

**ADVENT PRAYER GATHERINGS**  
 The season of Advent runs for 4 weeks and offers us all an  
 opportunity to pray our way to Christmas. For Advent 2018,  
 our Parish are offering 4 weekly Advent gatherings using the  
 DVD series "Let It Be". The course will be facilitated by  
 Deacon Brendan. The course is free, with the accompanying  
 booklet costing £5. The focus will be on Our Lady and how her  
 "yes" to God is a model and an inspiration to us.  
 There will be opportunities for discussion and prayer.  
 Advent Week 1 - Chosen By God  
 Advent Week 2- The First Disciple  
 Advent Week 3- Mother of All  
 Advent Week 4- Queen of Heaven/Help of Christians  
 The first gathering is today Sunday 2nd Dec in the Gathering  
 Space at 6pm. All welcome and refreshments will be served.  
*"Advent is a time given to us to welcome the Lord who comes to meet us, to  
 verify our desire for God, to look ahead and prepare ourselves for the return  
 of Christ."* Pope Francis, December 2017

**ADVENT – THE COMING OF JESUS**  
 The Parish invites you to bring someone to meet Jesus this  
 Christmas. Light a candle in the Church or at home, for  
 someone you would like to see return to the Church or come  
 for the first time. Pray daily through the season of Advent for  
 that person. As Christmas comes, invite the person you have  
 been praying for to come to Church, or pray at the Adoration  
 Chapel, or go to the Advent Prayer Gatherings.

**3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT - BAMBINELLI SUNDAY**  
 The 3rd Sunday of Advent, 16th December, is called Gaudete  
 Sunday. In many countries it is also known as BAMBINELLI  
 SUNDAY when parishioners, especially children, are invited to  
 bring the crib figure of the Infant Jesus to Mass for a special  
 blessing. This year, as a legacy of the World Meeting Of  
 Families, we will continue this tradition to our parish.  
 Parishioners, will be invited to stand around the Altar carrying  
 the Infant Jesus from the family crib for the blessing. They will  
 be given a wrapping for the figure, to be revealed on Christmas  
 morning and placed in the family crib as a symbol of the gift of  
 the Christ-Child being born in our hearts and homes.

**PARISH PENITENTIAL SERVICE**  
 Sunday 16 December at 7pm in Holy Family Church. *"When we  
 recognise our sins and ask forgiveness, there is a celebration in heaven; Jesus  
 celebrates. This is his mercy; do not be discouraged, go forward."*

**AMENDED - PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAYS FOR**  
**NEW STARTS SEPTEMBER 2019**  
**Holy Family Nursery School**  
 Thursday 6th December, 2pm – 3.30pm  
**Holy Family Primary School**  
 Friday 7th December, 9.30am – 11am  
**St Therese of Lisieux Primary School**  
 Thursday 13th December at 10am

**LAY DOMINICANS**  
 ..meet in 28 Fortwilliam Pk on the second Sunday of the month  
 at 3pm. Next meeting 09th Dec. New members welcome.

**DOWN & CONNOR DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO**  
**FATIMA – 15th AUGUST 2019**  
 Led by the Most Reverend Noel Treanor D.D. 7 nights full  
 board, £715. Discount of £100 if paid in full by Dec 14th  
 contact Joe Catney 90714001 or 07776425631.

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR**  
 The Parish Fair was a great success, both socially and financially.  
 The amount raised was an impressive £6452.01, a significant  
 increase on last year's. A big thank you to the 50+ willing  
 volunteers, who helped over Friday, Saturday and Sunday, incl.  
 those at our first ever antiques stall, who generously donated  
 their proceeds. Without all these people, the Fair would not  
 have happened, or been such a success. Particular mention to  
 Joe Thompson, Parish Centre Manager, for all his help. Thank  
 you to all who bought ballot tickets, donated cakes, prizes and  
 items for the stalls, and to the many businesses in the area, that  
 donated such generous prizes. Thanks to all those who came to  
 the Fair, your support and enthusiasm are much appreciated.  
 We hope to see you all again next year!

**Congratulations to the winners of the ballot prizes**  
 1st prize: 2 nights & 1 dinner in the Redcastle Hotel (N Byrne)  
 2nd prize: Samsung 9.6 tablet (S Donnelly)  
 3rd prize: £50 shopping voucher (F Gallagher)  
 4th prize: £50 Belfast restaurant voucher (S Hawkins)  
 5th prize: Turkey & ham voucher ((S Lees)  
 6th prize: Prosecco cocktail collection (M Cole)  
 7th prize: Box of chocolates (B Killough)

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHRISTMAS**  
**ARRANGEMENTS**  
**Holy Family Church:** Adoration will continue as usual  
**St. Thérèse Church:** Eucharistic Adoration will be suspended  
 just before the 7pm Vigil Mass on Monday 24th December and  
 will resume after 10am Mass on Thursday 27th December.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS COLLECTION**  
 08th/09th December, after all Masses in both Churches.

**ALTAR SERVERS CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
 Fri 23rd Dec at 7pm in Holy Family Gathering Space.

**CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS**  
**In Him All Things** – a CD of liturgical music, by Deacon  
 Brendan. £10.  
**The Beatitudes of Pope Francis** – by Aidan Donaldson £7.  
 Both available from the Parish Office

**ON-LINE ADVENT CALENDAR**  
[www.catholicbishops.ie/advent-calendar](http://www.catholicbishops.ie/advent-calendar).

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE**  
 St Peter's Church Hall on Sat, 8 Dec at 10.30am.

**JESUS HEALS**  
 Koinonia John the Baptist Ireland invites you to join us for a  
 special moment of prayer in Saint Bernard's Pastoral Centre,  
 Glengormley Friday 7th Dec, 7pm-9.30pm. Contact Anne on  
 07796 540465 or Ellen on 07708 022478.

**STORMONT ROSARY FOR LIFE**  
 Parliament Buildings (Main Gates) at 3pm on Sat 8th Dec.

**CHILDREN'S CORNER**  
 There was a young boy who was saying a prayer out loud one  
 night and his brother was listening to him. This boy asked God  
 for a fresh milkshake in the morning. His brother said: "Just  
 shake a cow and milk it. It will save God the trouble!"