

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

18 February 2018

First Sunday of Lent

Readings: B

Psalter: Week 1



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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: Teresa Shields, Kathleen Mulvey & Kathleen McGahan

Month's Mind: Aiden O'Neill, Dolores Drain, Annie O'Boyle & Barney Devenny

Anniversaries: Susan O'Hara, Paul Hughes (1st), James Feighan, Harry Coleman, James Kelly, Fred McKeating, William Gilmore, Joseph McCullagh, Jean Rox, Kathleen McNally, Sean Carroll, May McNulty (20th), Patrick & Margaret Kearns, Agnes Walls, Bill Reynolds, Mary Gibson & Fr. Brian Hart

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD

COLLECTIONS

The weekly collection on Sunday 11 February came to £2392.06. Your generosity is much appreciated.

HOLY FAMILY 5k PLEDGE

In response to parishioner queries, we would like to remind you that cheques should be made payable to Holy Family Pledge Account. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

100 CLUB BUILDING FUND

WEEK 42

£200 – Margaret Moreland, Baltic Avenue & Patricia Campbell, Glanworth Drive

£100 – Patricia Dundas, Willowbank Gardens & Helen McGarry, Strathmore Park North

Promoter's Prize – Nell Barbour

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS!

PARISH YOUTH FAITH DEVELOPMENT

St. John Bosco Programme (starting Wed 21st Feb @ 7pm in Holy Family Gathering Space).

For young people who completed GIFT 3 last year. Fun activities, visits, prayer and faith study. Forms can be completed on the night. Please contact the Parish Office for details.

And...

GIFT 3 (starting Wed 21st March @ 7pm in Holy Family Gathering Space) For year 10 young people, the programme is filled with fun activities, as well as helping the children learn about themselves and their faith. Forms can be completed on the night. Contact the Parish Office.

DAY CENTRE LENTEN CAMPAIGN

Newington Day Centre celebrates 40 years of caring for older people and providing support to those who care for them at home. We ask you to help us raise £6000 in 6 weeks - donation of £30 (cash or cheque) (or whatever you can afford) to pass on the gift of Day Care to another family. We thank our community for their continual support of the Centre. in person at Newington Day Centre, 31-35 Atlantic Avenue, 90351947.

MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

HOLY FAMILY

Mon 19th (9.15am) James Kelly & Fred McKeating

Wed 21st (9.15am) William Gilmore

Fri 23rd (9.15am) Jean Rox

Sat 24th (6.30pm) Eileen Bell

Sun 25th (10am) Norah Burns

Sun 25th (12 noon) Alphonsus Quinn

ST THÉRÈSE

Mon 19th (10am) Barney Devenny (MM)

Wed 21st (10am) Kathleen McNally

Thurs 22nd (10am) Joseph McCullagh

Fri 23rd (10am) Sean Carroll

Sat 24th (6pm) Joseph Deighan MM

Sun 25th (10.30am) Fr Brian Hart

Sun 25th (12 noon) Sheila Cooper MM

FAIR TRADE FORTNIGHT

The Developing World Group will hold a Fair Trade stall in Holy Family Gathering Space after 6.30pm Mass next Sat 24th Feb and after both Masses on Sunday 25th Feb.

TAIZE PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS

You are warmly invited to join us for 'Taize Prayer Around The Cross' on Fri 23rd Feb at 8pm in Holy Family Church. An opportunity for quiet, reflective prayer, chant and rest for the soul. Everyone is very welcome and refreshments will be served afterwards in the Gathering Space.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018

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Holy Family Parish Care Fair - Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th March 2018

As part of our preparation for WMOF 2018 we want to reach out to parishioners and their families and friends who may be suffering from issues in relation to alcohol and substance misuse as well as the trauma of suicide or self harm. A Care Fair will take place before and after all Masses over the weekend 03rd & 4th March in Holy Family Gathering Space. Representatives of several organisations offering information, advice and support to assist people along with their families and friends who may need to talk in confidence or obtain information to assist anyone who may be in distress. Everyone is warmly invited and welcome to drop by.

