

HOLY FAMILY PARISH



20 December 2015

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sundays: Cycle C

Weekdays: 2 Psalter Week 4

THE PRIESTS OF THE PARISH WISH YOU ALL A VERY HOLY AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS
AND A PEACEFUL NEW YEAR

MASSES AND CEREMONIES

Holy Family Church

Sunday 20th - Penitential Service at 7pm
Wednesday 23rd - Confessions after Mass
Christmas Eve - Confessions -11.30am -12.30pm.
Vigil Masses of the Nativity - 7pm and 9pm
Christmas Day Masses - 10am and 12 noon

St Therese Church

Wednesday 23rd - Confessions after Mass
Christmas Eve - Confessions -10.30am -11.30pm.
Vigil Masses of the Nativity - 7pm and 9pm
Christmas Day Masses - 10.30am and 12 noon
Sunday 27th (Feast of the Holy Family) Evening Prayer & Carol Service at 4pm

Mass Times from St Stephen's Day

St Stephen's Day - 10am Mass in St Therese as usual
Sunday 27th December: (Feast of the Holy Family) Masses as usual
Monday 28th to Thursday 31st - 9.15am and 10am Masses as usual
New Year's Eve - Holy Hour at 11am, followed by Midnight Mass

New Year's Day

12 noon Mass in Holy Family Church NB no 10am Mass in St Therese
2nd January - 10am Mass in St Therese as usual
2nd and 3rd January - weekend Masses as usual

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL CLOSE WEDNESDAY 23RD DECEMBER AND RE-OPEN MONDAY 04TH JANUARY



PRIESTS OF OUR PARISH

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REST IN PEACE

WE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO DIED RECENTLY:

Pauline Flanagan

FOR THOSE WHOSE MONTHS MIND OCCURS AT THIS TIME:

Seamus McMahon

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS AT THIS TIME:

Thomas Norman Preston; Brian McAteer; Grace Kemp; Ciara Catney; Tommy & Eileen McDade; Mary Treanor (1st); Hugh O'Hara; Margaret Savage; Roslyn O'Brien; James O'Brien; Joseph Campbell; Patrick Philip Hart; John Francis Walls; Rita Herdman (1st); John Farry (1st); Maura McDaid; Dermot O'Flaherty; Ellen Concannon; Frank Kerr; Peter McKenna; Stephen Carroll

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD



PARISH LIFE



BAPTISMS

Welcome, to Holy Family Parish, Cora Curley & Fionn John McAleenan.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

The collection for Sun 13th Dec amounted to £4002.21. Many thanks to all those who contributed.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS AT ST THERESE

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.

PERPETUAL ADORATION – CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS

Perpetual Adoration in St Therese Church will be suspended at 7pm on Christmas Eve, and resume after 10am Mass on Monday 28th December. Adoration in Holy Family Church will continue as normal.

TEMPRARY ADORERS REQUIRED for Friday 1pm - 2pm and 2pm - 3pm in St Therese Church.

CALLING ALL YEAR 8 YOUNG PEOPLE

Come and join the Parish GIFT 1 Programme beginning on Wednesday 6th January, 7-9pm, in Holy Family Gathering Space for six Wednesdays. [GIFT - Growing In Faith Together]. Have fun, learn to juggle, do arts & crafts, First Aid, cake decorating and learn more about your faith. To register -
Holy Family Church - take a form from the tables in the Gathering Space.
St Therese Church - take a form from the notice board inside the Church.
Return your completed form, with £10, to the Parish Office or to the collection plate at Mass. Come along and bring your friends - we look forward to seeing you.



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."

DOWN AND CONNOR DIOCESAN DIRECTORY

On sale in both Churches from this weekend, at a cost of £3 per copy.

FR PAUL MORELY'S 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

On Wednesday 6th January 2016 Father Paul Morely will celebrate the 15th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood. To mark this special milestone the Hospitality Team will serve refreshments in Holy Family Gathering Space after the 10am and 12 noon Masses on Sunday 10th January. Everyone is warmly invited to come along and celebrate with Father Paul.



