

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

17th Dec 2017

Third Sunday of Advent

Readings: B

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 & 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.

REST IN PEACE

Recently Deceased: Kieran McWilliams & George Salters

Month's Mind: Lucy McBride & Elaine Sullivan

Anniversaries: Brian McIvor, Mary Morgan, Edward McIvor, Ellen McNamee, Anna O'Grady, Patrick & Eilis White, Peter McKenna, Brian McAteer, Ciara Catney, Brendan Macaulay; Pauline Flanagan, Tommy & Eileen McDade, Dr. Eoin Maguire, Raymond Rea, Patrick Hart, Dorothy Rafferty, William O'Brien, James O'Brien, Norman Preston, Gary Quigg, Mary Trainor & Mary Worthington

COLLECTION

The weekly collection on Sunday 10 December came to £2714.87. Your generosity is much appreciated

REMINDER

Cuppa & craic in the Gate Lodge has ceased for Christmas, resuming Wednesday 10th January.

DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES

On sale in both Churches, £4 each.

CHRISTMAS MASSES & CEREMONIES

Penitential Service Sun 17th @ 7pm- Holy Family Church

Saturday 23rd - Confession

St Thérèse 10.30am – 12 noon

Holy Family 12 noon – 12.30pm

Christmas Eve Day

Holy Family 10am (no 12 noon Mass)

St Thérèse 12 noon (no 10.30am Mass)

Christmas Eve Vigil

Holy Family - 7pm & 9pm

St Thérèse - 7pm & 9pm

Christmas Day

St Thérèse – 10.30am & 12 noon

Holy Family – 10am & 12 noon

Carol Service Fri 29th Dec at 7pm in Holy Family Church

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS AT ST THÉRÈSE

We are aiming 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.

-Tues 26th to Fri 29th: 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 25th December - Tuesday 02nd January inclusive.

CONFESSION IN LOCAL PARISHES...

Mon 18th – Sacred Heart Church at 7pm

Wed 20th – St Vincent de Paul & Holy Cross, both 7pm

100 CLUB BUILDING FUND

WEEK 33

£200 – Mrs Magee, Glandore Drive & Niamh Maguire, Thirlmere Gardens

£100 – Mrs Taggart, Ponsonby Avenue & Maureen McBride, Ponsonby Avenue

Promoter's Prize – Brenda Killough

Christmas Special Prizes

£1000 - Clare Konrad, Windermere Gardens

Promoter's Prize – Elaine Doherty

PARISH CALENDAR

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

ALTAR SERVER CELEBRATION

In the Gathering Space on Fri 22nd Dec at 7pm. Thanks to all our altar servers for their commitment to our Parish.

THE LEGION OF MARY

Meetings suspended until Mon 08th January at 7.30pm in the Gate Lodge. House visitation continues as usual

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES - AN UPDATE ON THE LATEST NEWS

ONLINE ADVENT CALENDAR - online Advent Calendar to prepare for and countdown to Christmas. Log on: www.catholicbishops.ie/advent-calendar.

PARISH NEW YEAR RESOLUTION –Please try to say Grace Before and After Meals as often as possible.

VOLUNTEERING FOR THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES - If you can give of your time, talents and skills please consider signing up. See the WMOF18 website.

SAVE THE DATE - our next Family Prayer Service will be on Sun 14th Jan in Holy Family Church, 5pm -5.30pm. Everyone is warmly invited to come along and there will be a very special theme (details to follow). Refreshments served.

LIVING YOUTH – WMOF VOLUNTEERING

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.

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT -BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

This weekend, we invite parishioners to bring the Infant Jesus from the family crib for a blessing. May the Christ-Child be born in our hearts and homes.

THANKS TO HOLY FAMILY PARISHIONERS

From Trocaire, for raising £2031.20. "This goodwill and solidarity is vital in our efforts to ensure that the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world are not forgotten". And thanks from St Vincent de Paul for giving so generously to the annual appeal last weekend. Your support is much appreciated.

THE LIVE CHRISTMAS CRIB

St. Mary's Church, Chapel Lane.

ST. GEORGE'S SINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Wed 20th December at 7.45pm. £15 or £12 concession.

SCHOOL CAROL SERVICES

Trinity College (in Somerton Road Site) on Tues 19th December at 11.30am. Take some time out to focus on the real meaning of Christmas. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

St Thérèse of Lisieux PS KS2 (in St Thérèse Church) on

Wed 20th Dec at 1.30pm. The wonderful music and singing from the children is always a most uplifting experience.

THE PRAYER - NEW ALBUM BY MARION JORDAN

Recorded in Holy Family Church, accompanied by Mark Mooney. 07809591730 / mkjordan@hotmail.com £10

COUNTDOWN IS ON: 247 DAYS TO GO

MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

HOLY FAMILY

Tues 19th (9.15am) Peter McKenna

Sat 23rd (6.30pm) Joseph Barnes

Sun 24th (10am) Rita Herdman & Edmund Farry

Sun 24th (7pm) Joe & Bridie Sherry

Sun 24th (9pm) Mary Maguire & May Mooney

ST THÉRÈSE

Tues 19th (10am) Brian McAteer

Wed 20th (10am) Ciara Catney

Thurs 21st (10am) Mary Trainor & Mary Worthington

Fri 22nd (10am) Brendan Macaulay

Sat 23rd (10am) Maura McDaid

Sat 23rd (6pm) Dermot O'Flaherty

Sun 24th (12 noon) Frank Kerr

NORTH BELFAST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

McCullum Halls, St Peter's Church, Antrim Rd, Thurs 21 Dec. at 7.45pm. Noel Beattie - "Travels in China"

LAGANSIDE SINFONIA 'A CENTURY ON'

Charity Concert for Welcome Organisation (Help the Homeless). Girdwood Community Hub on 30th Dec at 7:45pm. Admission free, retiring collection, with all profits going to the Welcome Organisation. www.lagansidesinfonia.co.uk.

TRINITY COLLEGE OPEN EVENINGS

Wed 10th Jan & Thurs 11th Jan. Principal's address at 7pm. P7 boy and girls can win many prizes, including mini i-pads.

ST MALACHY'S COLLEGE OPEN EVENINGS

Wed 10th & Thurs 11th Jan at 7pm. P6 welcome on Thurs 11th.

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 - Name That Christmas Carol

Clues:

1. Loyal Followers Advance
2. Nocturnal Noiselessness
3. Delight for this Planet, and finally, to impress your friends.....
4. The Quadruped with the Vermillion Probits

Answers:

1. O Come All Ye Faithful
 2. Silent Night
 3. Joy to the World
 4. Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer!!
- While we're on the subject....

Q: Which reindeer was known for his bad manners?

A: Rude-olph