

HOLY FAMILY PARISH



13 March 2016

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sundays: Cycle C

Psalter Week 1

OPEN THE DOORS

Today marks the third anniversary of the election of Pope Francis. His papacy has been marked by a focus on openness, forgiveness, and mercy - summed up, perhaps, in his oft quoted remark: 'Who am I to judge?' So prevalent is his focus on God's mercy that Pope Francis has declared this a Jubilee Year of Mercy – a special year to receive blessing from God and remission of sins.

Some of us will make a pilgrimage during this year to one of the many holy doors in our cathedrals and churches. Pope Francis has called on Catholics around the world to use the occasion to open wide the doors of their hearts to forgive others and not to exclude them.

'When we go through that door, it is good to remember that we must also open wide the doors of our heart,' he said, suggesting that before passing through the Holy Door, people should pray: 'Lord, help me to open the doors of my heart!'

'The holy year won't be very effective if the doors of our heart do not let Christ enter, who pushes us to go towards others, to bring him and his love. Therefore, as the holy door remains open because it is the sign of the welcoming that God himself reserves for us, so also our doors – those of the heart – must always be open to not exclude anyone. Not even those that bother me. No one!'

It is very much in the tradition of today's Gospel, where we meet a Jesus who is merciful to sinners, and who challenges us all to look at our own attitudes and our tendency to judge others.

Triona Doherty



PRIESTS OF OUR PARISH

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REST IN PEACE

WE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO DIED RECENTLY:

Frank Loughran; Michael Tumelty

FOR THOSE WHOSE MONTHS MIND OCCURS AT THIS TIME:

Mary Bradley

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS AT THIS TIME:

Joseph Craig; Joe & Chrissie Sloan; Dominic Blackham; Roisin Savage; James Byrne; Patrick Stapleton; Mary Nolan; Myra Baker; Thomas McKinley; Patrick Griffin; Bernadette Bradley; Mary Conlon; Joe McGuigan; John Kelly; Mary Cooley; Pat & Ita Clarke; James McKenna

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD



FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

No system can completely suppress our openness to what is good, true and beautiful, or our God-given ability to respond to his grace at work deep in our hearts. I appeal to everyone throughout the world not to forget this dignity which is ours. No one has the right to take it from us. *Laudato Si', 205*

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Working for a Just World

PARISH LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE

In Holy Family Church next Sunday 20th March at 7pm. *"Jesus receives you. He will receive you with so much love! Be courageous, and go to confession"*, Pope Francis

DEVELOPING WORLD GROUP

We will be serving a light Lenten supper/lunch in the Gathering Space, after all Holy Family Church Masses next weekend, 19th and 20th March. All money raised will go to Trocaire. Thank you for your generosity to our Fair Trade weekend. Your support is always much appreciated.

PALM SUNDAY MASSES NEXT WEEKEND – ENTRANCE PROCESSION

All members of the Congregation will be invited to join in the Entrance Procession. Please bring some greenery if possible. Palms will also be blessed and distributed.

PERPETUAL ADORATION OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST

Adoration in St Therese Church will finish before the Mass of The Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday (7pm) and resume after 10am Mass on Easter Monday. Adoration in Holy Family Church on Easter Monday as usual. NEW ADORERS ALWAYS WELCOME

PARISH BULLETIN - REMINDER

If you have an idea for our new look bulletin, due after Easter, please contact the Parish Office.

BAPTISMS

Welcome, to Holy Family Parish, those recently baptised:- **Joseph Matthew Tiernan-McKeown; Mya Kaylee Robinson & Owen Thomas Harding**

ST PATRICK'S DAY MASSES

Holy Family Church - 9.15am and 11am and *St Therese Church* 7pm Vigil and 10am.

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on St Patrick's Day.

HOSPITALITY ON EASTER SUNDAY

Refreshments for all the family, after the 10am & 12 noon Masses, in the Gathering Space in Holy Family Church on Easter Sunday, in lieu of first Sunday hospitality in April. Everyone is most welcome.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Fr Tom Scanlon CP will be giving 2 talks for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in Holy Family Gathering Space on Monday and Tuesday of Holy Week, 21st and 22nd March, at 7pm. This is for new and existing Ministers. It is also open to every parishioner who wishes to renew their Eucharistic faith, and take part in an extra devotional exercise for Lent.



OFFERTORY COLLECTION

The collection for Sunday 06th March amounted to £3753.34 and the priests' stipend, in support of the priests of the Parish, came to £2610.38. Many thanks to those who contributed.

