

# HOLY FAMILY PARISH

25 September 2016  
Readings: Sunday C

26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year  
Psalter: Week 2



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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 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues & 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Sun of the month  
Perpetual Adoration: Sun 1pm – Sat 5.45pm

## REST IN PEACE

**Months Mind:** Mons. Laurence Higgins; Joseph Lynch  
**Anniversaries:** Fiona McCloskey (20<sup>th</sup>); Josie Gallagher; Maureen Hayes; Michael Birch; James Treacey; Veronica Hagans (1<sup>st</sup>); Thomas Abraham (1<sup>st</sup>); Peter & Jim Kerr; Teresa Lamont; Dublin Mick; Seamus Burke; Brian Campbell; Mary Watson; Maureen Morrison; Thomas Gallagher; Mary Catherine & Francis Booth; Jean O'Reilly; Pauline Lavery; Noreen Harrison; Gerard Keenan (1<sup>st</sup>)  
**Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord**

## REMINDERS

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

**Coffee in the Gate Lodge** Weds 9.15am – 12 noon.

Visit the Parish website [www.holy-familyparish.com](http://www.holy-familyparish.com) to view bulletin items you may have missed.

## COLLECTIONS

The **weekly collection** on Sunday 18 September came to £3514.32 and the **Autumn Collection**, for the support of the priests came to £2129.90. Many thanks for your continued support.

## BAPTISMS

Congratulations to **Kathleen Susan Caughey, Lucas Jay Connor-Allsopp & Logan Mark McTasney**, who were baptised last weekend.

### 100 CLUB BUILDING FUND – WEEK 21

£200 – Edna Kane. Limestone Road & Geraldine Goodfellow, Lansdowne Road

£100 – Phyllis McIlveen, Brookvale Fold & JA O'Hare, Dunlambert Drive

**Promoter's Prize** – Ann Cromie

Congratulations to all our winners.

**We urgently require promoters for Somerton Close & Dunmore Crescent. Please contact the Parish Office.**

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Please contact the Parish Office if your child is in p3, 4 or 7 in a non-Parish school, and making their First Confession, First Communion or Confirmation in 2017.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Come celebrate the 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Eucharistic Adoration on Thursday 13 October. Mass in Holy Family Church at 7.30pm, and refreshments will be served afterwards in the Gathering Space. Everyone welcome.

## HOSPITALITY FOR ST THÉRÈSE CHURCH

No. 65 Somerton Road is now available for the provision of refreshments to those parishioners who attend the Sunday Masses in St Thérèse (First Sunday of the month at 10.30am & 12 noon). This means the Hospitality Team will need additional volunteers who are available to provide hospitality on the first Sunday of the month in No. 65. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office on 90743119, or feel free to contact Carol McLaughlin on 07713323494, or Nora Byrne on 07821160 696.

## LISBREEN/HOLY FAMILY APOSTOLIC

A Coffee Morning will be held after 10.00am Mass on Saturday 1st October 2016 (Feast of St Thérèse, Patron of the Missions) in the Diocesan Offices, Somerton Road. Please come and support our Missionaries working to spread God's Word in developing countries.

## HOLY FAMILY SOCIAL COMMITTEE - DAY TRIP TO NORTH ANTRIM COAST - 28 SEPTEMBER 2016 – LAST FEW PLACES!

Just a few places remaining! Departing from Holy Family Church at 10am and travelling to the Londonderry Arms in Carnlough for coffee and scones, before going on to the Giants Causeway. Free time in Portstewart before evening meal and returning home at approximately 8.30pm. Cost of trip including travel, food and entrance fee is £40. To book, please contact the Parish Office asap.

## PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Dominican Jubilee pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday 09 October. Seats available on the bus. For further information, contact Sr. Marie Joseph 90370008.

## NATIONAL NOVENA

In Dromantine, in honour of St Thérèse of the Child Jesus. Mass and Novena prayers twice daily at 10.00am & 7.30pm from 23 September to 01 October.

## VISION FOR THE FUTURE - OPTION APPRAISAL – UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2016

The Vision for the Future - Option Appraisal is moving into its final stages as we draw closer to formulating a preferred Option[s] having analysed all the relevant information in relation to the possible Options under consideration. Following the consultation meetings held earlier in the year, a feasibility study has been undertaken to identify appropriate places within the St Therese site to locate a Columbarium. As the Columbarium proposal was not included in the original Vision for the Future discussions, it was necessary to undertake this additional feasibility study to enable us to factor the Columbarium proposal into the Option Appraisal process. This has required consultation with the Department of Communities – Conservation Architects to be undertaken as both St Therese Church and Presbytery are listed buildings. The feasibility study has taken longer than anticipated, but necessary to reflect the views expressed by parishioners and more fully explore the potential of our parish property to provide us with the information we need to plan for the future.

