

HOLY FAMILY PARISH
North Belfast Pastoral Community
(Holy Cross, Holy Family, Sacred Heart,
St. Patrick's & St. Vincent de Paul)

09 December 2018 Second Sunday of Advent
 Readings: C 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 & 12noon.
 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.
First Saturday Devotions in Holy Family at 3pm

COLLECTIONS
 The **weekly collection** for Sunday 02nd December came to £3019.30 and the **monthly collection**, for the support of the priests of our Parish came to £2726.45. Thank you for your continued support.

VISION FOR THE FUTURE
 The most recent update is available in both Churches this weekend. Please take home a copy. It can also be viewed on our Parish website at holy-familyparish.com

100 CLUB BUILDING FUND WEEK 31
£200 – Elizabeth Rafferty, Hopefield Ave & Philomena McGuigan, Mount Carmel
£100 – E McDonald, Lothair Ave & Claire Hackett, Lansdowne Road
Promoter's Prize – Sr. Regina Caffrey

REST IN PEACE
Recently deceased: Caoilte Fitzsimons & Moya McCusker
Month's Mind: Margaret McAllister & William Wilson
Anniversaries: James Gibney, Louie Stone (30th), Thomas Mageean, Eddie McKinney, Eileen Doherty, Frank McElkerney, Daniel McCaughey, John Francis Walls, Joe D'Arcy, Nuala Steele, Orla Melaugh, George Salters (1st), Gloria McBride, Patrick Sheridan, Estelle Comerton, Peter Comerton, Kevin McKeating, John McLaverty, William J Stewart, Elizabeth Madden, Gerard Hale & Eilis White

MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK
HOLY FAMILY
 Wed 12th (9.15am) Thomas Mageean
 Fri 14th (9.15am) Eddie McKinney
 Sat 15th (6.30pm) Brian McIvor
 Sun 16th (10am) Pauline Flanagan
 Sun 16th (noon) Edward McIvor
ST THERÈSE
 Mon 10th (10am) Joe D'Arcy
 Tues 11th (10am) Nuala Steele
 Thurs 13th (10am) William Wilson MM
 Fri 14th (10am) Orla Melaugh
 Sat 15th (6pm) Ellen McNamee
 Sun 16th (10.30am) Thomas Norman Preston
 Sun 16th (noon) Anna O'Grady

PARISH CALENDAR
 The Parish Calendar 2019 will be available in Holy Family and St. Therese Churches next weekend, 15th - 16th December. You are invited to take one home, drop one into friends and neighbours who are housebound or send one to family and friends who are away from home.

DEVELOPING WORLD GROUP
Trocaire Gifts
 The Developing World Group would like to thank parishioners for so generously supporting the sale of Trocaire Gifts last weekend. £3865 + £960 in Gift Aid was raised. No gift can change a life like a Trocaire Gift of Love. Together we can help people improve their lives, escape poverty and look forward to a brighter, better future. Trocaire Gifts can still be purchased by post or calling to Trocaire 50 King St, Belfast; by phone 08009121200 or online at www.trocaire.org/gifts. Thanks for your generosity and support which is much appreciated.
Art by Syrian and Palestinian refugee women
 Trócaire invites you to the launch of an exhibition of art by Syrian and Palestinian refugee women on Mon 10th Dec at 1pm in Falls Rd Library. Running 'til end Dec. Free entry.

RESURRECTION INDOOR BOWLS
 The current season is over and bowls will recommence on Thursday 10th January. New members urgently required. Happy Christmas to everyone.

ADVENT PRAYER GATHERINGS
 The season of Advent runs for another 3 weeks and offers us all an opportunity to pray our way to Christmas. Our Parish "Let It Be" course, facilitated by Deacon Brendan will run for the remaining weeks of Advent. The course is free, with the accompanying booklet costing £5. The focus is on Our Lady and how her "yes" to God is a model and an inspiration to us.
 Advent Week 2- The First Disciple
 Advent Week 3- Mother of All
 Advent Week 4- Queen of Heaven/Help of Christians
 Meeting again today Sun 09th Dec in the Gathering Space at 6pm. All welcome and refreshments will be served.
"Advent is a time given to us to welcome the Lord who comes to meet us, to verify our desire for God, to look ahead and prepare ourselves for the return of Christ." Pope Francis, December 2017

ADVENT – THE COMING OF JESUS
 The Parish invites you to bring someone to meet Jesus this Christmas. Light a candle in the Church or at home, for someone you would like to see return to the Church or come for the first time. Pray daily through the season of Advent for that person. As Christmas comes, invite the person you have been praying for to come to Church, or pray at the Adoration Chapel, or go to the Advent Prayer Gatherings.

