

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

25 December 2016

Feast of the Nativity

Readings: Sunday A

Psalter: Week 1



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PARISH MASSES TIMES & ADORATION

Holy Family Church

Mon-Fri: 9.15am, Sat Vigil: 6.30pm, Sun 10 & 12

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

Holy Mass in the Extraordinary Form 3rd Tues & 2nd

Sun of the month

Perpetual Adoration: Sun 1pm – Sat 5.45pm

REST IN PEACE

Recently deceased: Mgr. Colm McCaughan

Month's Mind: Mary Davis; Eamon Crossin; Frank Murphy

Anniversaries: Mary Mooney; Mary Maguire; Bridie & Joe Sherry; Paul Doyle (1st); Thomas Clarkin (1st); Seamus Goan; George McQuillan; Samuel Cushnahan; Joseph Barnes; Daniel & Margaret Gillan; Ivan McKenna; Patrick Brannigan; James Conroy; Jim Davey; Barry Harrison; Elizabeth McMahan; Peggy Owen; Maureen Reid; Hugh O'Hara; Margaret Savage; Stephen Carroll; Jim Timoney; Fred McCombe; Robert Nicholl; Molly McHenry; Peter Nicholl; Tommy Nicholl; Mary & Edmund Treanor; John, Margaret & Henry Kelly

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD

COLLECTIONS

The weekly collection on Sunday 18 December came to £3144.58. Many thanks for your continued support.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018

Please take a prayer card from the Manger in either Church, as we pray and prepare for the success of the World Meeting of Families in Dublin, 22-26 August 2018.

HOLIDAY MASSES AND CEREMONIES

Feast of the Holy Family Carol Service Friday 30th

December at 7pm in Holy Family Church

NB

-Monday 26th to Friday 30th: 9.15am and 10am Masses as usual

-No midnight Mass on New Year's Eve (11pm Mass in St Patrick's followed by festive refreshments)

-New Year's Day – Masses as per normal Saturday Vigil & Sunday schedule.

The Parish Office will be closed Monday 26th December - Monday 02nd January inclusive. There will be no bulletin (or dreadful jokes!) next Sunday, New Year's Day.

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY MASS TIMES

Holy Family Church

9.15am & 11am

St Thérèse Church

7pm Vigil & 10am

HOLY FAMILY PARISH HOSPITALITY

The Hospitality Team will provide festive refreshments to celebrate the **Feast of the Holy Family**, following the Carol Service at 7pm on Friday 30th December, in Holy Family Church. Please come along and enjoy this very special celebration.

AND.....

The Hospitality Team will provide refreshments following the 12 noon Mass in Holy Family on **New Year's Day**. NB there will be no refreshments after the 10am Mass.

CRIB DONATIONS

Offerings at the crib in each of our Churches will be divided equally between Holy Family Hospital in Bethlehem & St Joseph's Centre for Deaf People. Thank you for your generosity.

ADORATION CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS

St Thérèse – Adoration suspended Christmas Eve at 6pm until after 10am Mass on Tuesday 27th.

Holy Family – no Adoration on St Stephen's Day

THANKS FROM ST VINCENT DE PAUL

On behalf of Holy Family, Church of the Resurrection and St Therese Conferences, we would like to thank the parishioners of Holy Family Parish for their generosity this Christmas, as well as throughout the year.

PARISH DIRECTORIES

Will be on sale in both Churches from this weekend, at a cost of £4 per copy.

100 CLUB BUILDING FUND – WEEK 34

£200 – **AM Poots**, Lansdowne Road & **LB Edwards**, Cavehill Road

£100 – **Rosaleen Brannigan**, Eia Street & **Canon**

Murray, c/o Holy Family Parish

Promoter's Prize – **Sr Regina Caffrey**

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WINNERS!

MASS IN THE EXTRAORDINARY FORM

Solemn High Mass will be offered on the 29th December at 1pm in St Thérèse Church. Please come along to experience this ancient form of worship. We would like to express a particular thanks to Fr Strain in his support for the Extraordinary Form of the Mass in St Thérèse Church.

