

HOLY FAMILY PARISH



20 September 2015

25th Sunday of the Year

Sundays: Cycle B

Weekdays: 1 Psalter Week 1

WHO IS THE GREATEST?

In Pope Francis's recent encyclical on the environment, *Laudato Si*, he acknowledged that for so long human beings have treated the planet as if it were there solely for our use and exploitation, as if we were the greatest. He urges us to see the deep connectedness that exists with nature. 'Nature cannot be regarded as something separate from ourselves or as a mere setting in which we live. We are part of nature, included in it and thus in constant interaction with it.' (139). Pope Francis refreshingly speaks of an 'integral ecology', that dealing with climate change involves an approach to combating poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded and at the same time protecting nature. We can no longer treat any of these in isolation.

We are all an integral part of nature and are called to respect nature not simply because of its use for us, but because of the countless relationships that exist between the environment and ourselves. The earth is calling to us to act. We can make a real difference to people's lives through the small choices we make: the promise to live more simply and more sustainably. It is up to us and we can choose to be part of the solution rather than the problem. Like the disciples in today's Gospel, we are called to examine how we relate to one another, and that includes our relationship with nature. We must start listening to what the earth is saying to us, and like the child in today's Gospel, respond with humility.

Jane Mellett



PRIESTS OF OUR PARISH

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REST IN PEACE

WE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO DIED RECENTLY:

Mary Ellen Morgan; Ann McFadden; Michael Tighe (Dublin Mick)

FOR THOSE WHOSE MONTHS MIND OCCURS AT THIS TIME:

Paul Heaney

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS AT THIS TIME:

Jim Keegan; Gerry Gilfedder; Alfie Dowd; Josie Gallagher; Bronagh Crossan; Sally Brown; Maureen Hayes; Anna & Paul Greene; Teresa

Lamont (20th); Kathleen Lamont; Andrew Moore; Elizabeth Lloyd; Brian Hamill; Frances McCambridge; Hugh & Eithne McKenna; Anne Marie Doran; Brian Campbell; Mary Watson; Maureen Morrison

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD



PARISH LIFE



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Has recommenced - 10am in Holy Family and 10.30am in St Therese. Children p1-p6 most welcome. If you would consider becoming a Leader, please contact the Parish Office.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

HOLY FAMILY

Fri 25th (9.15am) **Anna & Paul Greene**

Sat 26th (6.30pm) **Seamus Burke (1st)**

Sun 27th (10am) **Sara O'Reilly (1st)**

Sun 27th (12 noon) **Joe McCann**

ST THERESE CHURCH

Tues 22nd (10am) **Sally Brown**

Fri 25th (10am) **Maureen Hayes**

Sat 26th (6pm) **Brenda Vernon**

Sun 27th (10.30am) **Michael Birch**

Sun 27th (12 noon) **James Tracey (1st)**

CELEBRATING SERVICE

In Holy Family Gathering Space on **3rd & 4th October** after 6.30pm Vigil, 10am and 12 noon Masses. Our parish has a long tradition of volunteering, service and outreach. The weekend will be dedicated to showcasing, celebrating and acknowledging the work and role of our voluntary groups, committees and organisations within the life of the Parish. All parishioners are warmly invited to come along to support this event. Enjoy a cuppa and chat, be inspired, see and experience the range of activities that build a sense of community, identity and belonging. Save the date in your diary / iPad and we look forward to welcoming you to the celebration

SACRAMENTS FOR CHILDREN ATTENDING NON PARISH SCHOOLS

If you are the parent or guardian of a child attending a non-Parish school, and wish them to receive preparation for the Sacraments of **First Confession, First Holy Communion or Confirmation**, please contact the Parish Office before the end of September.

BAPTISMS

Welcome, to Holy Family Parish, those babies recently baptised:- **Alfie Paul Kavanagh-Fields; Farrah Rose Coogan; Odhran Francis Daniel Corr-Hale & Ava Lee-Corner.**

TAIZE PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS

You are warmly invited to join us for 'Taize Prayer Around The Cross' on Friday 25th September 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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

The collection for Sunday 13th September amounted to £3036.57. Many thanks to all those who contributed.

A BIG THANK YOU

Gerry's Country & Western Show raised a wonderful £1400 for the NI Hospice. The family would like to thank everyone who supported this very enjoyable meeting in memory of Gerry.



