

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

24th Dec 2017

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Readings: B

Psalter: Week 4



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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).

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS

Holy Family: There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on Christmas Day. **Adoration on New Year's Day as normal.**

St. Thérèse: Eucharistic Adoration will be suspended just before 6pm Mass on Saturday 23rd December and will resume after 10am Mass on Wed 27th December.

Tridentine Mass in St Thérèse Sundays at 4pm.

Divine Mercy in Holy Family Fridays at 3pm.

REST IN PEACE

Recently Deceased: Fr Peter Forde

Month's Mind: Pearl Gormley

Anniversaries: Pluff Nicholl, Molly McHenry, Peter Nicholl, Tommy Nicholl, Anne Deery Hughes, Jim Timoney, Barry Harrison, Fred McComb, Mona McConnell, Stephen Carroll, James O'Brien, Joseph Campbell, Elizabeth McMahan, Peggy Owen, Joseph Barnes, Maura McDaid, Dermot O'Flaherty, Rita Herdman, Edmund Farry, Frank Kerr, Joe & Bridie Sherry, Mary Maguire, May Mooney, George & Rita McQuillan, Samuel Cushnahan & Paul Cushnahan, John, Margaret & Henry Kelly, Gerry McCann, Sean Neeson, Pat Quail.

CHRISTMAS MASSES & CEREMONIES

Christmas Eve Vigil

Holy Family Church- 7pm & 9pm

St Thérèse Church - 7pm & 9pm

Christmas Day

St Thérèse Church – 10.30am & 12 noon

Holy Family Church – 10am & 12 noon

Carol Service Fri 29th 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 Thérèse 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.

-Tues 26th to Fri 29th: 9.15am & 10am Masses as usual

-No midnight Mass on **New Year's Eve**

-**New Year's Day** – noon Mass only (Holy Family Church). There will be 11pm Mass on New Year's Eve in St Patrick's Church, Donegal Street.

The **Parish Office** will be closed Mon 25th Dec - Mon 01st Jan incl. There will be no bulletin next Sunday 31st.

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY (Sat 06th January)

Holy Family: 9.15am Mass only

St Thérèse: 7pm Vigil & 10am

COLLECTION

The weekly collection on Sunday 17 December came to £3153.50. Your generosity is much appreciated.

100 CLUB BUILDING FUND

WEEK 34

£200 – Mr & Mrs Carlin, Cooldarragh Park & Eadaoin

Donaldson, Hopefield Avenue

£100 – Mr & Mrs B Hughes, Salisbury Gardens & Anne

White, Henderson Court

Promoter's Prize – Ronan Poots

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS!

BAPTISMS IN DECEMBER

James Niall Trainor, Ezra Ronin McCormick, Ronan Tran Connolly & Ashton Adam Cairns

WEDDINGS IN DECEMBER

Congratulations to Clarie Devine & Steven Rolfe, who were married in St Thérèse Church.

PARISH GIFT 1 PROGRAMME

Congratulations to our Year 8 parishioners who have just completed the Parish GIFT 1 Programme. A big thank you to all the Leaders, Father Paul Strain and parents of the young people for giving of their time and talents to make the Programme so successful.

REMINDER

Cuppa & craic in the Gate Lodge has ceased for Christmas, resuming Wednesday 10th January.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES [WMOF] ICON

After the Masses on Christmas Day families will receive a copy of the beautiful WMOF18 Icon. The Icon is designed as a triptych, which looks, from the outside, like a house with front doors. On these outside doors, Archangel Michael is on the left and Archangel Gabriel is on the right, symbols of God's wish to protect us. On the base are the words AMORIS LAETITIA, meaning the Joy of Love. When the doors are opened, we see in the centre panel the Holy Family, sitting at the table, sharing a meal and their faith. On the right we see the Wedding at Cana and on the left the raising of Jairus daughter. These two Gospel stories are examples of Jesus' deep compassion and concern for marriage and for families where there is illness and worry in the home. You are invited to pray the World Meeting of Families prayer (on the reverse of the card) as we continue our preparations for WMOF18. If you would like a more detailed description of the Icon, please visit www.worldmeeting2018.ie/Icon for a full explanation, Scripture passages and reflections.

