

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

08 May 2016 The Ascension of the Lord
Readings: Sunday B Psalter: Week 3



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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

REST IN PEACE

Recently deceased: Henry McMahon; Marie Preston; Baby Grace Eremion
Month's Mind: Patrick O'Hanlon; Gabriel Savage
Anniversaries: Michael Gribben; Quigley Family; McBride Family; Marie Savage; Cecilia McIvor; Joseph & Mary Fitzsimons; Frank & Leo McCaughey; Kathleen Houston; Terry McDaid; Margaret & Joseph Mascolino; Ellen Deery; Kevin Prenter; Austin McCusker

CONGRATULATIONS

To **Eimhear Dorothy Sands**, who was baptised in St Thérèse Church last Sunday.

COLLECTIONS

The collection on Sunday 01 May came to £3287.48 and the Priests' Stipend, in support of the priests of the Parish came to £2463.41. Thank you for your continued support.

APOSTOLIC WORK

We wish to thank everyone who supported our recent coffee morning, and all who gave generous donations, on the day and since. The wonderful sum of £1910.00 was raised for our Missionaries. You are all remembered daily somewhere in the world.

100 CLUB BUILDING FUND – WEEK 1

£200 – S. Moreland, Willowbank Gdns; Mrs E Gibney, Ponsonby Ave;
£100 - Ann Smye, Lansdowne Rd; Richard Patterson, Kylemore Park
Promoter's Prize – Sheila Faloon

HOLY FAMILY PARISH LIFE

In our parish we have a wide variety of activities, programmes, groups etc. - something for all ages and interests. If you would like more information or if you or a family member would like to join a group or offer your skills and talents, please contact the Parish Office [T: 90743119 E: holyfamily@downandconnor.org] or browse the website: www.holy-familyparish.com / Parish Life and Volunteering

GROUPS AT PARISH CENTRE, CAVEHILL RD

Resurrection Nursery & Playgroup Monday - Friday
Geoff's Yoga Classes Tuesdays (6.30pm), Wednesdays (10am, 11.30am, 6.30pm and 8pm) and Thursdays (9.30am and 11am). £20 for 5 weeks. 07759266713.]
Parent & Toddlers Mondays and Tuesdays (10am)
Beavers Mondays (7pm)
Karate Tuesdays (7pm)
Spred Every 2nd Tuesday (7pm)
Adult Irish Dancing Tuesdays (8.30pm). Contact 90324732/07714233298 e:annereidirishdance@gmail.com.
Crafts/Sewing Wednesdays (10am)
Cubs and Scouts Wednesdays (7pm)
Whist Wednesdays (7.30pm)
Bridge Wednesdays (7.30pm) & Sundays (7pm)
Irish Dancing Thursdays (5pm)
Indoor Bowls Thursdays (7pm)

CEILI MOR

In the Parish Centre Cavehill Road on Friday 13th May, 8.30pm – 11.30pm. Tickets £5 from Patchwork Goose or pay on the night. Proceeds in aid of the Cistercian Monastery, Portglenone.

ST PETER'S AND THE BASILICAS OF ROME

This specially commissioned film to mark the Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis, gives an exclusive visit to the 4 major Basilicas in Rome to discover the hidden treasures of the Eternal City. Join with the Social Committee to participate in this unique event! Coach will leave from Holy Family Church on Monday 4 July 2016 at 4.30pm. Enjoy food and craic in Pizza Express, Dublin Road before crossing to Movie House, Dublin Road for the showing of the film at 7.15pm. 9pm – return to Holy Family Church by coach. Anticipated cost £25 [subject to numbers]. Although this is a while away, early booking [with payment of £10 deposit] is essential to secure a place. Contact the Parish Office – T: 90743119 / E: holyfamily@downandconnor.org

NOTRE DAME FOLK CHOIR CONCERT, 23RD MAY, 7.30PM, HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Only two weeks to go ... Please turn out in strength to give a big Holy Family welcome to the students from Notre Dame University who will be arriving from the United States to give a Concert for us in Holy Family Church before going on tour 'down South'. This is a unique opportunity to hear this highly acclaimed Choir and our parish is very honoured to host them. Please save the date, come along and lend your support. Free admission with retiring collection. Everyone very welcome.

