

HOLY FAMILY PARISH



10 January 2016
Sundays: Cycle C

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
Weekdays: 2 Psalter Week 3

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

In Luke's account of the baptism of Jesus we hear that Jesus was at prayer after his baptism, when the heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended like a dove. This is main focus of Luke's account of this story, he is the only Gospel writer who says that Jesus was at prayer before 'heaven opened' and God's voice was heard. A call to do God's work can often be preceded by a deep prayerful experience of God. Luke's focus is on the experience of Jesus in this account but we are also called to see the revelation of God in ourselves and in others. Perhaps you can recall when you suddenly saw a divine spark in someone you know or noticed a change in yourself because of a deep experience.

We can recall moments in our own lives when we experienced God tenderly and lovingly saying to us, 'you are my son/daughter'; 'you are my beloved'; 'my favour rests on you'. Very often experiences such as these are simple events. They can also call us to a greater commitment to our faith and our relationship with God.

'The descent into the waters of our spirit, is a journey into the presence of divinity... all human beings are children of God but not all live in the awareness that there is 'that of God' within them'
W.L. Wallace

Jane Mellett



PRIESTS OF OUR PARISH

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REST IN PEACE



WE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO DIED RECENTLY:

Canon George O'Hanlon; Robert Millar; James McConville; Sheila McKay;

FOR THOSE WHOSE MONTHS MIND OCCURS AT THIS TIME

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS AT THIS TIME:

Eugene Hart; James Hart; Terry Donaghy; Kieran Napier; Jim Timoney; Fred McComb; Hugh McCloskey; Paul Curran; Michael & Harriet Curran; Paddy Brennan; Vera, Jim & Pat Jr. Cassidy; Moya Hinds (1st); Colette Keenan; Patrick Leo McCourt; Brigid McCourt; Luke Salters; Bobby Deehan; James Murphy (1st); Daniel Marquess (1st); Una Gallagher; Dymphna Scullion; Charlie Kevin; Sarah Quinn; Elizabeth Cunningham; Patrick Proctor; Joe Matthews; Maryann Higgins

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD

PARISH LIFE



BAPTISMS

Welcome, to Holy Family Parish, those babies recently baptised:- **Ryan Gaye; Fionn McAfee; Serdar Gerald Mermer; Molly Grace Mulligan**

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

The Christmas Collection amounted to £6976.16. The collection for Sunday 03 January came to £4332.97, and the Priests' Stipend, for the support of the priests of the Parish, was £2909.08. Many thanks to all those who contributed.

FR PAUL MORELY'S 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

A reminder that everyone is warmly invited to come along and celebrate with Father Paul, in Holy Family Gathering Space after the 10am and 12 noon Masses today Sunday 10th January.

LECTION DIVINA

Starts back on Tuesday 12th February, 10am - 11am. Everyone is welcome.

DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH UNWANTED GIFTS?

Newington Day Centre would be very grateful for donations of any gifts, eg toiletries, gloves, socks, etc. for their weekly ballot. The ballots helps to pay for musicians to entertain their members each week. They would like to thank the community of Holy Family for their continued support.

LENTEN TALKS - UNLOCKING THE MYSTERIES OF THE BIBLE

You are warmly invited to a series of Lenten talks, formerly "A Quick Journey Through the Bible" by Jeff Cavins. Starting on Sunday 24th January at 6.30pm in Holy Family Gathering Space, it runs for 8 weeks. It proved successful in a significant number of parishes in the diocese last year, and parishioners found it enlightening and informative. Please contact the Parish Office.

CLASSES AT THE PARISH CENTRE, CAVEHILL ROAD

Geoff's Yoga Classes recommence Tuesday 05th January. Tuesdays (6.30pm), Wednesdays (10am, 11.30am, 6.30pm and 8pm) and Thursdays (9.30am and 11am). £20 for 5 weeks. 07759266713.

Resurrection Indoor Bowls recommences Thursday 14th January at 7pm. New members welcome.

Adult Irish Dance Classes every Tuesday at 8.30pm, from 12th Jan. Contact Anne 90324732/ 07714233298 /e:annereidirishdance@gmail.com.

OTHER CLASSES

Duncairn Centre for Culture & Arts. Set Dancing Classes - Beginners & Advanced. Commencing Tuesday Jan 12th, 8.30pm - 10pm. Admission £4. 07885 739258 / rge1112@ntlworld.com.

McCracken Irish Centre, 283 Antrim Road. Adult beginners Irish classes, starting w/c 11th Jan. 07779704791.



SCHOOL OPEN EVENTS

Little Flower Girls' School on Thursday 14th January, 6.45pm-9pm. Principal's address at 6.45pm.

