

# HOLY FAMILY PARISH



17 January 2016

2nd Sunday of the Year

Sundays: Cycle C

Weekdays: 2 Psalter Week 2

## WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

During this past year we have watched, in almost disbelief, as hundreds of thousands of people flee their homes in Syria and other parts of the world. The image of three year old Aylan Kurdi, washed up on a beach last August as his family attempted to reach safety, caused complete outrage around the world. For a while we reacted and acted and called for an immediate response from our governments. Not since WWII have so many people been forced from their homes. So much can be said today about this crisis and we must continue to ask ourselves: how can we respond?

We must always be ready to welcome the refugee and migrant. Our faith is one of hospitality, compassion and mercy. In the Gospel today, Mary urges the disciples to 'do whatever He tells you' and we see Jesus perform a sign that shows he has come for the transformation of that which causes barriers to God's Kingdom. The refugee crisis may challenge us but as people of the Gospel of Mercy, we must respond:

'Mercy nourishes and strengthens solidarity towards others as a necessary response to God's gracious love... Each of us is responsible for his or her neighbour: we are our brothers' and sisters' keepers, wherever they live. Concern for fostering good relationships with others and the ability to overcome prejudice and fear are essential ingredients for promoting the culture of encounter, in which we are not only prepared to give, but also to receive from others.

Hospitality, in fact, grows from both giving and receiving.'

Pope Francis

Jane Mellett



### PRIESTS OF OUR PARISH

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### **REST IN PEACE**

**WE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO DIED RECENTLY:**

Tony McIlroy; Jim Byrne

**FOR THOSE WHOSE MONTHS MIND OCCURS AT THIS TIME:**

Anna O'Grady; Raymond Rea

**FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS AT THIS TIME:**

Annie & Barney Carroll; Frank Healy; Nora Connolly; Damien Breen; Mamie

McConnell; Sheila Duffy; Eileen Crilly; Eileen Millard; Lil Davies; Richard Gallagher; Meta

McDaid; Gerry Birch; Sheila McLister; William Mathews; George & Cassie McCullough; Thomas & Mary

Scullion; Bridget & Joe Grainger; James Henry Quinn; Minnie Kevin; Edward & Cecilia Donnelly

**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD**



## PARISH LIFE



### **OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

The collection for Sunday 10th January amounted to £3977.33. Many thanks to all those who contributed.

### **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.

### **ST BRIGID'S CROSSES**

You are warmly invited to Holy Family Gathering Space at 7.30pm on Sunday 31st January to join a 'Rush Party', and make St Brigid's Crosses. Help to keep this age old skill and tradition alive. Experience isn't necessary as those with the 'know how' will willingly give a helping hand. Whether you're young or not so young, come along and enjoy the chat and refreshments. Rushes will be provided, please bring a pair of scissors if possible. The Crosses will be blessed and distributed after the Masses on St. Brigid's Feast Day - Monday 1st February. They will also be brought to housebound parishioners by the priests, when they make their 'First Friday' visits.

### **DAYS OF MERCY**

Bishop Treanor wrote in his Pastoral Letter for the Jubilee of Mercy: "I invite everyone in the Diocese to observe a special "Day of Mercy" on the last Friday of every month beginning on Friday, 29th January and concluding on Friday, 28th October 2016. This should be a day of prayer, fasting and almsgiving; a day when we remember God's mercy for us and share that mercy with others." To support parishioners in the observance of the Day of Mercy a Diocesan Prayer Book has been published. This attractive and practical Prayer Book is available in the church next weekend, 23rd/24th January. Price: £1.

### **BROADCAST MASS**

Today Sunday 17th January at 11am, the Down and Connor Folk Group will be providing music for the live studio broadcast Mass on RTE TV. All the music is composed by Brendan Dowd, and Fr. Raymond McCullagh will be the celebrant. The congregation will be made up of young people under the direction of Living Youth as **it will replace our monthly Diocesan Youth Mass for this month only**. The broadcast will be available thorough RTE 1, RTE Digital, RTE radio LW252, and online at rte.ie.

