

HOLY FAMILY PARISH



23 August 2015

21st Sunday of the Year

Sundays: Cycle B

Weekdays: 1 Psalter Week 1

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

John 6:60-69

In this chapter Jesus teaches that the meaning of his life, and the meaning of all human life, lies in being prepared to give of oneself. Perhaps you can identify with what Pope Francis says: 'Those who enjoy life most are those who leave security on the shore and become excited by the mission of communicating life to others ...' (Pope Francis: *Evangelii Gaudium*, No.10)

'This teaching is difficult', complained his hearers, including some of his own followers. Perhaps at times you also have wondered if you could go along with it. What helped you to overcome your resistance?

'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the message of eternal life.' In the midst of your doubts perhaps you have held on to belief because, like Peter, Jesus offered you a more hopeful message than you could find anywhere else. How has the gospel message been more attractive to you than any other?

'The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.' Recall the words and phrases of Jesus that are word of life for you.

John Byrne osa



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REST IN PEACE

WE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO DIED RECENTLY:

Tommy Carmichael; Baby Leo Bryce; Martin Lagan; John Kelly;
Paul Heaney; Virginia King; John McCormick

FOR THOSE WHOSE MONTHS MIND OCCURS AT THIS TIME:

Theresa Devenney

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS AT THIS TIME:

John Henry; Mary Snow; Maura McQuaid; Fr. Michael Healy; Minnie
Gallagher; Margaret Teague; Ellen Markry; Elizabeth McKee; Thomas Heaney; Maureen & Gerry Hart;
William Vincent O'Brien; Seamus Crummey

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD



BAPTISMS

Welcome to Holy Family Parish, those babies recently baptised:- Zoe Julie Shannon; Ella Billi McCreight, Cathal Desmond McCambridge, Dakota McMahan, Ruby Bright, Amelia Francis McGurk and Thomas James Burns -Savage.

WEDDINGS

Warm congratulations to those couples married in the Parish recently:- Ursula McCanny & Bob Harper; Sean Boyle & Bernadette Mulhern and Michael Houston & Laura Comac.

OFFERTORY PROMISE COLLECTION

The total Offertory Promise Collection for Sunday 9th August amounted to £3262.09. The collection for Sunday 16th August amounted to £3194.07, and the collection for Diocesan Care Homes came to £1374.54. Many thanks to all those who contributed.

FEAST DAYS IN THE COMING WEEK

Mon 23rd St Eugene (Eoghan), bishop

Tues 24th St Bartholomew, apostle

Thurs 27th St Monica

Fri 28th St Augustine, bishop and doctor of the Church

Sat 29th The Passion of St John the Baptist

DID YOU KNOW.....

St Monica (332-387), converted her pagan husband, Patricius, to the faith and, by her prayers and tears, brought her son St Augustine to Christianity, and a moral life. She is the patron saint of mothers.



ANNIVERSARY MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

HOLY FAMILY

Sat 29th (6.30pm) **Baby Niall Gallagher** (MM)

Sun 30th (10am) **Sadie & Tommy McKinley** (1st)

Sun 30th (12 noon) **Eileen McGuinness** (1st)

ST THERESE CHURCH

Sat 29th (6pm) **Dermot McGarry**

Sun 30th (10.30am) **Patrick McNamee**

Sun 30th (12 noon) **Ronan Brady**

PERPETUAL ADORATION (HOLY FAMILY & ST TERESE)

Extra adorers always welcome, please contact the Parish Office. Additional help is still required for August, as people take their holiday. Every hour helps, so please contact the Parish Office. Adorers urgently required Thursday mornings 6am-7am in St Therese Church.



TUITION

Experienced Maths tutor available, all levels catered for. Phone Becky on 07540349565.

RESURRECTION NURSERY & PLAYGROUP

Still have places for the afternoon playgroup session. Contact Rachael on 9039 1012.