BAPTISMS IN DECEMBER

Welcome to:-

Charlotte Grace Quinn; Charlie Christopher Mowbray;

Kimberley Rose Burns; Gabriella Mia Mielinska; Ruby Olivia

Weir; Emma Margaret McGonagle; Patrick John McAllister

LAGANSIDE SINFONIA

'American Classics' Charity Concert for Welcome Organisation (Help the Homeless). Come along to see Laganside Sinfonia perform an 'American Classics' concert in Girdwood Community Hub on 28th December 2016 at 7:45pm with music by Gershwin, Bernstein and more! Admission is free but a retiring collection will be taken up at the end of the concert. Post-concert refreshments will also be served. For more information visit www.lagansidesinfonia.co.uk.

THE LIVE CRIB

Open in The Grotto of St Mary's Church until 7th January.

There will be prayers each day in the crib at 3 pm for peace for every child, born and unborn. For further details available at www.tuesdayschild.org.uk or text 07545 452362.

REMINDERS

Please **register** your details with the Parish Office.

Visit the Parish website www.holy-familyparish.com to view the bulletin, visit our facebook page or find out what's happening in the Parish. Not forgetting the webcam, which broadcasts all Masses and ceremonies in Holy Family Church.

MASSES IN THE COMING FORTNIGHT

HOLY FAMILY

Mon 26th (9.15am) **Paul Doyle (1st)**

Tues 27th (9.15am) **Thomas Clarkin (1st)**

Wed 28th (9.15am) **Seamus Goan**

Sat 31st (6.30pm) **Joseph Barnes**

Sun 01 Jan (10am) **Daniel & Margaret Gillan**

Sun 01 (12 noon) **Ivan McKenna**

Sat 07th (6.30pm) **Margaret McSherry MM**

Sun 08th (10am) **Kevin McMillen MM**

Sun 08th (12 noon) **Daniel Marquess**

ST THÉRÈSE

Mon 26th (10am) **George McQuillan**

Tues 27th (10am) **Samuel Cushnahan**

Wed 28th (10am) **Mary Davis (MM)**

Thurs 29th (10am) **Eamon Crossin (MM)**

Fri 30th (10am) **Dermot Houston**

Sat 31st (10am) **Patrick Brannigan**

Sun 01 Jan (10.30am) **James Conroy**

Sun 01st (12 noon) **Frank Murphy MM**

Mon 02nd (10am) **Mary & Edmund Treanor**

Tues 03rd (10am) **John, Margaret & Henry Kelly**

Sat 07th (6pm) **Dympna Scullion**

Sun 08th (10.30am) **Joan McLean MM**

Sun 08th (12 noon) **Johanna Lewis**

THE EMERALD BALL AT TITANIC BELFAST

Thurs 16th March, with drinks at 7pm, followed by dinner at 8pm. Luxury ballot and dancing to a live band. Dress is formal and monies raised will support the Down and Connor Lourdes Pilgrimage for the sick, as well as the young people who support them. Tickets £60 each, contact Sinead on 90610477 or the Drumbo Parish office on 90812238.

CHRISTMAS GIVING

By **Iris W. Bray**

Christmas is for giving, and for showing that we care, For honouring the Christ Child with the loving gifts we share. The wise men gave of riches, the shepherds, faith and love. Each gift, in its own measure, was smiled on from above.

Let every gift be treasured, not always size or price Determines the extent of love, and willing sacrifice. Handsome gifts with festive trim bring smiles of sweet content, But modest gifts of humble means are oftentimes heaven sent.

Whether it be large or small, each gift will share in part the message of true Christmas joy, if given from the heart.

MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES

Airport Transport and 7 nights B&B €279. Tel. 01 4434510 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com Call for flight info - 00353 1 443 4510

BLOOD DONATION SESSION

At Cavehill Methodist Church Hall on Thursday 29th December, 2pm – 4pm & 5.15pm – 8pm.

AWARE

(A local mental health charity) are looking for individuals to join their fundraising group to help people in the local area affected by mental ill health, for more information contact Emma at 90357820 or emma@aware-ni.org.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

How do sheep in Spain say Merry Christmas?
Fleece Navidad!

What is a parent's favourite Christmas carol?
Silent Night.

What song do Santa's reindeer sing on his birthday?
Freeze a Jolly Good Fellow.

How do Santa and Mrs. Claus travel?
On an icicle built for two.

Which reindeer was known for his bad manners?
Rude-olph.

If a reindeer lost its tail, where could he get a new one?
At a retail store.

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