

HOLY FAMILY PARISH



06 February 2016

5th Sunday of the Year

Sundays: Cycle C

Weekdays: 2 Psalter Week 1

PUT OUT INTO THE DEEP

Jesus is preaching at Lake Gennesaret (the Sea of Galilee) in today's Gospel. This is Luke's account of the calling of the First Disciples which takes place in the context of a miraculous catch of fish. Jesus is using Simon's boat as a sort of platform from which to address the crowds who had gathered around him. Already Jesus is gaining popularity and the crowds are 'pressing' near to him. Clearly they see something in Jesus that is attractive and fulfilling.

Simon is most likely being polite when he agrees to try again for a catch, possibly thinking that Jesus should leave the fishing to the professionals. Simon obeys, takes the risk, lets go of his pride, and the result is an overwhelming catch of fish. It can be hard to trust others at times; it can be difficult to let go of what is familiar to us. We are constantly being challenged to do this. The big challenge is to trust that God knows what God is doing and is constantly urging us to pull away from the shore.

'A boat is safe in the harbour; but this is not the purpose of a boat'.

Paulo Coelho

Jane Mellett



PRIESTS OF OUR PARISH

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REST IN PEACE

WE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO DIED RECENTLY

FOR THOSE WHOSE MONTHS MIND OCCURS AT THIS TIME

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS AT THIS TIME:

Michael McCaughey; John Joe Martin; Vincent Meenehan; Hughie Herdman;
Mary Ellen & Jack Dochorty; Joe Dochorty; Gerald McMahon



ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD

LENT 2016

Lent starts this week, with Ash Wednesday on Wednesday 10th February. Masses on Ash Wednesday, including distribution of ashes, as follows:-

Holy Family Church - 7.30am and 9.15am

St Therese Church - 10am and 7pm



If you haven't yet made a Lenten resolution, why not come together for sacrificial early morning Mass in Holy Family Church at 7.30am, Monday - Friday?

READERS FOR THE LENTEN MASSES

Readers required for the daily weekday Masses during Lent (10/02 - 27/03), at 7.30am and 9.15am, in Holy Family Church. Please forward your details, and preference of day and time, to the Parish Office.

TROCAIRE BOXES

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

DO SOMETHING SPECIAL THIS LENT!

Many people choose to abstain from alcohol during Lent. Register your short term pledge at 90894070 or email dandcpioneers@gmail.com with name, address and phone number. Pledge cards in both Churches.

MASS AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK

In Holy Family Church today (Sun) at 3pm. The sick of the Parish and their carers are particularly welcome.

VISION FOR THE FUTURE

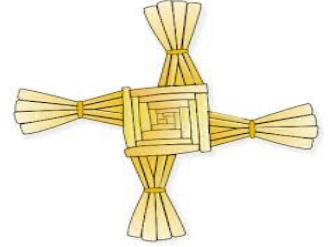
Father Paul Strain, the Finance Committee and Pastoral Council wish to thank parishioners who attended the series of consultation meetings about the future of our parish. We appreciate the time that people took to come to any or all of the meetings, and for sharing your views and opinions in such an open and constructive manner. The meetings were a genuine attempt to consult and listen to the views of parishioners before we move forward into the next stage of the Option Appraisal process. As stated at the meeting, we anticipate completion of the exercise before the summer, at which time we will convene a further meeting(s) to discuss the findings of the Appraisal and recommend a preferred option for consideration. In the meantime, we will continue to issue written updates to parishioners as required. We thank you most sincerely for your prayers, patience, generosity and support as we complete the process.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

The collection for Sunday 17th January amounted to 3037.33. Many thanks to all those who contributed.

ST BRIGID'S CROSSES 'RUSH PARTY' – THANK YOU

On behalf of the Parish community sincere thanks are extended to Breege and Jim for sourcing and preparing the beautiful rushes and to all those who came along to the 'Rush Party' to make St Brigid's Crosses. The Crosses have been distributed to housebound Parishioners during the 'First Friday' visits, and to those who attended Mass on the Feast of St Brigid.



NEWINGTON DAY CENTRE LENTEN CAMPAIGN

As we approach Lent, we are launching our "Comfy Chair's Campaign". We are asking individuals, families and businesses to help us raise £3000 for new chairs for the Day Centre. Can you: Sponsor a chair in memory of a loved one? As a family donate £250 for a chair? Organise a small fund raising event? In November 2015 the Day Centre won the Aisling Award in the Positive Belfast category. We would like to thank our local community for their constant support of the work of Newington Day Centre. We hope this Easter to buy a range of new chairs for the comfort of our members. Tel 90351947 or call at the Centre 31-35 Atlantic Ave.

