

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

10th Dec 2017 Second Sunday of Advent
Readings: B 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.

PARISH PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Next Sunday 17th at 7pm in Holy Family Church.
Pope Francis describes Confession as another important aspect of the Year Of Mercy, that gives the faithful the opportunity to have a direct experience of mercy. "When we recognise our sins and ask forgiveness, there is a celebration in heaven; Jesus celebrates. This is his mercy; do not be discouraged, go forward."

And in our neighbouring Parishes...
Mon 18th – Sacred Heart Church at 7pm
Wed 19th – St Vincent de Paul & Holy Cross, both 7pm

SUNDAY 24TH DECEMBER

Please note that, given that Christmas Eve is on a Sunday this year, there will be **no 10.30am Mass in St Thérèse and no 12 noon Mass in Holy Family on Sunday 24th December.** The Christmas Vigil Masses at 7pm & 9pm remain unchanged.

REST IN PEACE

Recently Deceased: James Stewart
Month's Mind: Marie Cunningham
Anniversaries: Eddie McKinney; Orla Melaugh; Paul Cushnahan; Joe D'Arcy (20th); Gerard Hale; Estelle Comerton; Peter Comerton; Elizabeth Proctor; John McLaverty; Louie Stone; May Adair; John Ferran & Patrick Ferran; Ann McCready; Frank McElkerney (1st); Kathleen Carroll; Elizabeth Madden & John Francis Walls

100 CLUB BUILDING FUND

WEEK 32
£200 – Rose Donnelly, Dunmore Drive & Mrs O'Kane, Madison Avenue
£100 – Mrs A Largey, Old Cavehill Road & Mr & Mrs Glackin, Upper Cavehill Road
Promoter's Prize – Sr. Regina
NB Prizes will be distributed next week

COLLECTIONS

The **weekly collection** on Sun 03 Dec came to £3425.45. The **monthly collection**, for the support of our priests came to £2846.40. Your generosity is much appreciated.

CUPPA & CRAIC IN THE GATE LODGE

The last coffee morning before Christmas will be on Wed 13th Dec, resuming Wed 10th Jan. Wishing you a very happy Christmas & new year. Thank you for your support.

PARISH CALENDAR

The Parish Calendar will be available in Holy Family and St. Thérèse Churches from next weekend. Please take one home, drop one into friends and neighbours who are housebound, or send one to those away from home.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR – BALLOT WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners of the ballot prizes at the Christmas Fair:-
1st prize: 2 nights & 1 dinner in the Beechill Country Hotel – Francis Gallagher
2nd prize: £100 shopping voucher – The Connolly Family
3rd prize: Theatre tickets (family of 4) for a Christmas show – Frances Greene
4th prize: John Lewis luxury picnic hamper – Cathy Curran
5th prize: Belfast restaurant voucher – D. Dunlop
6th prize: Turkey & ham voucher – Thomas Fegan
7th prize: Wine & chocolates – Ciara Fullerton

PARISH GIFT 1 PROGRAMME - GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER

The 6th Parish GIFT 1 session will be held on Wed 13th Dec, 7-9pm, in Holy Family Gathering Space. All the Parish GIFT 1 young people and their families are especially invited to the 6.30pm Vigil Mass in Holy Family Church on Saturday 16th December to mark the conclusion of the Programme.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Will take place this weekend after all Masses, in both Churches. Please give generously.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES - AN UPDATE ON THE LATEST NEWS

ONLINE ADVENT CALENDAR - as a family you are invited to take a few minutes each day and use the beautiful online Advent Calendar to prepare for and countdown to Christmas. Log on: www.catholicbishops.ie/advent-calendar.

PARISH NEW YEAR RESOLUTION – we hope every home picked up a Grace card last week. Please try to say Grace Before and After Meals as often as possible..

VOLUNTEERING FOR THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES - the organisers of this major event are appealing for volunteers. Planning is well underway and volunteers are needed from now until the end of August 2018. If you can give of your time, talents and skills (hours, days, weeks) please consider signing up. See the WMOF18 website for details and contacts.