REMINDERS

Irish Class - Thurs 24th Sept @10am, in the Gathering Space. All levels catered for. Contact 07724199121.
Project Zambia-Cassidy's Bar Tues 22nd Sept 7.30pm. projectzambiamail@yahoo.ie/www.projectzambia.com
Beginning Experience (a support group for widowed, separated and divorced people) resumes Wed 23rd Sept at 8pm in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Ave. Residential Fri 23rd Oct – Sun 25th Oct in Drumalis. Contact Phil Tel: 028 90 207645 or Marie Tel: 07542070835
Retired Teachers sought, to support kids with special needs. 90247600/07518915430/anne@solasbt7.com.
St Malachy's College registration for 2015 GL assessment closes Friday 25th September
St Patrick's College (Bearnageha) Senior Prize Night - Thursday 24th September at 7pm

THE GOOD SHIP LOLLIOP – APPEAL FOR CHILD REFUGEES

Working with Catholic missionaries in Sicily to help child refugees rescued in the Mediterranean. 90646104/07545-452362 /info@tuesdayschild.ie. Donate by texting TUES75 and amount to 70070. Thank you.

INTERNATIONAL PEACE DAY

Mon Sept 21st - The Northern Ireland Interfaith Forum will host a gathering 12.30pm - 2pm. Indian Community Centre, 86 Clifton Street BT13 1AB. Readings will take place between 1.15pm and 1.45pm. Feel free to bring a short reading to share. Light lunch provided.

CHARITY PREMIERE OF SUNSET BOULEVARD (07th-10th OCTOBER)

Featuring our Parish's very own Fiona Keegan in the leading role, and in support of 4 local charities (CRY, Brain Injury Matters, Mind yourself Mate & Declan McMullan Fund). Tickets at www.goh.co.uk / 90241919.

APOSTOLIC WORK

Are holding a Coffee Morning on Saturday 03rd October after 10am Mass, in the DIOCESAN OFFICE, 73 SOMERTON ROAD. All proceeds go to our Missionaries in the developing world.



HOLY FAMILY PARISH 100 CLUB

BUILDING FUND WEEK 20

£200 - R Bradley, Somerton Road

£200 - Tony McGlinchey, Camberwell Court

£200 - Lizzie Devlin, Victoria Gardens

Promoter's Prize - Anne O'Kane



LIVING YOUTH

World Youth Day 2016 in Poland. Come and explore your faith, friendship, music, culture and Mass with the Pope.

www.livingyouthni.org Closing date for Expression of Interest Forms Friday 18th September.

Youth Alpha Programme Aged 16-18? Like pizza and cake? Want to meet other young people from across our Diocese and learn more about your faith? 8 Monday evenings at Living Youth and the final 4 sessions on residential with video clips, discussion, snacks and craic. Can be used towards your PJP II Award. To register con-

contact Living Youth before Friday 9th October info@livingyouthni.org

PATHWAYS- ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME AT DRUMALIS

Commencing 03rd Oct. Financial help may be available. Contact Parish Office or www.drumalis.co.uk.

CEMETERY SUNDAY IN CARNMONEY - TODAY SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER

Mass at 2.30pm in St Bernard's Church, followed by blessing of the graves at 3.30pm.

PERPETUAL ADORATION (HOLY FAMILY & ST THERESE)

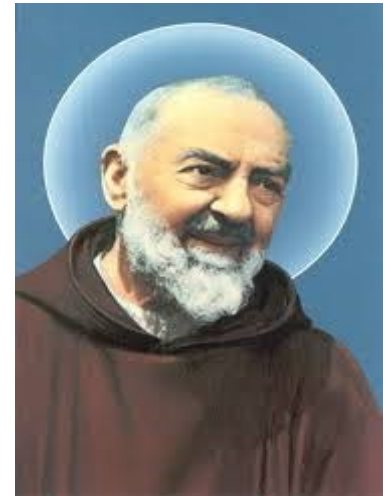
Adorers urgently required for Thursday mornings 6am-7am, in St Therese Church

REMINDER - DOWN AND CONNOR FAITH AND LIFE CONVENTION 2015 - SAT 26TH SEPTEMBER

Book online www.faithandlifeconvention.org, or through the Parish Office. Contact Living Church Office (90690920), or the Parish Office for further details. young people 16-21 can register through, and enjoy the Convention with, Living Youth 90232432/
info@livingyouthni.org.

FEAST DAYS IN THE COMING WEEK

Monday 21st	St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Wednesday 23rd	St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Capuchin friar St Eunan, monk
Friday 25th	St Finbarr, bishop
Saturday 26th	Ss Cosmas and Damian, martyrs



DID YOU KNOW.....

On Sept 20, 1918, while hearing confessions, **Padre Pio** had his first occurrence of the stigmata: bodily marks, pain, and bleeding in locations corresponding to the crucifixion wounds of Jesus Christ. This continued for fifty years, until the end of his life. The blood flowing

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

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 every 3rd Tuesday at 7.00pm and every 2nd Sunday at 6pm

Perpetual Adoration of the Most Holy Eucharist: Sun 1.00pm - Sat 5.45pm, continuously