

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

North Belfast Pastoral Community

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Readings: B

Sixth Sunday of Easter
Psalter: Week 2



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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 & 12
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.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE BANK HOLIDAY, MONDAY 07TH MAY

REST IN PEACE

Recently deceased: Anthony O'Connor, James Sheppard & Joseph Smyth
Anniversaries: Joe Benson, Roland McGuinness (10th), May Feighan, Joe Heaney (1st), Mary McKillop (1st), Anthony Lundy, Claire Melaugh (25th), Michael Gribben, Terry McDaid (30th), Kay Doherty, Geraldine Elliott (1st), Helen Deery, Molly & Joe Cassidy, Paul Butcher, Hugh McGrath, Marie Savage, Cecilia McIvor

100 CLUB BUILDING FUND

Draw for 2018/2019 starts Mon 07th May. Promoters needed please for Rosemount Gdns & Dunmore areas.

COLLECTIONS

The weekly collection for Sunday 29th April came to £3310.82. Your generosity is much appreciated.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION (TEMPROARY)

Needed for Wed 9pm-10pm, for 3-4 months & Wed 6pm-7pm, for 8 weeks. Please contact the Parish Office.

MAY ALTAR IN THE HOME

May is the traditional month of devotion to Mary. Please remember to share and tag a photograph of your May altar on social media (e.g. #holyfamilymayaltar).

LOURDES ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Next weekend 12/13 May, there will be a Church door collection for the Lourdes Apostolate. £1182.30 was raised in our Parish last year. Thank you for your support.

REMINDER - ONE DAY RETREAT ON LOUGH DERG – MAKE SURE TO BOOK ASAP

Our parish One Day Retreat at Lough Derg will be on Sun 20th May. This year the theme will be 'Family'. A coach will leave Holy Family Church at 8am, Retreat will commence at 10.20am. Refreshments served on arrival, as well as a light lunch of soup and sandwiches. The Retreat concludes at 4pm. Dinner at the Killyhevlin Hotel, returning to Holy Family at 9pm approx. Cost £70, (travel, the Retreat (£40) and food). Contact the Parish Office by Tuesday 8th May.

MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK HOLY FAMILY

Mon 07th (9.15am) Claire Melaugh (25th)
Tues 08th (9.15am) Michael Gribben
Wed 09th (9.15am) Marie Savage
Thurs 10th (7pm) Terry McDaid (30th)
Sat 12th (6.30pm) Patrick McDermott MM
Sun 13th (10am) Eugene O'Callaghan MM
Sun 13th (12noon) James Downey
ST THERÈSE
Wed 09th (10am) Hugh McGrath
Thurs 10th (10am) Cecilia McIvor
Sat 12th (10am) Frank & Leo McCaughey
Sat 12th (6pm) Anne Gillen MM
Sun 13th (10.30am) Claire McKillop

LIVING CHURCH DOWN & CONNOR LOUGH DERG PILGRIMAGE 2018

29th June to 1st July, £65. Living Church Office 90690920 or livingchurch@downandconnor.org by 15th June.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Places left, forms available at the Parish Office.

CAPELLA CAECILIANA – LOVE DIVINE

We welcome the wonderful and inspiring music of Capella Caeciliana to St Therese Church on Saturday 02nd June at 8pm. Tickets £10 (under 25s free) at the Parish Office/Matchetts and Wellington Place or www.caeciliana.org. An occasion not to be missed!

LAY DOMINICANS

...meet each month in 28 Fortwilliam Park at 3pm. The next meeting is Sunday 13th May. New members welcome.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018



WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES – TICKETS AND REGISTRATION

World Meeting of Families 2018 – Pilgrimage to the Final Mass with Pope Francis (Sunday 26th August, time tbc)

The North Belfast Pastoral Community will be organising a joint pilgrimage, cost £20 per person, which includes:-

1. **A ticket** to the Sunday Mass (free). 2. **Transport** to and from the Sunday Mass in the Phoenix Park.

Forms (one per person travelling) available from the Parish Office from Tues 08th. Spaces allocated on a first come, first served basis and confirmed on payment. Tickets and spaces on coaches are for the person named on the form and are non-transferable. Please be advised that:-

-This will be a long day with early departure and late return.

- 3 mile walk (approx.) from the Coach park to the Phoenix Park, stops along the way if people need to rest.

-Bring a foldable seat as there is no seating in the Phoenix Park.

