

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

05 March 2017 1st Sunday of Lent
Readings: Sunday A Psalter: Week 1



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PARISH MASSES TIMES & ADORATION

Holy Family Church
Mon-Fri: 7.30am (Lent); 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 & 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

REST IN PEACE

Recently deceased: Patrick Aldridge
Month's Mind: Una McMahon
Anniversaries: Mary Bradley Verhoeven; Andrew Nolan; Pearse Nolan; Mary Agnes Diamond; Teresita Kalaw; Kathleen Elizabeth Gilmore (10th); Michael McCrudden; Hugh Faherty; Rosie & Barney Thompson; John & Bernard Thompson; Richard Gallagher; Rita McQuillan; Robert McCaughey; Eamon Fitzpatrick; Enrique Benasa; Terence Sands; Francis & Paul Scott; Andrea Brown; Kathleen Susan O'Neill; Patrick & Mary McQuillan; Fr. Cahal McQuillan; Mandy McLaughlin; Mary Goldsmith (nee Ferguson); Bill Gilmore
ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD

COLLECTIONS

The **weekly collection** on Sunday 26 February came to £2825.88. Many thanks for your continued support.

PARISH GIFT 2 PROGRAMME

A reminder to our Year 9 young people that the 3rd GIFT 2 session will be held on Wed 8th March, 7-9pm, in Holy Family Gathering Space. Come along with your friends and enjoy fun, friendship, faith sharing, games, song and prayer. We look forward to seeing you. Checkout the parish Facebook page for photos.

100 CLUB BUILDING FUND – WEEK 44

£200 – **Mr Leonard**, Somerton Road & **Mary Lavery**, Spamount Street
£100 – **Thomas Armstrong**, Skegoneill Avenue
Promoter's Prize – **Ronan O'Neill**
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WINNERS!

ATTENTION ALL PROMOTERS OF THE 100 CLUB

The Big Draw will take place on Wednesday 12 April 2017 at 2.30pm in the Gathering Space of Holy Family Church. Please ensure that all your members are fully paid up, and the Committee have been informed of any cancellations. If you pay at the Parish Office, please ensure you are paid up.

LENT 2017

Why not come together for sacrificial early morning Mass in Holy Family Church at 7.30am, Monday - Friday?

WORD ON FIRE

CATHOLICISM: The Pivotal Players is a multi-part film series that illumines a handful of saints, artists, mystics, and scholars who not only shaped the life of the Church but changed the course of civilisation. Join us in the Gathering Space at 7pm during the Mondays of Lent, as we view, learn and discuss..and enjoy a cuppa. Starts Mon 06 March.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday in Lent at **7pm** in Holy Family Church.

TROCAIRE BOXES

Please don't forget to take home your Trocaire box. Every little helps to make a difference.

LENTEN PROMISE CARDS

Still available. Suggested donation £1 per card.

LENTEN PIONEER PLEDGE

Many people choose to abstain from alcohol during Lent. Why not take this opportunity to help someone you know with an alcohol or drug problem by offering your sacrifice for their freedom from addiction? Register your short term pledge with local Pioneers or the D and C 90 894070 or Ian 90 616601.

Prayer: *"I promise in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary to abstain from all alcoholic drink until the end of Lent."*

ANOTHER IDEA FOR A LENTEN RESOLUTION?

Free Apps: **Laudate; Universalis; Sacred Space** (daily Mass readings, prayers and reflections)

BAPTISMS IN FEBRUARY

Emily Jane Quinn; Daire Francis Joseph Rush; Dylan John Mooney; Ollie Anthony McWilliams; Olivia Grace Irvine; Nikol Horvathova; Sebastian Burns; Conal Joseph McNally; Benn Samuel Burns-Savage & Emily Katherine Graham

MARRIAGES IN FEBRUARY

Mairead Dornan & Ronan McGrath – many congratulations!

FOCUS ON OUR HOSPITALITY TEAM

The Holy Family Parish Hospitality Team, led by Carol McLaughlin and Nora Byrne, is a small team within the Ministry of Welcome, made up of a group of volunteers, who provide refreshments to all our parishioners at designated dates throughout the year e.g. First Sunday of the Month Teas, refreshments after Taize Prayer Around the Cross, Mass for the Bereaved, Mass with Anointing of the Sick, Easter & Christmas Liturgies, Santa Sunday. These are held in the Gathering Space of Holy Family Church and in No 65 Somerton Road for St Therese Church. This involves minimal preparation - setting up tables, serving and tidying up. We aim to provide a welcoming and friendly reception to all our parishioners, visitors and strangers. We feel we really make a difference engaging with the isolated and the lonely of our parish, by providing an opportunity to chat about the good times and the sad times, by spending time together as a community whilst lending support. In return, we get great satisfaction when we hear and see buzz and chat around us, and are most humbled with the gratitude and kind compliments we receive, whilst we eagerly prepare for the next event. If you are interested in volunteering, we can be contacted directly by phone to Carol at 07713323494, and email to mclaughlin_carol@hotmail.com, and Nora at 07821160696, and email to nora.byrne1@virginmedia.com, or the Parish Office at 028 90743119, and email to holyfamily@downandconnor.org. On behalf of the parish community, we extend a huge vote of thanks to all the members of the Hospitality Team.