SEEKING NEW EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

We are currently seeking new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, for Commissioning on Holy Thursday (24th March) and Ministers of the Word, for Commissioning on Pentecost Sunday (15th May) for St Therese and Holy Family Churches. If you feel you would like to be involved in these special Ministries, please contact the Parish Office.

DEVELOPING WORLD GROUP

The Developing World Group wishes to thank parishioners for supporting our fundraiser last weekend in support of the Twezimbe Centre in Uganda. We raised £937.24. Your generosity is very much appreciated. Our next event is the Fair Trade stall, to take place on 5th and 6th March in Holy Family Gathering Space.

DEATH OF FATHER JOE PALMISANO

The Jesuit community were shocked to learn of the death of Fr. Joe Palmisano SJ, a US Jesuit, on Christmas Day. Some parishioners may have known him from helping out in Holy Family a number of years ago. If you knew Fr Joe and are interested in attending a small memorial mass on 9th Feb. in the Jesuit Community in Belfast, please contact Fr. Brendan on bmcmanus@jesuit.ie.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ABORTION LEGISLATION

On Tuesday 9th February, a proposed amendment to change the law on abortion in cases of fatal fetal abnormality and rape/incest will be put forward for consideration in the NI Assembly. In response, perhaps you could pray for this intention, or tell your MLA to vote NO to abortion.



HOLY FAMILY PARISH 100 CLUB BUILDING FUND WEEK 40

£200 - Marie Webb, Evelyn Gardens

£200 - Patricia Armstrong, Skeoneill Avenue

£200 - Mr & Mrs Cosgrave, Somerton Road

Promoter's Prize - Breege McEldowney

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

ANNIVERSARY MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

HOLY FAMILY

Mon 08th (9.15am) **Maryellen, Jack & Joe Docherty**
Sat 13th (6.30pm) **Malachy & Jean Scott**
Sun 14th (10am) **Margaret Matthews (10th)**
Sun 14th (12 noon) **Eileen Bell (1st)**

ST THERESE

Mon 08th (10am) **Michael McCaughey**
Sat 13th (10am) **Mary Gibson (1st)**
Sun 14th (10.30am) **Josephine McIvor MM**
Sun 14th (12 noon) **Jim Byrne MM**

MASS IN THE EXTRAORDINARY FORM

Next Sunday 14th February at 6pm in St Therese Church. Missals in English and Latin are available.

YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE

Tuesday 02nd February, the Feast of the Presentation, marked the last day of the year of consecrated life. Our Parish Sister, Sr. Therese, as well as our other parish based religious communities, renewed the vows they took when they consecrated their life to God.

DOWN AND CONNOR E-NEWSLETTER FOR YEAR OF MERCY

Why not sign up for the new Down and Connor E-Newsletter for the Year of Mercy, by sending an email to: events@downandconnor.org or by visiting www.downandconnor.org/press_office/e-newsletter/.

Parishioners can also follow the Diocese on Facebook and Twitter.



DIOCESAN VOCATION WEEKEND

Drumalis Retreat Centre, Friday 19th – Sunday 21st February. Contact: Fr. Kevin McGuckien, 90614567 or kevinmcguckien@hotmail.com.

LENT IN ST MARY'S ON THE HILL

Stations of the Cross with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on the Sundays of Lent at 4.30pm at St Mary's on the Hill, beginning next Sunday, 14th February. And.....

Oremus– A Guide to Catholic Prayer, from the producers of the Jeff Cavins Bible course. For more information contact Fr Damian McCaughan - 90832488 or d.mccaughan@downandconnor.org.

LIGHTHOUSE CDS FOR SALE

A range of Christian titles, including Counting Your Blessings and Faith at Work & The Holy Moment, available in Holy Family Church. Price £3.

TAKE OFF YOUR SHOES

Gentle prayer and reflection for Lent, led by Breige O'Hare in Clonard Monastery, 11am - 3pm, Sat 27th Feb. Donation £5. Bring a packed lunch. Tea/coffee provided. Ring Clonard on 90445950 or Breige on 07565502662.

MASS TIMES IN HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Holy Family Church (all Masses available on webcam via 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