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT - BAMBINELLI SUNDAY
 The 3rd Sunday of Advent, 16th December, is called Gaudete Sunday. In many countries it is also known as BAMBINELLI SUNDAY when parishioners, especially children, are invited to bring the crib figure of the Infant Jesus to Mass for a special blessing. This year, as a legacy of the World Meeting Of Families, we will continue this tradition to our parish. Parishioners, will be invited to stand around the Altar carrying the Infant Jesus from the family crib for the blessing. They will be given a wrapping for the figure, to be revealed on Christmas morning and placed in the family crib as a symbol of the gift of the Christ-Child being born in our hearts and homes.

PARISH PENITENTIAL SERVICE
Sunday 16 December at 7pm in Holy Family Church.
 And in our neighbouring Parishes...
 Mon 17th – **Sacred Heart** at 7pm
 Wed 19th – **St Vincent de Paul** at 7pm
 Wed 19th - **Holy Cross** at 7pm

ST. GEORGE'S SINGERS
 Christmas Celebration Concert in St George's Church, High Street on Wed 19th Dec at 7.30pm. £15, £12 concession.

D&C PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA – 15th AUG 2019
 Led by the Most Reverend Noel Treanor D.D. 7 nights full board, £715. Discount of £100 if paid in full by Dec 14th contact Joe Catney 90714001 or 07776425631.

ST THERESE OF LISIEUX PRIMARY SCHOOL
OPEN DAY for those children entering p1 in September 2019 - Thursday 13th December at 10am.

LAY DOMINICANS MEETING TODAY (SUNDAY)
 At 3pm in 28 Fortwilliam Pk. New members welcome.

ANAM CARA BELFAST
 Monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents – Wed 12th Dec at 7.20pm in Crowne Plaza Hotel, Shaw's Bridge. 95213120.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS
Holy Family Church: Adoration will continue as usual.
St. Thérèse Church: Eucharistic Adoration will be suspended just before the 7pm Vigil Mass on Monday 24th December and will resume after 10am Mass on Thursday 27th December.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS COLLECTION
 This weekend, after all Masses in both Churches. Please continue to give generously.

ALTAR SERVERS CHRISTMAS PARTY
Fri 21st Dec at 7pm in Holy Family Gathering Space.

CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS
In Him All Things – a CD of liturgical music, by Deacon Brendan. £10.
The Beatitudes of Pope Francis – by Aidan Donaldson £7. Both available from the Parish Office

ON-LINE ADVENT CALENDAR
 www.catholicbishops.ie/advent-calendar.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT
 Sun 9th of December at 4.30 pm in St Peter's Cathedral. Free entry with a collection in aid of the continued work of Schola. Festive refreshments served in the parish hall afterwards.

THE LIVE CRIB (13 December - 6 January)
 Carols daily at 2pm & 5 pm. Proceeds to Mill Hill Missionaries.

TROCAIRE CHRISTMAS APPEAL
 ..will help the refugees from South Sudan & Yemen, and many others, to rebuild their lives. Visit www.trocaire.org

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS CONCERT
 With Marion Jordan, Sat 15th Dec, 7.30pm, Good Shepherd Church. Tickets £15 from www.marionjordan.com and also at the venue. Proceeds to St.Michael's PTA and PIPS charity.

LIGHTS TO REMEMBER – NI HOSPICE
 Thurs 20th Dec from 6.30pm at Dominican College, Fortwilliam. Dedicate a light in memory of your loved one.

LIGHTHOUSE HOPE EVENT
 In Lighthouse, 187 Duncairn Gdns on Mon 17th Dec. Refreshments at 4pm, Hope Event and balloon release at 5pm. Please confirm on 90755070 or sharon@lighthousecharity.com

IRISH LANGUAGE READING GROUP
 Meets the second Thurs of the month in Chichester Library. Previous knowledge required. Next meeting 13th Dec, 6.30pm.

SEEKING NURSE VOLUNTEERS
 For the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (10-15 July 2019). Please contact lourdes@downandconnor.org

CHILDREN'S CORNER
 A lady lost her handbag in the bustle of Christmas shopping. It was found by an honest little boy and returned to her. Looking in her purse, she said, "That's funny. When I lost my bag there was a £20 note in it. Now there are twenty £1 notes." The boy quickly replied, "That's right. The last time I found a lady's purse, she didn't have any change for a reward!"