

# HOLY FAMILY PARISH



06 December 2015

Second Sunday of Advent

Sundays: Cycle C

Weekdays: 2 Psalter Week 2

## HOLY FAMILY 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, 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.

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 £4,828 for our Parish.

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

1st Prize: <b>Sara Brady</b> , Lisbreen Park	Samsung Tablet
2nd Prize: <b>Lorna McGrath</b> , Bristol Avenue	£100 Shopping Voucher
3rd Prize: <b>Sheila Quinn</b> , Brookvale Avenue	Turkey Voucher
4th Prize: <b>Bridie Farrelly</b> , Hopefield Avenue	Hamper
5th Prize: <b>Maura Fitzpatrick</b> , Camberwell Court	Wine and Chocolates

Thank you all. We hope to see you again next year.

## MASSES FOR THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (TUESDAY 08TH DECEMBER)

Holy Family Church - 9.15am and 11am

St Therese Church - 7pm Vigil and 10am

**PLEASE NOTE, THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THIS DAY**

### PRIESTS OF OUR PARISH

PARISH OFFICE: (028) 90743119 email: [holyfamily@downandconnor.org](mailto:holyfamily@downandconnor.org)

(Mon - Thurs 8.30am - 2pm, Fri 9am - 1.45pm)

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**VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT [WWW.HOLY-FAMILYPARISH.COM](http://WWW.HOLY-FAMILYPARISH.COM)**



**REST IN PEACE**

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

Siobhan Keevans

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

Paul Madden; Maura Twomey

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

Chris Hannon; Mary Kevin; Joe D'Arcy; Michael Hannon; Gerard Hale;  
Estelle & Peter Comerton; Nuala Steele; Bridget Doran; Mary Catherine

& Francis Booth; William Holmes; William Heffernan; Jean Keenan; May Adair; Jack Ferran; Patrick Ferran;  
Kevin McKeating; Elizabeth Proctor

**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD**



**PARISH  
LIFE**



**PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY**

The Pastoral Council has been considering the options for housebound Parishioners who wish to attend Mass or other significant Liturgical events in the parish. Many people can avail of the opportunity to participate in the Liturgical life of the Parish through the webcam, the parish radio and / or availing of a visit by a Eucharistic Minister to those who are unable to come to the Church for whatever reason.

We understand however, that many people would welcome the opportunity to attend Mass and other Liturgies, but are unable to do so because they no longer drive, or do not have access to transport. In order for us to determine whether or not there is a need to consider the provision of suitable transport to facilitate people coming to the Church, we invite you to contact the Parish Office to let us know if you would like to use such a service, including details of Church and time of Mass that you would prefer to attend.

The Parish Office can be contacted by -

**Phone: 90743119**

**Email: [holyfamily@downandconnor.org](mailto:holyfamily@downandconnor.org)**

or by you or a representative calling in person.

We look forward to hearing your views on this proposal.

**REMINDERS**

You are warmly invited to a **SERVICE OF READINGS AND ADVENT HYMNS** on Gaudete Sunday, 13th Dec, at 4pm in St Therese Church, followed by festive refreshments in Little Flower Girls' School Hall. All welcome.

**SANTA'S TEA PARTY** in Holy Family Gathering Space, after 10am and 12 noon Mass today, Sun 6th Dec. Santa will be available to meet and greet. Please come along and enjoy our festive hospitality.

**FILM CLUB - FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER**

Take an evening off from the stress of shopping and wrapping, to enjoy a screening of the epic and thought provoking film *Bicycle Thieves*, set in post war Rome, on Friday 11th December at 7.30pm in the Gathering Space. Everyone is very welcome and festive refreshments will be served.

## **BAPTISMS**

Welcome, to Holy Family Parish, **Ethan Patrick Higney**, who was baptised last weekend.



## **OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

The collection for Sun 29th Nov amounted to £2975.41. The collection for the Propagation of the Faith on 18th Oct amounted to £1675.66 and the final figure for the Bishop's Commission is £1422.39. Many thanks.

## **PARISH GIFT 1**

Year 8s, what are you doing on Wed evenings in Jan and Feb? Come and join us for the Parish GIFT programme. Have fun with your friends, learn to juggle, do arts and crafts, first aid, cake decorating and learn more about your faith. Wed 7-9pm, HF Gathering Space. To register take a letter from the back of the Church, complete the back of it and return to the Parish Office with £10 fee. First Session Wed 6th Jan 2016.

## **PARISH CALENDAR**

Will be available in each Church from next weekend. You are invited to take one home, drop one into friends and neighbours who are housebound, and perhaps send one to family and friends who are away from home.

