

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

18 December 2016 04th Sunday of Advent
Readings: Sunday A Psalter: Week 4



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PARISH MASSES TIMES & ADORATION

Holy Family Church

Mon-Fri: 9.15am, Sat Vigil: 6.30pm, Sun 10 & 12
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
Holy Mass in the Extraordinary Form 3rd Tues & 2nd
Sun of the month
Perpetual Adoration: Sun 1pm – Sat 5.45pm

REST IN PEACE

Recently deceased: Margaret Moore; Jim O'Dempsey;
Joseph Marsden & Frank McElkerney
Month's Mind: Frank Murphy & Felix Lenny
Anniversaries: Ciara Catney; Tommy & Eileen
McDade; Mary Morgan; James O'Brien; Joseph
Campbell; Anna O'Grady (1st); Raymond Rea (1st);
Maura McDaid; Frank Kerr; Brian McIvor; Norman
Preston; Ellen McNamee; Sean McIlvenna; Peter
McKenna; Rita Herdman; Edmund Farry; Brian
McAteer; Brendan Macaulay (1st); William O'Brien;
James O'Brien; Gary Quigg
ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD

COLLECTIONS

The **weekly collection** on Sunday 11 December came to £3271.18. Many thanks for your continued support.

PARISH CALENDAR

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

CHRISTMAS CEREMONIES

Penitential Service Sun 18th 7pm in Holy Family Church
Christmas Eve
St Thérèse – Confession (10.30am – 12 noon)
7pm & 9pm Vigil Mass
Holy Family – Confession (12 noon – 1pm)
7pm & 9pm Vigil Mass
Christmas Day
St Thérèse – 10.30am & 12 noon
Holy Family – 10am & 12 noon
Carol Service Fri 30th 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 Therese 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.

NB

-Monday 26th to Friday 30th: 9.15am and 10am Masses as usual
-No midnight Mass on New Year's Eve (11pm Mass in St Patrick's followed by festive refreshments)
-New Year's Day – Masses as per normal Sunday schedule.

The Parish Office will be closed Monday 26th December - Monday 02nd January inclusive..

PARISH PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Today (Sunday) at 7pm in Holy Family Church. Pope Francis describes Confession as another important aspect of the Year Of Mercy, that gives the faithful the opportunity to have a direct experience of mercy. "When we recognise our sins and ask forgiveness, there is a celebration in heaven; Jesus celebrates. This is his mercy; do not be discouraged, go forward."

HOLY FAMILY PARISH HOSPITALITY

The Hospitality Team will provide refreshments following the 12 noon Mass in Holy Family on **New Year's Day**. NB there will be no refreshments after the 10am Mass.

AND.....

The Hospitality Team will provide festive refreshments to celebrate the **Feast of the Holy Family**, following the Carol Service at 7pm on Friday 30th December, in Holy Family Church. Please come along and enjoy this very special celebration.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH YOUTH CHOIR

Final practice today 18th December. All young people, from Primary 3 up to Year 9, are encouraged to come along and take part, to make our Christmas Day Family Mass extra special. If you are a parent or a grandparent, please bring your child along! Everyone is warmly welcome! For further information please contact Mark Mooney.

INDOOR BOWLS

Will restart Thursday 12th January 2017. Happy Christmas everyone

WELCOME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR!

If a member of your family is coming home for Christmas, we would ask you to let us know, so that we can warmly welcome them to the parish Christmas liturgies. Simply text details of their name, and where they are coming from, to 07884248908, email the Parish Office holyfamily@downandconnor.org or tel. 90743119. We look forward to hearing from you!

We pray also for a safe journey for those leaving the Parish to spend Christmas with family and loved ones.

ADORATION CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS

St Thérèse – Adoration suspended Christmas Eve at 6pm until after 10am Mass on Tuesday 27th.
Holy Family – no Adoration on St Stephen's Day

TROCAIRE GIFTS

We have received acknowledgment and thanks from Trocaire for our donation of £3789 from sales of Trocaire Gifts (at the Global Gifts weekend in the Gathering Space, and the Christmas Fair). "Goodwill and solidarity from your Parish is hugely important and vital in our efforts to ensure that the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world are not forgotten".

