

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

04 December 2016 02nd Sunday of Advent
Readings: Sunday A Psalter: Week 2



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PARISH MASSES TIMES & ADORATION

Holy Family Church

Mon-Fri: 9.15am, Sat Vigil: 6.30pm, Sun 10 & 12

Confessions: Sat 5.45pm – 6.15pm

Adoration: Mon 10am – 4pm

St Thérèse Church

Mon-Sat: 10am, Sat Vigil: 6pm, Sun 10.30 & 12

Confessions: Sat 5.15pm – 5.45pm

Holy Mass in the Extraordinary Form 3rd Tues & 2nd Sun of the month

Perpetual Adoration: Sun 1pm – Sat 5.45pm

MASSES FOR THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

08 December is a Holy Day of Obligation, and Mass times are as follows:-

Holy Family Church

9.15am & 11am

St Thérèse Church

7pm Vigil & 10am

7pm Latin Mass on 08 December

The Parish Office will be closed on the Holy Day

REST IN PEACE

Recently deceased: Joan McLean & Molly Field

Month's Mind: Mary Friel; Patricia O'Reilly; Rita Doherty

Anniversaries: Caoimhe McCullough (1st); Gloria & Carl McBride; Gerald & Desmond Gilfedder; Ellen Hannon; John Walls; Liam Gilmore; Christine Hannon; Patsy & Harry Grieve; Daniel & Margaret Gillan; Ted McCormack; George Mooney; James Henry Close; Joe D'Arcy; James & Josephine Burns; Sarah Breen; Peggy McLaughlin; Nuala Steele; Martin & Marie Salmon; Gerard Hale

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD

HOLY FAMILY PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Parish Fair was a great success, both socially and financially.

A big thank you to all those willing volunteers, and our Parish staff (especially Joe Thompson, our Parish Centre Manager), who came along last Saturday and Sunday afternoons, and worked so hard. Without your help, the Fair could not have happened. Thank you to all who bought ballot tickets, donated cakes, prizes and items for the stalls, and to the many businesses in the area, which donated such generous prizes.

COLLECTIONS

The **weekly collection** on Sunday 27 November came to £3587. Many thanks for your continued support.

100 CLUB BUILDING FUND – WEEK 30

£200 – Mrs R Hughes, Baltic Avenue & Joan Madden, c/o Chichester Park North

£100 – Mrs S Halliday, c/o Glanworth Drive & F Conroy, Bristol Avenue

Promoter's Prize – Philomena Donaldson

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WINNERS!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Will be holding a church door collection next weekend, 10th and 11th December.

CELEBRATING ADVENT - A SERVICE OF READINGS AND ADVENT HYMNS

You are warmly invited to a Service of Readings and Advent Hymns on Gaudete Sunday, 11th December at 5pm in St. Therese Church, followed by festive refreshments in 65 Somerton Road - a quiet hour to prepare for the coming of the Christ-Child and an escape from the hustle and stress of shopping and wrapping. Everyone is very welcome.

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS IN NOVEMBER

Baptisms – Daire Gerard McHenry; Ciaran Sek Boyle; Alisha McKenna; Jude Gavin White; Thomas Daniel Murray; Lachlan Anthony McVarnock & Cadan Gerard Caldwell

Weddings – Caoimhe Murray & Charles Porter
Congratulations to everyone!

HOLY FAMILY PARISH YOUTH CHOIR

To prepare for the Christmas Day 10am Family Mass in Holy Family Church, the Parish Youth Choir will be holding a number of practices, in Holy Family Church from 4pm - 5pm on the following Sundays - today 4th, 11th and 18th December. All young people, from Primary 3 up to Year 9, are encouraged to come along and take part, to make our Christmas Day Family Mass extra special. If you are a parent or a grandparent, please bring your child along! Everyone is warmly welcome! For further information please contact Mark Mooney.

A big thank you to all, who came to the Fair. Your enthusiasm and support are much appreciated. Without that support, we could not have raised the grand sum of £4,793.33 for our Parish.

The winners of the prizes in our Christmas Ballot were: -

1st Prize: K McKeivitt – 2 nights in Beechill House

2nd Prize: K Keenan – theatre tickets (Lyric Christmas Show)

3rd Prize: A Campbell - £50 toy store voucher

4th Prize: S Hawkins – turkey & ham (donated by Stanley's)

5th Prize: D Carson – food hamper

6th Prize: P Dundas – wine & chocolates

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SANTA'S TEA PARTY, THE COUNTDOWN'S ON!