-Bring food and refreshment for the day (There will also be Kiosks / food outlets near the Phoenix Park)

Forms to be returned to Parish Office by **noon, Fri 18th May.**

Also....

For tickets to the Pastoral Congress (22-24 Aug), and the Festival of Families (Croke Park, Sat 25th Aug), visit www.worldmeeting.ie/en/Tickets/Tickets-Registration. NB transport will not be laid on by the Parish for these events.

NURTURING FAITH IN THE FAMILY

Dromantine, 16th June. Joe & Paula McKeown and Bosco & Lynette will lead us in a day of reflection, prayer and storytelling, focusing on how we can grow in our walk with God within the family setting, how best to nurture the faith of our children. Date: Cost; £35/€40. Registration 9.30am.

SOLEMN NOVENA

St Gerard's Church, Antrim Road, Mon 07th – Tues 15th May. Session times displayed in both Churches.

DARKNESS INTO LIGHT

5k walk next Sat 12th May, leaving Lamh Dhearg GFC at 4.15am, refreshments afterwards.. Darkness into Light is a worldwide movement raising awareness of depression, suicide and self-harm. Register online at www.dil.pieta.ie

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

Milltown – 13th May at 3pm. Bus will leave Camberwell Court at 2pm. To book a seat contact Anne 07752438039.

City Cemetery – 20th May at 3pm.

40 HOURS EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION (LOUGHSHORE PARISHES)

For the renewal of faith in family life and to preserve the sanctity of life. Beginning with Mass On Fri 18 May at 7.30pm, running through to Mass on Sunday 20 May at 10.30am To choose your preferred hour contact Sister Kathleen on 9086 3128 or E-mail : Kathleen_gill@hotmail.co.uk

DYING MATTERS AWARENESS WEEK

14th – 20th May. Contact 781836 or education@nihospice.org.

COUNTDOWN IS ON: 107 DAYS TO GO

EXAM TIME

Exam time can be very stressful for students, their families and friends. The Parish family would like to assure all those taking exams of prayerful support in the following ways:

-Everyone is warmly invited to the Parish Family Prayer Service at 5pm in Holy Family Church next Sunday 13th May. The theme will be 'Exam Time'. Refreshments served afterwards.

-A special Exam Time Prayer Card will be distributed after the Masses on 12th/13th May

-Parishioners will be given the opportunity to be 'Prayer Partners' and make a commitment to praying for a named student everyday throughout the Exam season.

-This weekend students are invited to complete a card (name, subjects and level of examination, hopes for the future...). Completed cards should then be pinned to the special notice boards in Holy Family Church and St Therese Church so that they can be collected by Prayer Partners on the weekend of 12th/13th May. We wish all our students every success in their exams and plans for the future.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES ~ PRAYER

God, our Father, we are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son, one family, in the Spirit of your love. Bless us with the joy of love. Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous, welcoming to those in need. Help us to live your forgiveness and peace. Protect all families with your loving care, especially those for whom we now pray: [*We pause and remember family members and others by name....*] Increase our faith, strengthen our hope, keep us safe in your love, make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share. This we ask, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mary, mother and guide, **pray for us.**

Saint Joseph, father and protector, **pray for us.**

Saints Joachim and Anne, **pray for us.**

Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, **pray for us.**

FAURÉ REQUIEM

With St George's Singers, Sat 19th May at 7.30pm in St Thomas' Church, 1A Eglantine Avenue. Tickets £12 from Matchett's, or choir members or at the door.

APPRENTICEHIPS IN CHILDCARE

For Under 25s living in Belfast. Contact the Ashton Centre on 90742255 or joanne.clarke@ashtoncentre.com.

PRO-LIFE

Save lives, save the 8th

Pro-life Rally in Dublin, Sat 12th May. Bus from Belfast - contact Josephine on 07742002753 / www.loveboth.ie

Prayer and reparation for the protection of the unborn

Sunday May 13th (Feast of Our Lady of Fatima), 2 - 5pm (Mass included) in St. Mary's Church, 2- 4 Chapel Lane

Both Lives Matter

Monday, 14th May @ 7.30pm in Radisson Blu Hotel

CHILDREN'S CORNER

A priest, known for his lengthy sermons, noticed a man get up and leave during the middle of his homily. The man returned just before the end of the Mass. Afterwards the priest asked the man where he had gone. "I went to get a haircut," was the reply. "But," said the priest, "why didn't you do that before Mass?" "Because," the gentleman said, "I didn't need one then!"