Octopus for Preemie

Ever thought of becoming an Octopal by knitting or crocheting an octopus or a little hat for premature babies? As part of our preparation for the World Meeting of Families 2018 we would like to offer support to prematurely born babies and their families. Evidence suggests that the comfort of a sterilised knitted octopus may prevent babies from pulling out devices like monitors or tubes and create the feeling of being in the womb and so reduce stress of premature babies. If you are interested in being part of a knitting circle to meet this identified need (supported by the RVH Hospital for Sick Children) please contact the Parish Office.

Mother's Day, Sunday 11th March - Celebrate as one global family in Holy Family Parish!

The breaking of bread together is a reminder to us of Christ, the bread of life who was broken on the cross. "This is my body, broken for you" [1 Corinthians 11:24]. Because of issues like hunger, war or oppression, many people in the developing world share in the same suffering of Christ. You and your family are invited to celebrate Mother's Day with breakfast in Ethiopia, lunch in Kenya, dinner in Syria and supper Holy Family style after all Masses on Sat 10th and Sun 11th March in Holy Family Gathering Space. "God created mankind to be one family; when any of our brothers and sisters suffer, we are all affected" Pope Francis - Moria Refugee Camp, Lesbos, Greece. April 2017

Please support the third national collection for WMOF18, which will be taken up next weekend, 24th & 25th February.

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.**

COUNTDOWN IS ON: 184 DAYS TO GO

LENT 2018

Oremus - Lenten Faith Development Programme

Oremus is a guide to Catholic prayer and provides simple, yet profound steps to an effective and fruitful prayer life. You will discover how God speaks to you, even in the smallest encounters. Oremus is delivered via a 30 minute DVD input and then group discussion with a cup of tea. It will begin **Tues 20th Feb 7.30pm-9pm in Holy Family Church**, running the 6 Tuesdays of Lent. There will be a workbook available, cost £15. This will be a necessary resource to assist your journey. Please contact the Parish Office, or come along on the night.

Early Morning Mass

Monday-Friday in Lent at 7.30am in Holy Family Church.

Readers still required for some days. Contact the Parish Office.

Trocaire boxes

Still available in both Churches.

Lenten Pioneer Pledge

Register at 90894070 /9061 6601. "I promise in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary to abstain from all alcoholic drink until the end of Lent."

STUCK FOR A LENTEN RESOLUTION?

Prayer:

Adoration perpetually in St Therese, or Holy Family on Mondays

Faith Development - join us in Holy Family Church on Tuesday

evenings of lent for the Oremus course (see separate item)

Confession (see bulletin for weekly Confession times)

Family Prayer:

Grace before meals

Read Popes letters – Laudati Si, Joy of Love

Mini pilgrimage with family – Slemish, Croagh Patrick, Drumalis

Family rosary

Fasting:

From TV, computer games and social media

From the clenched fist –complaining, gossiping, foul language

From meat every Friday (and maybe Wednesday)

Almsgiving:

Give your time to a voluntary group in our Parish.

Place a Trocaire box in a prominent place in your home.

Donate to St Vincent de Paul after Sunday Mass

Reading:

Catholic Truth Society booklets available in each Church, incl.

“Finding Peace with Jesus” and “Being a Parent Today”.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Meetings in 174 Trust Centre @ 12.30pm Mon– Sat.

BLESSED TRINITY COLLEGE JOB VACANCY

Temp/part time Clerical Officer. Previous experience of working in an office essential. A word processing/computer qualification an advantage. Contact Brenda on 90370665.

ACCORD CATHOLIC MARRIAGE CARE SERVICE

Facilitators sought for the pre-marriage course. No qualifications necessary. Contact accord-ni.co.uk for details.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Just as the burial had ended, there was a tremendous burst of thunder, accompanied by a distant lightning bolt and more

rumbling thunder. The little old widower looked at the priest and calmly said.... "Well, she's there!!"