We are very excited about welcoming Santa and Mrs Claus to Holy Family Gathering Space this Sunday 4th December.

Santa will meet and greet children [young and old!] after both the 10am and 12 noon Masses. Please come along and enjoy our festive hospitality. We look forward to seeing you there.

WELCOME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR!

If a member of your family is coming home for Christmas, we would ask you to let us know, so that we can warmly welcome them to the parish Christmas liturgies. Simply text details of their name, and where they are coming from, to 07884248908, email the Parish Office holyfamily@downandconnor.org or tel. 90743119. We look forward to hearing from you!

COLLECT ITEMS FOR THE HOMELESS

(Organised by the Youth Development Team). Whether toothbrushes, scarves, gloves, hats, socks and toiletries, a small item can make a huge difference. Please leave items in the box provided in Holy Family Church. All items must be new please.

ECUMENICAL CAROL SERVICE

Congregational singing of Christmas carols and hymns in the Parish Centre, Cavehill Road on Monday 05th December at 7.30pm, followed by tea, coffee and mince pies. All welcome.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

St Anne's Cathedral, 09th Dec at 7.30pm. £10 for an adult, £5 for a child (aged 10 – 17, free to under 9s) and £15 for a combined ticket for a person with dementia and their carer. All the proceeds go to dementia vital support and research.

ADVENT DAY OF REFLECTION WITH SEAN GOAN AT TOBAR MUIRE

Sat 10th Dec 10am - 5pm £30 per person includes lunch

Please phone Tobar Mhuire 02844830242 to reserve your place.

FESTIVE FAVOURITES AT DRUMALIS

Fri 16 Dec at 7pm. Voices Chamber Choir under the direction of Loreto McAuley. Festive reception at 7:30 pm and a two-course supper will be served during the interval. Cost for £25 pp (pre-paid ticket only). Contact 2827 2196.

A RENAISSANCE CHRISTMAS

Wed 21st Dec at 7.45pm in St George's Church, High St, with St George's Singers. . Tickets £20-Matchett's or at the door.

NORTHERN IRELAND HOSPICE - LIGHTS TO REMEMBER 2016

The annual Lights ceremony will take place on Tues 20th Dec at Dominican College, Fortwilliam,. Refreshments at 6.30pm followed by the Lights ceremony at 7.30pm. Torchlight procession to Hospice on Somerton Road and the tree lights will be switched on at 8.15pm. To sponsor a light or find out more call 028 9077 7123 or visit nihospice.org

“CALLED & GIFTED” WORKSHOP

Sat 10th Dec (10am - 8pm), in Newry Conference Centre Cost (Early Bird). £35 by Fri 2nd Dec, Normal Cost: £40 - includes workshop, materials, and lunch! Everyone Welcome. Contact Milanda Kelly 00353429336649.

ANNIVERSARIES IN THE COMING WEEK

HOLY FAMILY

Mon 05 (9.15am) **Liam Gilmore**

Tues 06th (9.15am) **Christine Hannon**

Wed 07th (9.15am) **Gerard Hale**

Sat 10th (6.30pm) **Michael Joe Hannon**

Sun 11th (10am) **Ann Mullin**

Sun 11th (12 noon) **Edward McIvor**

ST THÉRÈSE

Sat 10th (10am) **Joe D'Arcy**

Sun 11th (10.30am) **Sheila Reid MM**

Sun 11th (12 noon) **Orla Melaugh**

HEALING IN THE SPIRIT

Weekend retreat in Athenry, with Fr Jim McManus CSSR, 09th – 11th Dec. £185, coach leaving Clonard at 12.30pm on Friday 09th. Contact Fr Fonsie Doean - 90445950.

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER

Universal: End to Child-Soldiers

That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.

Evangelization: Europe

That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.

LEGION OF MARY

Invite women over 18 in their apostolate to homeless women in the Regina Coeli hostel. Contact 90612473.

LAY DOMINICANS

Will meet in 28 Fortwilliam Park on Sunday 11th December at 3pm. Contact Sr. Marie Joseph on 90370008.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Q: What do you get if you cross Santa with a detective?

A: Santa Clues

Q: What is a snowman's favourite lunch?

A: An iceberger

Q: What do you get if you cross a snowman with a shark?

A: Frostbite

Q: Why wasn't the turkey hungry at Christmas?

A: He was stuffed!