## GROUPS AT PARISH CENTRE, CAVEHILL RD

**Resurrection Nursery & Playgroup** Monday - Friday

**Geoff's Yoga Classes** Tuesdays (6.30pm), Wednesdays (10am, 11.30am, 6.30pm and 8pm) and Thursdays (9.30am and 11am). £20 for 5 weeks. 07759266713.

**Parent & Toddlers** Mondays and Tuesdays (10am)

**Beavers** Mondays (7pm)

**FitSteps** Mondays (8.15pm). Susan - [suspirefitness@gmail.com](mailto:suspirefitness@gmail.com)

**Karate** Tuesdays (7pm)

**Spred** Every 2nd Tuesday (7pm)

**Adult Irish Dancing (solo & ceili)** Tuesday (8.30pm).

90324732/07714233298 e:[annereidirishdance@gmail.com](mailto:annereidirishdance@gmail.com).

**Crafts/Sewing** Wednesdays (10am)

**Cubs and Scouts** Wednesdays (7pm)

**Whist** Wednesdays (7.30pm)

**Bridge** Wednesdays (7.30pm) & Sundays (7pm)

**Irish Dancing** Thursdays (5pm). Contact Paula 07789757198

**Indoor Bowls** Thursdays (7pm)

**FITSTEPS** is a fun and upbeat dance fitness class using Latin and Ballroom moves to get your heart pumping! Suitable for all abilities and no dance experience or partners needed! Just bring water and wear gym gear. Find out more at Facebook page "FitSteps Belfast with Susan". £4 per class.

## LEARN IRISH IN HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Weekly Thursdays at 10am in the Gate Lodge. 2 hours, £2 per week, including refreshments. Contact Jim Barry 90773049.

## ANNIVERSARIES IN THE COMING WEEK

### HOLY FAMILY

Mon 26th (9.15am) **Jean Rox**

Sat 01st Oct (6.30pm) **Sally Brown**

Sun 02 (12 noon) **Thomas Mageean (10th)**

### ST THÉRÈSE

Tues 27th (10am) **Veronica Hagans (1st)**

Wed 28th (10am) **Thomas Abraham (1st)**

Sat 01st Oct (6pm) **Brendan Vernon**

Sun 02nd (10.30am) **Sarah O'Reilly**

Sun 02nd (12 noon) **Kathleen Gilchrist**

Unfortunately all the documentation in relation to the Vision For the Future - Option Appraisal exercise was not published on the parish website as originally intended, and regrettably is not currently accessible. This matter is being addressed with the company that oversees the website to urgently rectify this oversight. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause. In the meantime, if you would like any of the previously issued updates or minutes of meetings, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office.

Thank you for your patience, and for participating in the exercise to date through attending meetings, writing, or emailing your opinions and ideas, and please continue to do so, as we draw the exercise to a conclusion and prepare to share our deliberations with parishioners in the form of a preferred Option[s] in the very near future

**V. Rev. Paul Strain, Finance Committee, Pastoral Council**

## SIXTH CORPORAL WORK OF MERCY

### To visit the imprisoned

'Remember those who are in prison, as if in prison with them'. [Hebrews 13:3]. Jesus himself 'was counted among criminals' and associated himself with all those who stand accused. [Luke 22:37].

On the night before his crucifixion Jesus was put in prison and on the cross he forgave the penitent thief. In these features we see the mercy of God which extends to all of us. Of course, society must have its measures to legislate for crime but 'God sees the heart'. [1Samuel 16:7]. There are many practical issues associated with visiting prisoners but the Church does carry out a ministry to the imprisoned. In addition this Work of Mercy challenges us

-to support the spouses, parents and children of those who are in prison and who suffer the huge pain of separation;

-to speak up for the dignity of prisoners who experience overcrowding and dehumanising conditions

-to engage in programmes of restorative justice to help former prisoners integrate back into society and make a fresh start

-to pray and 'walk the journey' with young offenders and help young people on the threshold of adult life not to give up hope.

We can also expand this Work of Mercy to embrace those who are imprisoned by the circumstances of life - those who are housebound; those who are lonely or anxious; those addicted to drugs, alcohol or gambling. We read in the Acts of the Apostles that when Peter and Silas were in prison they were praying and singing hymns to God and the prisoners were listening to them. [Acts 16:25]. May our prayers to God who sets us free reach the ears of our sisters and brothers in prison.

**The last of the Mercy Days** for the Jubilee Year in St Patrick's will take place on Friday 30 September and Friday 28 October at 7.00pm.

'*Mercy and the Everyday*' presented by Mrs Breige O'Hare in September.

'*Mercy and Motherhood*' presented by Mrs Eileen Foley in October.

The Great Jubilee Year ends on 20 November 2016 with the closure of the Holy Door at St Peter's. All other Holy Doors around the world will close the week before, on the 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the year, the 13 November 2016.