SCHOOL OPEN EVENTS

Little Flower Girls' School on Thursday 14th January 2016 6.45pm-9pm. Principal's address at 6.45pm. It will offer parents and pupils the opportunity to experience and learn more about our school, which has been part of the community for over 55 years. There will be competitions to win iPad minis.

St. Patrick's College, 'Bearnageeha', Monday 11th & Tuesday 12th January 2016. Principal's address at 7.00pm. P6 and P7 boys and parents are most welcome.

St Malachy's College on Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th January 2016. Principal's Address at 7pm.

Mercy College on Thursday 12th January, 7pm - 9pm.

St Dominic's on Saturday 9th January 2016, 9.30am - 1.00 pm. Principal's address at 9.30 and 11am. Prospective Year 8 and Year 13 pupils all welcome.

St Mary's Christian Brothers' Grammar - Thursday 14th January 2016 at 7.30pm.

PART TIME SPRED COORDINATOR SOUGHT

To help people with learning disabilities in our Diocese. Duties include providing training for groups, giving presentations, raising awareness, recruitment, administration and planning. 15 hours per week @ £8 per hour. Please contact, or send your CV, to spreddc@gmail.com Closing date 03/01/16.

NI HOSPICE AND CHILDREN'S HOSPICE CHARITY CONCERT - LAGANSIDE SINFONIA

Join us on 29th December 2015 in St. Patrick's Church, Donegall Street at 7:30pm. Music by Rachmaninov, Sarasate and Marquez, as well as a few seasonal carols and mystery encores. Entry is free with a retiring collection in aid of NI Hospice and Children's Hospice Charity Concert.

COMMUNITIY NOTICES

Hearing Aid Clinic in Newington Day Centre Monday 21st December, 11am to 12.30pm.

Blood Donation in Cavehill Methodist Church Hall, Thursday 24th December 9.30am - 3pm.

Foster Carers needed in your local area. A good financial package is offered, to support young people in placement. Contact 90460500 or email: nioffice@actionforchildren.org.uk.



HOLY FAMILY PARISH 100 CLUB BUILDING FUND WEEK 33

**£200 - Mrs T Campbell, Willowbank Gardens; Dolly Eaton, Jubilee Avenue
& Vincent Miskelly, Fortwilliam Park**

Promoter's Prize - Rosaleen McParland

£1000 Member's Prize - Mr & Mrs Speight, Charnwood Avenue

£1000 Promoter's Prize - Pauline Moreland, Willowbank Gardens



LIVING YOUTH MASS

Come and join us for our third Monthly Diocesan Youth Mass today, Sunday, at 5pm (Confessions and Music Practice from 4.30 pm) in Holy Family Church. Refreshments after in the Gathering Space.

THE LIVE CRIB AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, CHAPEL LANE

Entrance is free. Donations to the crib will go towards Tuesday's Child Following Yonder Star Christmas Appeal for children in Gaza, Kenya, Nigeria and child boat refugees rescued in the Mediterranean. There will be prayers each day in the crib for peace for every child, born and unborn. For further details e-mail events@tuesdayschild.org.uk or text 07808 814807. Open until 06th January.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

HOLY FAMILY

Mon 21st (9.15am) **Peter McKenna**
Thurs 24th (9.15am) **Seamus McMahan MM**
Thurs 24th (7pm) **Michael McSherry**
Thurs 24th (9pm) **May Mooney & Mary Maguire**
Sat 26th (6.30pm) **Catherine Murphy**
Sun 27th (10am) **Mary Morgan**
Sun 27th (12 noon) **Thomas Norman Preston**

ST THERESE

Mon 21st (10am) **Mary Treanor (1st)**
Tues 22nd (10am) **Brian McAteer**
Sat 26th (10am) **George McQuillan**
Sun 27th (10.30am) **Samuel Cushnahan**
Sun 27th (12 noon) **James Conroy**

FEAST DAYS IN THE COMING WEEK

Monday 21st St Peter Cansius, priest and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday 23rd St John of Kanty (Poland), priest
Friday 25th **The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ**

“An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 23 “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means “God with us”.



MASS TIMES IN HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Holy Family Church (all Masses available on webcam via 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