SAVE THE DATE - our next Family Prayer Service will be on Sunday 14th January in Holy Family Church from 5.00 - 5.30pm. Everyone is warmly invited to come along and there will be a very special theme (more details to follow). Refreshments will be served afterwards.

LIVING YOUTH – WMOF VOLUNTEERING

Living Youth is leading a Youth Group from the Diocese of Down & Connor to Dublin this coming summer to volunteer at the World Meeting of Families Congress and to attend the Papal Mass. The trip will be from 22nd – 26th August 2018 and will be for those aged 16 – 25. Cost £100 pp. We expect places to fill quickly so to register your interest please email Living Youth @ info@livingyouthni.org with your name, contact number, parish and d.o.b or contact us direct on 90232432.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS

Holy Family: There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on Christmas Day.

St. Thérèse: Eucharistic Adoration will be suspended just before 6pm Mass on Saturday 23rd December and will resume after 10am Mass on Wednesday 27th December.

SANTA'S TEA PARTY -

We are very excited about welcoming Santa Claus and his helpers to Holy Family Gathering Space today Sun 10th Dec. Santa will meet and greet children [young and old!] after both the 10am and 12 noon Masses. Please come along and enjoy our festive hospitality. We look forward to seeing you there.

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT -BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

Next weekend, as we prepare for the World Meeting Of Families, the children will be invited to stand around the Altar carrying the Infant Jesus from the family crib for the blessing. Any adult with a figure will have it blessed where they stand. Everyone 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. NB This will take place at every Mass next weekend. The website www.feltmagnet.com offers beautiful ideas if you would like to make your own crib and figures.

LAY DOMINICANS

Meeting today (Sunday) at 3pm at 28 Fortwilliam Park.

COUNTDOWN IS ON: 254 DAYS TO GO

MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK HOLY FAMILY

Fri 15th (9.15am) Eddie McKinney
Sat 16th (6.30pm) Brian McIvor
Sun 17th (10am) Mary Morgan
Sun 17th (12 noon) Edward McIvor

ST THÉRÈSE

Wed 13th (10am) Orla Melaugh
Thurs 14th (10am) Paul Cushnahan
Sat 16th (10am) Ellen McNamee
Sat 16th (6pm) Lucy McBride MM
Sun 17th (10.30am) Anna O'Grady
Sun 17th (12 noon) Patrick & Eilis White

HOSPICE ANNUAL CAROL SERVICE

Today (Sunday) in St Anne's cathedral at 3.30pm. All welcome.

CAROLS FOR ALL

Fortwilliam & McCrory Presbyterian Mon 11th Dec at 7.30pm.

ELMWOOD CHAMBER ORCHESTRA CONCERT

Sat 16th Dec at 3pm in the Great Hall (Lanyon Building), QUB.

THE EMERALD BALL AT TITANIC, BELFAST

On St Patrick's Day 2018, in aid of the D&C Lourdes Pilgrimage for the Sick. £60 per ticket. 90646040/90812238.

OF FESTIVE FAVOURITES AT DRUMALIS

Fri, 22 Dec at 7pm. Festive reception with entertainment at 7:30 pm and a 2 course supper at the interval. £25 pp (pre-paid ticket only). 2827 2196/028 2827 6455.

ST THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX P.S.

Open day, for those children starting p1 Sept 2018. Thursday 14th December at 10am.

TRINITY COLLEGE OPEN EVENINGS

Wed 10th Jan & Thurs 11th Jan. Principal's address at 7pm. P7 boy and girls will have the chance to win many prizes, including mini i-pads. Please come along and enjoy our evenings.

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**

CHILDREN'S CORNER – THE NATIVITY REWRITTEN

The nativity play was going well and Joseph and Mary were going from house to house knocking on the doors and asking if there was any room for them. As they continued to get "no room" answers a little voice called from the back..... "YOU SHOULD HAVE BOOKED!"