

# HOLY FAMILY PARISH



03 May 2015

5th Sunday of Easter

Sundays: Cycle B

Weekdays: 1 Psalter Week 1

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A BRANCH?

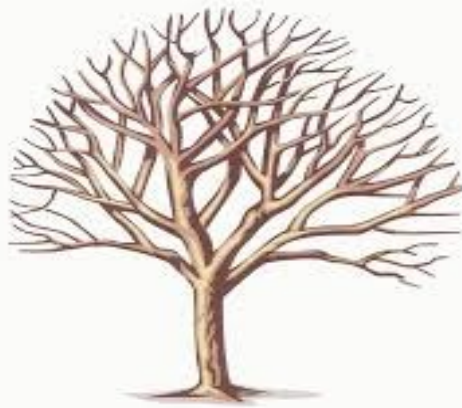
As with all good vine growers, God cares for his crop, nurturing it, pruning it, giving it all it needs so that it can grow and reach its full potential. We are no doubt the branches. What does it mean to be a branch?

Branches must be connected to the vine or they bear no fruit. Even those branches that do bear fruit, they need pruning so that they can grow and bear even more fruit. As we are all too well aware, productivity seems to be the measure of success in the world today, in our education systems, in the workplace, in economics; we are measured by what we produce. Is Jesus really adding on the pressure in this Gospel passage by telling us that he wants to see results or else!?

Perhaps we can read this passage in terms of connectivity. Think of your most intimate friendships and relationships. You don't measure their weight in terms of produce do you? But you do want to stay connected right? It is this closeness, this intimacy that Jesus calls us to: 'abide in me'. Are you connected or disconnected? If the connection is strong, then fruit bearing comes naturally and people will see the Gospel in our lives and in the way we respond to the world. If we are connected, all manner of things are possible for us.

*'People see the Gospel in our lives;  
let them read our lives.'*

**Pope Francis**



## PRIESTS OF OUR PARISH

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### REST IN PEACE

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

Michael Kenny; Hugh Guiney; Megan McCallion; Grace Morelli

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

Maureen Reid; Gerry Milligan;

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

Kay Doherty; Jim & Ita O'Donnell; Benedict & Mary Mallon;

Kathleen Conroy; Fr. Charlie Quinn; Tom Roden; Annie & Jack McCann;

Bridie Dillon; Mary (May) Feighan; Sylvia Broderick; James O'Neill; John & Rose McGrath; Michael Gribbon; Roland McGuinness

**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD**



### NEW WEBSITE

We are please to announce that our new and vibrant Holy Family Parish website is now available at **holy-familyparish.com**. All masses and ceremonies in **Holy Family Church only** can now be viewed via the website, by clicking on the webcam tab. So please spread the good news to family and friends living away from home, as well as some of our own Parishioners who are unable to attend Mass.

### PARISH MISSION

We encourage all homes in the Parish to take a prayer card this weekend, to pray for the success of our Parish Mission, to commence 09th May. A full programme will be made available during the visitation week 10th - 15th May.

### DEACON ANDREW BLACK'S ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

We pray for the soon to be Fr. Andrew today (Sunday) and look forward to his first Mass in Holy Family Parish this coming Tuesday 05th May at 7pm, in Holy Family Church. All Parishioners are invited (or you could watch it online, if you can't make it!). Refreshments for everyone will be served afterwards.



### BAPTISMS

Welcome, to Holy Family Parish, those babies recently baptised:- **Eva Wilson; Meabh Mary Regan; Catherine Carol Brannigan and Jack Edward Ratcliffe.**

### WEDDINGS

Warm congratulations to **Maureen Hale and Damien Murdock**, who were married in Holy Family Church on Friday 24th April. And God's blessings on those couples preparing for marriage over the coming months.





**PLEASE NOTE, THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MAY DAY, 04TH MAY**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

We ask for God's blessings on the Primary 4 children of our Parish, who are preparing, in the coming weeks, for First Holy Communion. Ceremonies will be held in **Holy Family Church on Sun 17th May at 10am** (please expect large numbers at this Mass so we ask, where possible, that Sunday Mass-goers might prefer to attend Mass at another time for that weekend), and in **St Therese Church on Sat 30th May at 10am**.