## **PARISH WEBSITE & FACEBOOK PAGE**

Keep up to date with coverage of parish events by visiting [www.holy-familyparish.com](http://www.holy-familyparish.com) / Facebook – recent postings include the Parish Bazaar, 4 Bridges Carol Service, Helen Barry's talk on 'Helping Children Through Grief', Primary 7 Service of Enrolment and the launch of Brendan Dowd's new album 'In Him All Things'.

## **OPEN DAYS**

**Holy Family Nursery School** on Wed 9th Dec at 2.30pm & **Holy Family Primary** on Fri 11th Dec at 9.30am.  
**St Therese of Lisieux Primary School** on Thurs 17th Dec 2015 at 10am. Parents of children ready to start P1 in September 2016 are warmly invited to attend. For info - [www.stthereseoflisieux.co.uk](http://www.stthereseoflisieux.co.uk) or 02890 770215.

## **LITTLE FLOWER GIRLS' SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE**

Fri 18th Dec at 11am. Refreshments will be served from 10.30am. Please come along and celebrate with us.

## **WHEN YOU BUY A TROCAIRE GIFT YOU'RE NOT JUST GIVING - YOU'RE JOINING THE FIGHT FOR JUSTICE!**

The Developing World Group would like to thank parishioners who so generously purchased Gifts or made donations totalling £1946.40 to the recent Global Gift Campaign. Your generosity and support is very much appreciated. Trocaire Gifts can be purchased throughout Advent at Trocaire office - 50 King St, Belfast, Tel:02890 808030 or [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org).



## **HOLY FAMILY PARISH 100 CLUB**

### **BUILDING FUND WEEK 31**

**£200 - Mrs Bermingham, Old Cavehill Road**

**£200 - Mary & Paul Henderson, Brookvale House**

**£200 - Thomas Girvan, Bristol Avenue**

**Promoter's Prize - Ann White**

### **THE DOOR OF MERCY**

On Tuesday 8th December 2015 Pope Francis will open the Holy Door: the Door of Mercy in St Peter's Basilica, Rome, inaugurating a Year of Mercy. He hopes this will be "a special time for the Church": a time to "gaze more attentively on mercy so that we may become a more effective sign of the Father's action in our lives." On Sun 13th Dec, Bishop Treanor will open the Door of Mercy for the Diocese in St Patrick's Church. This will take place during 7pm evening Mass, and Parishioners from across the Diocese are invited to attend.

### **NI HOSPICE - LIGHTS TO REMEMBER ANNUAL LIGHTS CEREMONY**

Thurs 17th Dec. Refreshments at 6.30pm, ceremony at 7.30pm at Dominican College, Fortwilliam. Torchlight procession to Hospice and the tree lights will be switched on at 8.15pm. To sponsor a light [www.nihospice.org](http://www.nihospice.org).

### **ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COLLECTION**

Next weekend, 12th and 13th December, after all Masses in both Churches.



### **ECUMENICAL WALK**

Some of our pupils from Little Flower Girls' School and St Patrick's College Bearnageeha, along with Our Lady of Mercy and the Boys & Girls Model Schools, will take part in an ecumenical walk on Friday 11th December. We pray for the success of the walk, as well as dry weather!

### **AN EVENING OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC WITH CAVEHILL COMMUNITY CHOIR**

Friday 11th December at 8pm in St Peter's Parish Church. Tickets £10 in aid of Church funds - 90776706.

### **RESURRECTION NURSERY AND PLAYGROUP - PRE-SCHOOL PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER 2016**

Applications now available from the Nursery. Closing date for return of applications is 10 January at 12 noon.

### **GIFTS FOR THE HOMELESS (APPEAL 21/22 NOV)**

The response to the recent appeal was overwhelming, and many hundreds of people will benefit this Christmas. Thank you most sincerely.

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

#### **HOLY FAMILY**

Mon 07th (9.15am) **Gerard Hale**  
Tues 8th (11am) **Mary Kevin**  
Thurs 10th (9.15am) **Michael Hannon**  
Fri 11th (9.15am) **Mrs Holmes' intentions**  
Sat 12th (6.30pm) **Hugh Patrick McKenna**  
Sun 13th (10am) **Eddie McKinney Sr.**  
Sun 13th (12 noon) **Eilis & Paddy White**

#### **ST THERESE**

Thurs 10th (10am) **Joe D'Arcy**  
Fri 11th (10am) **Estelle & Peter Comerton**  
Sat 12th (10am) **Recently deceased Dick Murray RIP**  
Sat 12th (6pm) **Brian McIvor**  
Sun 13th (12 noon) **Orla Melaugh**

### **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

Diocesan Youth Mass 3rd Sunday of every month at 5 pm

**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 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7.00pm and 2nd Sunday of the month at 6pm

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