FAIR TRADE FORTNIGHT 26TH FEB – 12TH MARCH

The Developing World will hold a Fair Trade stall this weekend, after all Masses in Holy Family Church.

SAFEGUARDING

The Parish Safeguarding Committee seeking new members, esp. parishioners with a background in a relevant discipline such as social work, teaching or law. Please contact the Parish Office.

CANON BRENDAN MURRAY'S DIAMOND JUBILEE OF ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

On Fri 23 June 2017 Canon Brendan Murray will celebrate the 60th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood. To mark this very special occasion all parishioners will be invited to a Jubilee Mass at which Bishop Noel Treanor will preside. Refreshments will follow. Please save the date - the evening of Friday 23rd June. Full details in the Bulletin at a later date.

APOSTOLIC WORK

On behalf of the members very many thanks to our parishioners who supported our recent Coffee Morning, and to our hosts for their hospitality. The magnificent sum of £1465.00 was raised for the Missions

HOLY FAMILY GUIDE UNIT (BRIGINI SECTION)

Coffee Morning after all masses in Holy Family Church 11 & 12 March, fundraising towards a Brigini trip later in the year. A donation will also be made to the Childrens Hospice. The Brigini will sell shamrock, as well as distribute free St Patricks Day children's crafts. Your generosity is greatly appreciated

SHAMROCKS FOR SALE

After the Vigil and Sunday Masses in St Therese Church 11 & 12 March, to fundraise for the Neocatachumenate group. Price £1 per pot. All donations gratefully received.

KURSK ROOT ICON OF OUR LADY OF THE SIGN

Will visit the Orthodox parish of St John of Shanghai 204 Antrim Rd (previously St James'). (More on U tube, Wikipedia, Google and St John's website.) Service Wed 15 Mar, 6.30pm and private time of veneration Thurs 16 Mar, 7am – 10.45 am. All very welcome.

ST MARY'S ON THE HILL PARISH TEA DANCE

7th March in Pastoral Centre, (behind St Bernard's Church. 2pm-4pm. All welcome.

MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

HOLY FAMILY

Wed 08th (9.15am) **Andrea Brown**
Thurs 09th (9.15am) **Bill Gilmore**
Sun 12th (noon) **Dominic Blackham & The Blackham Family**

ST THÉRÈSE

Wed 08th (10am) **Kathleen Susan O'Neill**
Sun 12th (10.30am) **Fergus Manning MM**

FATIMA COMES TO DOWN AND CONNOR

Ave Ave Ave Maria! A pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima, blessed by Pope Francis, will be visiting a number of churches in the Diocese of Down and Connor from Thursday 9th March to Sunday 12th March '17, as part of an all-Ireland pilgrimage in honour of the centenary year of Fatima. Local visits:-

Sat 11th – Holy Cross Church, 9 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.

Sat 11th - St. Mary's on the Hill, 10pm Mass and all-night vigil
You can follow the pilgrimage to Down and Connor on facebook at fatimacomestodownandconnor.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

A support group for widowed, separated and divorced people, meets every Wednesday 8pm - 10pm in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Avenue. All welcome. For details please contact Phil Tel: 028 90 207645 or Marie Tel: 07896119669

CHILDREN'S CORNER

A priest was being honoured at his retirement dinner after 25 years in the parish. A leading local politician and member of the congregation was chosen to make the presentation, and give a short speech at the dinner. Since the politician was delayed, the priest decided to say his own few words while they waited:

"I got my first impression of the parish from the first confession I heard here. I thought I had been assigned to a terrible place. The very first person who entered my confessional told me he had stolen a television set and, when questioned by the police, lied his way out of it. He had stolen money from his parents, embezzled from his employer, and turned his back on his brother when he needed help. I was appalled. But as the days went on, I learned that my people were not all like that and I had, indeed, come to a fine parish full of good and loving people."

Just as the priest finished his talk, the politician arrived full of apologies at being late. He stepped up to the microphone and began to speak:

"I'll never forget the first day our parish priest arrived. In fact, I had the honour of being the first person to go to him for confession."