NEWINGTON DAY CENTRE

Hearing Aid Clinic on Monday 21 Sept, 11am to 12.30pm. Contact Una on 07918721704

Community painting classes 8 weeks £40 starting Monday 7th September 1.30-3.30pm. For further details contact 07811773356

PIGS ON THE PITCH

Naomh Éanna/St Enda's GAA are hosting family friendly pig racing in their grounds on Saturday 29th August from 5pm-7pm. Everyone welcome.

SYRIAN REFUGEES WELCOME HERE

26th August at Edgehill Theological College, 9 Lennoxvale. In light of the current movement of migrant people into Europe from the Middle East and North Africa, this discussion evening will provide background information on the movement of vulnerable people and the policies regarding entry into the UK. In particular, the event will look at the possibility of Syrian refugees being resettled locally, some of the challenges faced by refugees who are already here and how churches can respond in welcome. The event runs from 7pm to 9pm, is free, and booking in advance is not required.

SESTINA PRESENTS MEIN FREUND IST MEIN (MY BELOVED IS MINE)

Dynamic young ensemble, Sestina, explore themes of life and death through liturgical works of breathtaking power and humanity by JS Bach and his family in the Ulster Museum on Sat 5th Sept at 7.30pm. Tickets: £15 and £10 concession available from Visit Belfast +44 28 9024 6609 and The Museum box office +44 28 9044 0000. www.sestinamusic.com or contact our director, Mark Chambers markyjchambers@gmail.com.



HOLY FAMILY PARISH 100 CLUB

BUILDING FUND WEEK 15

£200 - Colleen Ewings, Elmwood Cottages; Bernie Adams, Hopefield Ave; Margo Morris, Ponsonby Ave. Promoter's Prize - Deirdre Simpson

BUILDING FUND WEEK 16

£200- Mrs Campbell, Cooldarragh Park; Miss Brady, Evewilliam Park; Miss Brennan, Dunlambert Ave. Promoter's Prize - Patricia O'Hare



DOWN AND CONNOR FAITH AND LIFE CONVENTION 2015

The Faith and Life Convention is a forum for people to gather together and to take part in a range of conversations about the meaning of faith and its relevance to our everyday lives. Bishop Treanor invites you to attend the second Faith and Life Convention on Saturday 26 September 2015 in Our Lady and St Patrick's College, Knock beginning at 10am. This year the keynote speaker will be Father Brendan Comerford SJ, a specialist in the study of Spirituality who will speak to us on the theme - What hope for faith? In the afternoon each participant will have the opportunity to take part in two workshops from a wide range covering 20 topics.

Online booking is available at: www.faithandlifeconvention.org Booking forms are also available from this weekend, in the porches of the Churches. The Parish Office will be pleased to process your application, if required. Cost: £25 including lunch or £18 bring your own lunch [tea and coffee provided].

LOUGH DERG

Lough Derg is open for One Day Retreats from August 17th, which continue on certain days until 20th September. The Retreat follows a set programme of prayer and reflection, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation is included but optional. The day concludes with the celebration of Mass. A light lunch is served and pilgrims keep footwear on! Advance booking is essential. Contact info@loughderg.org or 028 6863 2391.

TO ALL HOLIDAYMAKERS

Don't forget that, no matter where your travels take you, you can go online at holy-familyparish.com, and follow Mass in Holy Family Church. Safe travelling.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

In St Teresa's Parish Church, Glen Road on Saturday 05th September. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 3pm, followed by Mass at 4pm.

WEEKEND CENTERING PRAYER RETREAT

18th -20th September 2015, in Tobar Mhuire, Crossgar. Bookings and registration—Eileen 00353876017709, or contemplativeoutreachireland@gmail.com. Prayer Group meets every Tuesday, 7.30pm-9pm, in Tobar Mhuire.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

The Holy Family Conference are running a pilgrimage to Knock on Saturday 12th - Sunday 13th Sept. Staying in Knock House Hotel, price is £120, which includes 2 evening meals. To book a place phone Anne on 90207622.



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