SAVE THE DATE - PRAYER SERVICE IN PREPARATION FOR THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

As we continue our parish preparations for the World Meeting Of Families our next Prayer Service will be on Sunday 14th January 2018, 5.00-5.30pm in Holy Family Church. Our special theme will be a Blessing of Toys. All parishioners, of every age and stage, are warmly invited to come along and children are asked to bring their favourite (quiet!) toy. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Gathering Space.

MASSES IN THE COMING FORTNIGHT HOLY FAMILY

Sun 31st Pearl Gormley MM

Sat 06th Jan (6.30pm) Desi Lorimer (1st)

Sun 07th (12 noon) Paul Curran (20th)

ST THÉRÈSE

Tues 26th (10am) George & Rita McQuillan

Wed 27th (10am) Samuel & Paul Cushnahan

Thurs 28th (10am) John, Margaret & Henry Kelly

Sun 31st (10.30am) Gerry McCann

Sun 31st (12 noon) Sean Neeson

Tues 02nd Jan (10am) Pat Quail

Sat 06th (6pm) Angela Fitzpatrick (1st)

Sun 07th (10.30am) James Conroy

Sun 07th (12 noon) Danny McCaughey

LAGANSIDE SINFONIA 'A CENTURY ON'

Charity Concert for Welcome Organisation (Help the Homeless). Girdwood Comm. Hub on 30th Dec at 7:45pm. Admission free, retiring collection, with all profits going to the Welcome Organisation. www.lagansidesinfonia.co.uk

THE PRAYER – ALBUM BY MARION JORDAN

Recorded in Holy Family Church, accompanied by Mark Mooney. 07809591730 / mkjordan@hotmail.com £10

THE EMERALD BALL AT TITANIC, BELFAST

On St Patrick's Day 2018, in aid of the D&C Lourdes Pilgrimage for the Sick. £60 per ticket. 90646040/90812238

COUNTDOWN IS ON: 240 DAYS TO GO

7 DAY TRIP TO BRITTANY AND NORMANDY

With Bangor Parish, June 25th - July 1st. €895 pp sharing. www.bangorparish.com

MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES

7 nights B&B, from €279 pp. Tel. 01 4434510 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com.

N.I. CANCER PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

27th May - 1st June. £669 (with price reduction for Cancer Patients). Tel: 07516759646 or mail@nicancerpilgrimage.org.uk.

ANNUAL EUCHARISTIC HEALING RETREAT

Abby Hotel Donegal Town, 12th - 14th January. All Welcome. For details contact 087 784 7304, 087 9432846, 087 2508043.

TRINITY COLLEGE OPEN EVENINGS

Wed 10th Jan & Thurs 11th Jan. Principal's address at 7pm. P7 boy and girls can win many prizes, including mini i-pads.

ST MALACHY'S COLLEGE OPEN EVENINGS

Wed 10th & Thurs 11th Jan at 7pm. P6 welcome on Thurs 11th.

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**

CHILDREN'S CORNER

It was coming up to Christmas and Michael asked his mum if he could have a new bike. She told him that the best idea would be to write to Santa Claus. But Michael, having just played a vital role in the school nativity play, said he would prefer to write to the baby Jesus. So his mum told him that would be fine. Michael went to his room and wrote, 'Dear Jesus, I have been a very good boy and would like to have a bike for Christmas.' But he wasn't very happy when he read it over. So he decided to try again and this time he wrote: 'Dear Jesus, I'm a good boy most of the time and would like a bike for Christmas.' He read it back and wasn't happy with that one either. He tried a third version: 'Dear Jesus, I could be a good boy if I tried hard and especially if I had a new bike.' He read that one too, but he still wasn't satisfied. So, he decided to go out for a walk while he thought about a better approach. After a short time he passed a house with a small statue of the Virgin Mary in the front garden. He crept in, stuffed the statue under his coat, hurried home and hid it under the bed. Then he wrote, 'Dear Jesus, If you want to see your mother again, you'd better send me a new bike!'

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