St. Patrick's College, 'Bearnageeha', on Monday 11th & Tuesday 12th January. Principal's address at 7pm.

Dominican College Fortwilliam on Saturday 23rd January, 9.30am -1.00pm. P7 girls and their parents, as well as students wishing to transfer for A-level studies. Principal's Address at 9.30am and 11am.

St Malachy's College on Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th January. Principal's Address at 7pm.

Mercy College on Tuesday 10th January, 7pm - 9pm.

Edmund Rice College on Thursday 7th January at 7 pm.

St Dominic's on Saturday 9th January, 9.30am - 1pm. Principal's address at 9.30 and 11am.

St Mary's Christian Brothers' Grammar - Thursday 14th January at 7.30pm.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

Beginning Experience (a support group for widowed, separated and divorced people) meets every Wed, 8pm - 10pm in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Avenue. Wednesday 13th January. Residential Weekend 26th - 28th Feb in Drumalis. For further information please contact Phil Tel: 028 90 207645 or Marie Tel: 07896119669.

LOOKING FOR WORK?

LEMIS, Ashton Centre Free jobsearch, computer training and more. Contact 907 42255 (criteria apply).

CORE Project, 20 Cliftonville Rd. 16 - 24 unemployed. Open day 12th Jan, 12noon-2pm. 90609522.

Cavehill Christians Against Poverty Job Club - 309 Cavehill Road. Tuesdays 10am - 2pm. 07990837726.

THANKS

Sincere thanks to all those in Holy Family Parish who contributed to the recent collection for the Homeless. Your generosity greatly assisted those in need in our Parish and beyond.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

We are urgently in need of furniture. Should you have any items for donation, please contact 90740290.

NORTH BELFAST HARRIERS WITH EDMUND RICE COLLEGE COUCH TO 5KM

Get fit, lose weight, have fun with friends. For details phone Edmund Rice College 028 90848433.



HOLY FAMILY PARISH 100 CLUB BUILDING FUND WEEKS 35 & 36

£200 - Mrs Meta Nolan, Richmond Lodge; Mrs C. Matthews, Sunningdale Pk North; Christine McCormick, Eia Street; Mrs M. Corbett, Ponsonby Ave; David Moore, Carnmoney Road; Miss M. Gribben, Ewewilliam Park

Promoter's Prize—Nuala Prince & A. Mullin

NI CANCER PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES. FRIDAY 27 MAY TO WEDNESDAY 01 JUNE 2016

£599 (with price reduction for Cancer Patients) will include: Return flights from Belfast International, full board and accommodation at the Hotel Agena in Lourdes for five nights. Travel insurance cover for persons up to 85 years on date of return. Contact 07516759646, or mail@nicancerpilgrimage.org.uk. Spiritual Directors: Rev. Dermot McCaughan, Fr. Adrian Eastwood, Fr. Andrew Black.

2016 CENTENARY OF THE ANGEL OF FATIMA

9 Day Pilgrimage to Fatima & Santiago de Compostela. 9th-18th August. 3 Nights H/B Los Abetos Hotel Santiago, 6 Nights F/B Hotel Avenida Fatima. Visiting Pontevedra, Tuy & Balasar. Spiritual Directors Fr. Gerry McCloskey PP & Fr. Sean Gilmore PP. Special Group Price £709 inclusive of tax & insurance. Contact Joe Catney 90714001 or 07776425631. Early booking advisable, deposit secures.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

HOLY FAMILY

Mon 11th (9.15am) **Maryann Higgins**
Wed 13th (9.15am) **Charlie Kevin**
Thurs 14th (9.15am) **Sarah Quinn**
Friday 15th (9.15am) **Joe Matthews**
Sat 16th (6.30pm) **Anna O'Grady MM**
Sun 17th (10am) **Raymond Rea MM**
Sun 17th (12 noon) **George & Cassie McCullough**

ST THERESE

none



FEAST DAYS IN THE COMING WEEK

Wednesday 13th St Hilary, bishop and Doctor of the Church
Friday 15th **St Ita, virgin**
Saturday 16th St Fursa, abbot and missionary

St Ita was born in Co. Waterford, of noble and Christian parents. Early on she set her mind on serving Christ in religious life. She founded a monastery in Killeedy, co.Limerick, which attracted a great variety of young people. She was given the title "foster mother of the Saints of Ireland". She died in 570.

MASS IN THE EXTRAORDINARY FORM

Today Sunday 10th January at 6pm in St Therese Church. Missals in English and Latin are available.

CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME

Annual spring conference in Drumalis, 5th– 7th February. "Laudato Si" has highlighted many of the issues regarding the future of the planet – our common home. 2827 2196/28276455. Visit www.drumalis.co.uk

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