EXAMINATION LITURGY

The 6.30pm Vigil Mass in Holy Family Church on Saturday 14th May will have the theme of praying for the intentions of all our parishioners who are taking examinations. If you are a pupil, student, teacher, examiner, or invigilator you are warmly invited to come to this Mass with your family and friends, and be assured of the prayerful support of parishioners to help you through this stressful time.

REMINDERS

Lourdes Apostolate Collection

This weekend, 07th/08th May, facilitating the provision of subsidised fares for sick pilgrims and helpers, as well as equipment and supplies.

Cuppa & Chat

Drop-in coffee in the Gate Lodge Wed, 9.15am-12 noon.

Registration

Please register your details/changes with the Parish Office.

First Holy Communion 2016

Holy Family Church - Saturday 14th May at 10am

St Thérèse Church – Saturday 21st May at 10am

We ask God's blessings on our children, as they prepare for the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

Milltown Cemetery: Today, Sunday 8th May at 3 pm.

City Cemetery: 15th May, please gather at graves at 3 pm.

Hannahstown Cemetery: 29th May at 3 pm.

The Rock Cemetery: 5th June at 3 pm.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

12th June, led By Bishop Farquhar. Rosary & Procession, Mass and Adoration. Confessions will be available throughout the day. Please contact the Parish Office.

HOLY YEAR OF MERCY ON LOUGH DERG

3 day pilgrimage with Down and Connor Living Church, Friday 01st – Sunday 03rd July. Transport to be confirmed. Island admission £60. Contact Geraldine on 90690920 or email livingchurch@downandconnor.org.

YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL

Roscrea, 7th – 10th July, for young people aged 16-35. Donation only. Free buses available from all around Ireland. For more info and to book online, see www.youth2000.ie or phone 01 6753690

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Ecumenical Service at 7pm on Pentecost Sunday (Sunday 15th May in Sacred Heart Church). The preacher will be Pastor Alain Emerson from 24/7 Prayer. This marks the end of 100 days of prayer for 100 years of History project.

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY – 08TH MAY 2016

Social Media Prayer

*Christ has no online presence but yours,
no blog, no Facebook page but yours.
Yours are the tweets through which love touches the world, yours are the posts through which the Gospel is shared,
yours are the updates through which hope is revealed.
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The Vatican has announced a special hashtag for this year's World Communications Day - **#ComMisericordia50**

DEMENTIA AWARENESS WEEK EVENT

“Confronting Dementia” in Girdwood Community Hub.
RSVP by 12th May – 90387787 or belfast@alzheimers.org.uk

ANNUAL LE CHEILE – TOGETHER LECTURE

“How Catholic was the Easter Rising?”, Tuesday 10th May at 7.30pm in St Mary's University College. RSVP 90268306 or e.a.mcateer@smucb.ac.uk.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

HOLY FAMILY

Mon 09th (9.15am) **Marie Savage**

ST THÉRÈSE

Wed 11th (10am) **Joseph & Mary Fitzsimons**

Thurs 12th (10am) **Frank & Leo McCaughey**

Fri 13th (10am) **Kathleen Houston**

Sun 15th (10.30am) **Claire McKillop**

Sun 15th (12 noon) **Phylis McGrory (1st)**

FEAST DAYS IN THE COMING WEEK

Sunday 08th The Ascension of the Lord

Tuesday 10th St Comghall, abbot

Thursday 12th Ss Nereus, Achilleus and Pancras, martyrs

Friday 13th **Our Lady of Fatima**

Saturday 14th St Matthias, apostle

The apparitions to the 3 children of **Fatima** took place in 1917, beginning on 13th May, when the “Lady” asked them to pray for sinners, and an end to the World War. In the final apparition on 13th October, the “Lady” identified herself as Our Lady of the Rosary, and called for prayer and conversion.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Children say the funniest things.....

Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.

The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.

Christians have only one spouse. This is called monotony.

The Children's Liturgy Leader asked her group why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem. Little Eve replied, "They couldn't get a baby-sitter."