REMINDER - CONTRIBUTING BY DIRECT DEBIT, GIFT-AID AND ENVELOPES

Boxes of envelopes will be delivered in the next few weeks. Please contact the Parish Office now if you wish to amend, before delivery starts, the arrangements for envelopes for your household, or order envelopes for the first time. If you are a tax-payer, then your contributions to the parish are eligible for gift-aid. You can increase every £1 by 25 pence at no cost to yourself by making a one-off gift aid declaration and sending it to the Parish Office. Don't forget, you can pay your weekly envelope by direct debit if it suits you better. Contact 90743119 or email holyfamily@downandconnor.org for further details.

NEWINGTON DAY CENTRE

St Patricks Day Party In Holy Family Parish Centre Cavehill Road on Wed 16th March, 12.30pm - 4pm. If any older person from the parish would like to attend, please contact the Day Centre on 90351947. If you need help or support to attend, you may bring a carer with you, or our staff and volunteers are happy to help.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY...DATE FOR YOUR DIARY...

On Monday 23rd May the Folk Choir from the University of Notre Dame, Indiana, USA, will perform a Concert in Holy Family Church at 7.30pm. Please save the date and full details will be available after Easter. If you could host one or two students for bed and breakfast (23rd evening, departing after breakfast on 24th) please contact the Parish Office (T: 90743119) or Email Maire Hughes: mairerhughes@hotmail.com. If you could help with catering for a meal when the Choir arrives at 5pm on 23rd please contact the Parish Office or Email Carol McLaughlin: mclaughlin_carol@hotmail.com. To enjoy a preview of the Choir online logon: www.litchoir.nd.edu and follow the link to YouTube. This promises to be a beautiful occasion to look forward to - don't forget to save the date!

PARISH WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE - WWW.HOLY-FAMILYPARISH.COM

For coverage of GIFT 2, the Sacrament of Confirmation, Fair Trade Stall, Hospitality and other parish news and events log-on to the Parish Facebook page. (Scroll to the end of the Home Page and click on Facebook).



HOLY FAMILY PARISH 100 CLUB BUILDING FUND WEEK 45

£200 - Gerry Brannigan, Ponsonby Avenue

£200 - Mr & Mrs R Logan, Madison Avenue

£200 - Bernie Burke, Dunlambert Park

Promoter's Prize - Ronan O'Neill

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

THANK YOU FROM FATHER RAYMOND MCCULLAGH

Personally, and on behalf of my family, I wish to express our sincere thanks to all Parishioners who supported us during our recent bereavement. My father's Month's Mind will be celebrated on Wednesday 23rd March at 7.30pm, in St John the Baptist Church, Granaghan, Swatragh. I will offer Mass for your intentions, and remember you all gratefully in our prayers. God Bless, Fr Raymond.



NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Sunday April 24th. Bus leaving St Bernard's car park at 6.30am. Cost £12 return. Packed lunch recommended. Contact 07972103130 to book a place.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES, JULY 2016

Forms, including those for the for The Youth Team, available from the Parish Office.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

HOLY FAMILY

Tues 15th (9.15am) **James McKenna**
Thurs 17th (9.15am) **Patrick Stapleton, Mary Nolan & Myra Baker**
Fri 18th (9.15am) **Thomas McKinley**
Sat 19th (6.30pm) **Robert Fryers & Matthew McGhee**
Sun 20th (10am) **James & Eileen McGarrity & Family**
Sun 20th (12 noon) **Catherine Harland**

ST THERESE

Mon 14th (10am) **James Byrne**
Sat 19th (6pm) **Sean Glackin (1st)**
Sun 20th (10.30am) **Matthew McLarnon**
Sun 20th (12 noon) **Aaron O'Flaherty**

LATIN MASS

Mass in the Extraordinary Form in St Therese Church today Sunday at 6pm and on Tuesday 15th at 7pm.



YEAR OF MERCY GOOD FRIDAY FALLS/SHANKILL WALK

March 25th beginning at 4.45pm outside Clonard Church and finishing there through Clonard's Holy Door at 6.00pm. Join with others in marking this special Year of Mercy with the 13th Annual Good Friday Prayer Walk. All are welcome! Contact Ed Petersen in Clonard on 90445950, for more details.

CLONARD YOUTH DAY OF MERCY (age 15+)

Saturday 19th March at 2pm. Workshops and talks, as well as Reconciliation and Mass, and the opportunity to make the Holy Door Pilgrimage. e mail youthministry@clonard.com or 90445950.

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