100 CLUB BUILDING FUND – WEEK 32

£200 – **Michael Cassidy**, Waterloo Park North & **Tara Cullinan**, Newington Avenue
£100 – **Peter Gallagher**, Bristol Avenue & **Mrs Meenahan**, Cedar Avenue
Promoter's Prize – **Ken McLaughlin**
£1000 member's prize – **Martin Remington**, Evelyn Gardens
£1000 promoter's prize – **Angela Mullin**
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WINNERS!

ALTAR SERVER CELEBRATION

In the Parish Centre, Cavehill Road on Monday 19th December at 7pm. Sincere thanks to all our altar servers for their commitment to our Parish.

LITTLE FLOWER GIRLS' SCHOOL

In the school assembly hall on Thursday 22nd December at 10.30am. Refreshments will be served from 10.15am. Please come along and celebrate with us.

LAGANSIDE SINFONIA

'American Classics' Charity Concert for Welcome Organisation (Help the Homeless). Come along to see Laganside Sinfonia perform an 'American Classics' concert in Girdwood Community Hub on 28th December 2016 at 7:45pm with music by Gershwin, Bernstein and more! Admission is free but a retiring collection will be taken up at the end of the concert, with all profits going to the Welcome Organisation (Help the Homeless). Post-concert refreshments will also be served. For more information visit www.lagansidesinfonia.co.uk.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

In St Peter's today Sunday 18th December at 4.30pm, followed by festive refreshments afterwards in the Cathedral Hall.

ST. DOMINIC'S PAST PUPILS' CAROL SERVICE

In the school on Monday 19th December at 7.30pm and will be followed by refreshments. All past pupil are welcome

A RENAISSANCE CHRISTMAS

Wed 21st Dec at 7.45pm in St George's Church, High St, with St George's Singers. Tickets £20 from Matchett's or at the door.

LIGHTS TO REMEMBER 2016

The NI Hospice annual Lights ceremony will take place on Tues 20th Dec at Dominican College. Refreshments at 6.30pm followed by the Lights ceremony at 7.30pm. Torchlight procession to Hospice on Somerton Road and the tree lights will be switched on at 8.15pm. To sponsor a light or find out more call 028 9077 7123 or visit nihospice.org

WELCOMING CHRISTMAS AT DRUMALIS

A service of song and reflection for friends and families at Drumalis Wednesday 21 December 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm.

THE LIVE CRIB

Now open in The Grotto of St Mary's Church until 7th January. There will be prayers each day in the crib at 3 pm for peace for every child, born and unborn. For further details available at www.tuesdayschild.org.uk or text 07545 452362.

ANNIVERSARIES IN THE COMING WEEK

HOLY FAMILY

Mon 19th (9.15am) **Sean McIlvenna**
Tues 20th (9.15am) **Peter McKenna**
Wed 21st (9.15am) **Rita Herdman & Edmund Farry**

ST THÉRÈSE

Mon 19th (10am) **Brian McAteer**
Tues 20th (10am) **Ciara Catney**
Thurs 22nd (10am) **Brendan Macaulay**
Fri 23rd (10am) **Felix Lenny MM**
Sat 24th (10am) **Bridie & Joe Sherry**
Sat 24th (9pm) **Mary Mooney & Mary Maguire**

HEARING AID CLINIC

Newington Day Centre Mon 19 December 11am-12.30pm

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BLOOD DONATION SESSION

At Cavehill Methodist Church Hall on Thursday 29th December, 2pm – 4pm & 5.15pm – 8pm.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Q: What do you get if you cross an iPad with a Christmas tree?
A: A pineapple!

Santa: Knock, knock.

Elf: Who's there?

Santa: Olive.

Elf: Olive, who?

Santa: Olive the other reindeer.

Q: What do elves do after school?

A: Their gnome work!

Q: Why does Santa have three gardens?

A: So he can "hoe, hoe, hoe."