**JUST ONE HOUR A WEEK OF YOUR TIME - PLEASE!**

Long term adorers sought urgently for the following times in **St Therese Church**: Sun 4am-5am; Mon 3am-5am and 8pm-9pm; Tues 6am-7am and 1pm-2pm; Wed 3am-5am, 6am-7am and 9am-10am; Thurs 5am-6am; And... extra Adorers required, to link up with existing Adorers:-  
Mon 3pm- 4pm; Tues 1pm - 2pm; Wed 3pm - 4pm and 5pm - 6pm; Thurs 1pm - 2pm, 3pm - 4pm and 8pm - 9pm; Fri 2pm - 3pm and 6pm - 7pm; Sat 3pm - 4pm; Sun 7pm - 8pm

And Adorer required for **Holy Family Church** on Mondays 11am - 12 noon



**HOLY FAMILY YOUTH CENTRE**

Wish to appoint the following:- 1x18 hour Youth Support Worker (secondment welcome). Also 4 x Assistant Youth Support Workers. All posts until 31st March 2016. To request details and an application form, please send an SAE to:- Holy Family Youth Centre, 224a Limestone Road, Belfast BT15 3AP. Or e-mail [holyfamilyyc@hotmail.com](mailto:holyfamilyyc@hotmail.com). Closing date 15th May 2015 at 4pm.

**REMINDERS**

**That Friday Feeling** - Join us for an evening of light-hearted conversation, time to think and pray, a bit of craic and a really good barbeque. 6-10pm, Friday 8 May, 2015. St Vincent de Paul Parish Hall. Lifts can be organised. Open to all. Cost (£10) is covered by the North Belfast Pastoral area team. Places limited. Booking essential—90743119.

**Holy Family Social Committee - Bloom in the Park 2015** - There are places left for the visit to the Bloom in the Park 2015 on Fri 29 May, leaving Holy Family Church gates at 9am. The cost will be approximately £40 [depending on numbers] which will include transport to and from the Phoenix Park, Dublin, entrance fees to the event and an evening meal on the return journey. This trip is being offered to the 4 other Parishes in the North Belfast Pastoral Community - contact the Parish Office to give your name, contact details and a deposit of £20. for more detail - [www.bloominthepark.com](http://www.bloominthepark.com)



**DON'T FORGET - THE DRAW FOR 2015/2016 STARTS THIS COMING MONDAY 04TH MAY**

**NB PROMOTER NEEDED FOR GLANWORTH DRIVE - PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE**



### **DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

There are still places available on the 5 and 7 night pilgrimages, as well as spaces for pilgrims needing medical and/or personal care. Contact the Parish Office.

### **PILGRIMAGE TO SANTIAGO AND FATIMA**

3 nights HB in Santiago, 6 nights FB in Fatima. Spiritual Director Fr. Fleck P.P. £709 incl. Contact Joe Catney - 90714001 or 07776425631.

### **LOUGH DERG**

will hold a special Day Retreat 'Hope and Encouragement for a New Beginning' on Wednesday 20th May. Fr Ben Hughes, who promotes healing and well-being, will facilitate the day which will be beneficial to anyone who is living with or struggling with any issue that is holding them back or hurting their life. Advance booking is essential. For more information contact Lough Derg on 071 9861518 (from NI 00353 71 9861518)

### **ARE YOU SUFFERING THE PAIN OF LOSS? LOOKING FOR HELP AND UNDERSTANDING?**

Beginning Experience (a support group for widowed, separated and divorced people) meets every Wed 8pm to 10pm in St Bride's Hall, 38, Derryvolgie Avenue. Residential Weekend: Fri 23rd – Sun 25th October 2015 in Drumalis, Larne. Application forms available on request. For further information please contact Phil 90207645 or Marie 07542070835

### **CEMETERY SUNDAYS**

**City** - Sunday 10th May - prayers in St John's Parish Church at 3pm

**Milltown** - Sunday 24th May - prayer and blessing of the graves at 3pm

**Hannahstown** - Sunday 31st May - Mass in the cemetery grounds at 3pm

**St Peter's the Rock** - Sunday 07th June at 3pm - prayers and blessing of the graves

### **LATIN MASS**

Mass in the Extraordinary Form will be celebrated in St Therese Church on Sunday 10th May at 6pm. Missals in English and Latin will be available.



### **ANNIVERSARY MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK**

#### **HOLY FAMILY CHURCH**

Fri 08th May (9.15am) **Michael Gribben**

Sat 09th May (6.30pm) **Marie Savage**

Sun 10th May (10am) **Kathleen Morgan (MM)**

Sun 10th May (12 noon) **Terry McDaid**

#### **ST THERESE CHURCH**

Tues 05th May (10am) **John Lowry**

Sat 09th May (10am) **Hugh McGrath**

Sat 09th (6pm) **Mary Maureen Corr (MM)**

Sun 10th May (10.30am) **Claire McKillop**

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

#### **Holy Family Church**

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**