### **SCHOOL OPEN EVENTS**

**Dominican College Fortwilliam** on Sat 23rd Jan 9.30am -1pm. Principal's Address at 9.30am and 11am.

### **BEGINNING EXPERIENCE**

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

### **SKILLS DEVELOPMENT/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. 90609522.

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

**Ulster University Belfast Campus** Employability & Skills Event - Wednesday 20th January, 10am - 4pm.

### **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.

### **REMINDERS**

**Newington Day Centre** would be very grateful for donations of any unwanted gifts, eg toiletries, gloves, socks, etc. for their weekly ballot, which helps to pay for musicians to entertain their members each week.

**St Vincent de Paul** are urgently in need of furniture. Any items for donation - please contact 90740290.

### **VISION FOR THE FUTURE - CONSULTATION MEETINGS**

The first of the 3 consultation meetings with parishioners will be held on Thursday 21 January in the Parish Centre, Cavehill Road. The meeting will focus specifically on St Therese Presbytery - Potential Use.

Refreshments will be served at 7pm, and the meeting will start at 7.30pm. We welcome your opinion, and encourage you to come along and let us know your views. If you are unable to attend, please contact the Parish Office in person, by phone [90743119] or email [holyfamily@downandconnor.org] so the we can take your opinion into account.

### **HOLY FAMILY PARISH TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY**

We recently placed a notice in the Bulletin to ascertain if there was a need for the provision of transport to facilitate elderly and housebound people to get to Mass, and other Liturgical celebrations. Having reviewed the situation, the Pastoral Council has concluded that the current arrangement is appropriate. We thank the St Therese Conference of SVP for facilitating the arrangement for transporting people to Mass. The matter will be reviewed again in 2017.



### **HOLY FAMILY PARISH 100 CLUB BUILDING FUND WEEK 37**

**£200 - Patricia Campbell, Glanworth Drive**

**£200 - Anne Rea, Victoria Gardens**

**£200 - Mr. Cassidy, Ashfield Crescent**

**Promoter's Prize - Anne Wright**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!**

### PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND; 19th -26th May 2016

Spiritual Director Canon Sean Rogan. Highlights include the birth place of St. John Paul 11, Auschwitz-Birkenau & The shrine of Divine Mercy. Cost £849 pp. 028 4461 3288.



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

£599 (with price reduction for Cancer Patients) 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. Contact Joe Catney 90714001 or 07776425631. Early booking advisable, deposit secures.

### FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

10th February for 3 nights. 699 Euro. www..marian.ie

### ANNIVERSARY MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

#### **HOLY FAMILY**

Tues 19th (9.15am) **James Henry Quinn**  
Wed 20th (9.15am) **Minnie Kevin**  
Fri 22nd (9.15am) **Edward & Cecilia Donnelly**  
Sat 23rd (6.30pm) **Seamus Twomey**  
Sun 24th (12 noon) **John Duffy**

#### **ST THERESE**

Sat 23rd (6pm) **Albert Mullan & Peggy Gormley**  
Sun 24th (10.30am) **Maureen Taggart MM**  
Sun 24th (12 noon) **Brendan Rafferty**

### MASS IN THE EXTRAORDINARY FORM

St Therese Church today (Sunday 17th) at 6pm on Tuesday 19th at 7pm. English and Latin Missals available.

### BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Is a parish based group ministry which aims to help those bereaved and grieving. Support is offered on an individual basis in the home, to groups in drop-in centres, by phone calls, by helping at funeral liturgies and remembrance services. For more information or to register interest in the next training session which begins in February 2016 and will take place in St Patrick's Church, Downpatrick, please contact Claire Dowds, Good Shepherd Centre - 07557882183, email: bethanybereavementni@gmail.com

### COMING UP

**Christian Unity Week (18th - 25th Jan):** Local Christian Unity service to be held in Joanmount Methodist Church, Oldpark Road on Sunday 24th January at 7pm.

**Catholic Schools Week (31st Jan - 06 Feb):** The week will be marked by each of our Parish schools.

#### MASS TIMES IN HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Holy Family Church (all Masses available on webcam via [www.holy-familyparish.com](http://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**