

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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

16 December 2018 Third Sunday of Advent
Readings: C Psalter: Week 3



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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 09th December came to £3503.51. Thank you for your continued support.

DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES

On sale in both Churches this weekend, £4 each.

LECTIO DIVINA

...has stopped for Christmas. Next meeting Tuesday 15th January at 10am in Holy Family Church. New members welcome.

100 CLUB BUILDING FUND WEEK 32

£200 – Mr J Dean, Sunningdale Park & Sarah Faloon,
Collinbridge Court
£100 – C Madden, Dunmore Drive & Marie Finnegan,
Dunlambert Drive
Promoter's Prize – Paula Curran

REST IN PEACE

Recently deceased: Clare Higgins & Brian McKenna
Anniversaries: Brian McIvor, Pauline Flanagan, Edward McIvor, Fr. John Havlin, Ellen McNamee, Thomas Norman Preston (10th), Anna O'Grady, Brian McAteer, Ciara Catney, Peter McKenna, Dr. Eoin Maguire, Patrick McKee, James & Rosaleen O'Brien, Patsy McAuley, Patricia Cochrane, Minnie Kevin, Raymond Rea, James Henry Quinn, Joe Donnelly, Phelim Devlin, Selina McMahon, Mary Kevin, Dorothy Rafferty & Andrew Ramparsad (10th)
ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD

MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

HOLY FAMILY
Fri 21st (9.15am) Fr. John Havlin & The Havlin Family
Sat 22nd (6.30pm) Maura McDaid
Sun 23rd (10am) Deceased Members of the White Family
Sun 23rd (noon) Mary Morgan
ST. THÉRÈSE
Mon 17th (10am) Brian McKenna RIP
Wed 19th (10am) Brian McAteer
Thurs 20th (10am) Ciara Catney
Fri 21st (10am) Peter McKenna
Sat 22nd (6pm) Frank Kerr
Sun 23rd (noon) Brendan Macaulay

PARISH CALENDAR

The Parish Calendar 2019 is available in both Churches this weekend. 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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Thank you, from the 3 parish SVP Conferences, for giving so generously to the annual appeal last weekend. Your support is much appreciated.

DEVELOPING WORLD GROUP

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.
Art by Syrian and Palestinian refugee women
..in Falls Rd Library. Running until end Dec. Free entry.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018

A summary report of the programme of events which took place as part of the parish preparation for the World Meeting Of Families 2018 is available in both churches this weekend. Also included are details of Christmas services in the Parish. Please take a copy home. The full report from the WMOF18 Working Group can be viewed on our Parish website at holy-familyparish.com.
And.....
A behind the scenes documentary on WMOF 2018 will be shown on RTE One on Mon 31st December at 6.30pm.

ADVENT PRAYER GATHERINGS

Today (Sunday 16th) we will gather in Holy Family at 5.45pm, to accommodate the Penitential Service at 7pm.
Advent Week 3- Mother of All
Advent Week 4- Queen of Heaven/Help of Christians
“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. “O by that Joy that Gabriel brought to thee.....as we await the Blessed Hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.”

PARISH PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Sunday 16 December at 7pm in Holy Family Church.
And in our neighbouring Parishes...
Mon 17th – **Sacred Heart** at 7pm
Tues 18th - **Holy Cross** at 7pm
Wed 19th – **St Vincent de Paul** at 7pm

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Holy Family P.S. (Christmas Pageant)
Tues 18 Dec at 11am in Holy Family Church)
Blessed Trinity College (Carol Service)
Thurs 20 Dec at 9.40am in Somerton Rd site
St Thérèse of Lisieux P.S. (Carol Service)
Wed 19 Dec at 1.30pm in St Thérèse Church

ALTAR SERVERS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Fri 21st Dec at 7pm in Holy Family Gathering Space.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve Day
Holy Family 9.15am St Thérèse 10am
(Confession noon – 12.30pm Confession 10.30am – noon)
Christmas Eve Vigil
Holy Family - 7pm & 9pm St Thérèse - 7pm & 9pm
Christmas Day
Holy Family – 10am & noon St Thérèse – 10.30am & noon

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS AT ST THÉRÈSE

In order to reduce the congestion at the 7pm Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve in St. Thérèse Church, we would suggest that those who can would please wait until the 9pm Mass. The gate of No.65 Somerton Road will be open, and we encourage Parishioners to park there. Thank you for your co-operation.

-Wed 26th to Mon 31st: 9.15am & 10am Masses as usual
-No midnight Mass on New Year's Eve
-New Year's Day – noon Mass only (Holy Family Church)

The **Parish Office** will be closed Monday 24th Dec - Tuesday 01st Jan incl. There will be no bulletin Sunday 30th December.

LIGHTS TO REMEMBER – NI HOSPICE

Thurs 20th Dec from 6.30pm at Dominican College, Fortwilliam. Dedicate a light in memory of your loved one.

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.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY - Sun 30th December

This very special Feast Day will be celebrated in the following ways in our Parish:
Blessing of Toys (all Masses) - children are invited to bring their favourite (quiet!) toy to Mass for a special blessing
Festive refreshments will be served in Holy Family Gathering Space after the 10am and 12 noon Masses
Carols in St. Therese Church 5.30-6pm (before the Vigil Mass)
Carols in Holy Family Church 6-6.30pm (before Vigil Mass)
You are warmly invited to participate in these celebrations to mark our Patronal Feast Day and conclude 2018 as a prayerful Parish community.

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

D&C PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA – 15th AUG 2019

7 nights full board, £715. Discount of £100 if paid in full by Dec 14th contact Joe Catney 90714001 or 07776425631.

LIGHTHOUSE HOPE EVENT

Mon 17th Dec at 4pm. Please confirm on 90755070

ST. GEORGE'S SINGERS

St George's High Street, 19th Dec at 7.30pm. £15 & £12 conc.

ST PATRICK'S PARISH - VACANCY

Part-time permanent Parish Secretary. To provide assistance to the clergy, visitors and parishioners, and confidential, efficient and effective secretarial and administrative support to the Administrator. 22.5 hours per week. Monday - Friday 9.45 am - 2.15 pm daily. Rate of Pay - £10.50 gross per hour. Full details at: <http://www.downandconnor.org> clicking on the tab: job vacancies and on the Community NI website and from St Patrick's Parish Office. Closing date for applications will be 12 noon on Friday 11th January 2019.

NORTH BELFAST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

..meets at McCollum Halls, St Peter's Church on Thurs 20 Dec. at 7.45pm. Topic - "Belfast's Original Poorhouse".

CHILDREN'S CORNER

It was after Christmas at Holy Family Church. Father Paul was looking at the nativity scene prior to packing away the figures, when he noticed the baby Jesus was missing from the crib. Just then he saw little Harry with a bright red shiny truck, and in the truck was the figure of the baby Jesus. Father Paul walked up to Harry and said, 'Well, Harry, where did you get the baby Jesus?' Harry replied honestly, 'I took him from the church, Father Paul.' 'And why did you take him?' asked Fr Paul. With a sheepish smile, Harry said, 'Well, about a week before Christmas, I prayed to little Lord Jesus. I told him if he would bring me a red truck for Christmas, I would give him a ride around the block in it.'