

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

26 February 2017 8th Sunday of the Year
Readings: Sunday A Psalter: Week 4



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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

Month's Mind: Una McMahon

Anniversaries: Harold Scott; Alphonsus Quinn; Sean Carroll; Jimmy McGuinness (1st); Francis McNamara; Catherine Gallagher; Harvey Bello; James Cromie; Elizabeth & Frances Foster; Moya Boyle; Eamon Fitzpatrick; Enrique Benasa; Rita McQuillan; Nora Burns; Jim Gillan; Brian Brady; Ruth Duffy; Dennis Farrelly; Ann Hale; Kathleen Gibney; Mairead O'Gorman; Bill Reynolds

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD

COLLECTIONS

The **weekly collection** on Sunday 19 Feb came to £3294.89 and the **collection for sick and retired priests (yellow)** came to £1148.16. Many thanks for your continued support.

100 CLUB BUILDING FUND – WEEK 43

£200 – **Helen McGarry**, Strathmore Park North & **Mr & Mrs Bannon**, Shangarry Park
£100 – **Mary Kelly**, Ardavon Park & **Mary Henderson**, Brookvale House
Promoter's Prize – **Frances Kerr**
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WINNERS!

LENT 2017

Lent starts this week, with Ash Wednesday on Wednesday 01 March. Masses on Ash Wednesday, including distribution of ashes, as follows:-

Holy Family Church - 7.30am and 9.15am

St Therese Church - 10am and 7pm

Why not come together for sacrificial early morning Mass in Holy Family Church at 7.30am, Monday - Friday?

READERS FOR THE LENTEN MASSES

Readers required for the daily weekday Masses during Lent (01/03 - 12/04), at 7.30am and 9.15am, in Holy Family Church. Please forward your details, and preference of day and time, to the Parish Office.

WORD ON FIRE

CATHOLICISM: The Pivotal Players is a multi-part film series that illumines a handful of saints, artists, mystics, and scholars who not only shaped the life of the Church but changed the course of civilisation. Join us in the Gathering Space at 7pm during the Mondays of Lent, as we view, learn and discuss..and enjoy a cuppa. Starts Mon 06 March.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday in Lent at 7pm in Holy Family Church.

TROCAIRE BOXES

Please don't forget to take home your Trocaire box this weekend. Every little helps to make a difference.

LENTEN PROMISE CARDS

Available in each Church this weekend. Scratch off, and live, out a promise a day. Suggested donation £1 per card.

LENTEN PIONEER PLEDGE

Many people choose to abstain from alcohol during Lent. Why not take this opportunity to help someone you know with an alcohol or drug problem by offering your sacrifice for their freedom from addiction? Register your short term pledge with local Pioneers or the D and C 90 894070 or Ian 90 616601.

Prayer: "I promise in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary to abstain from all alcoholic drink until the end of Lent."

SICK OR HOUSEBOUND

If you are, or know someone who is sick and housebound and would like us someone to call weekly with Holy Communion, or for a priest to call monthly, please contact the Parish Office.

CELEBRATING SERVICE IN OUR PARISH

Holy Family Parish has a long and proud tradition of service and volunteering as evidenced by our many groups and organisations which actively contribute to the life of the parish. The generosity and commitment of so many parishioners is very much appreciated. To try to ensure that these groups continue to thrive, and serve the many and changing needs of our parish community, we are going to highlight the work of a group each week in the Bulletin. In this way we would like to share with you the work of each group, and how it makes a real difference to the lives of so many people. If you have some spare time, perhaps you will give some thought to joining a group.

STUCK FOR A LENTEN RESOLUTION?

Prayer:

Adoration perpetually in St Therese or Holy Family on Mondays
Join us in Holy Family Gathering Space on Monday evenings of lent for the *Pivotal Players* course (see separate item)
Confession (see bulletin for weekly Confession times)

Family Prayer:

Read Popes letters – Laudati Si, Joy of Love
Stations of the Cross -personally or in Holy Family Church at 7.30pm every Friday in Lent
Mini pilgrimage with family – Slemish, Croagh Patrick, Drumalis
Family rosary

GIFT [GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER] 2 - CALLING ALL YEAR 9 YOUNG PEOPLE

The first session of the Parish GIFT 2 Programme got off to a great start on Wed evening as our Year 9 young people enjoyed being together again and developing their faith through prayer, song, friendship, fun and discussion. We look forward to seeing you again next Wednesday, 1st March - Ash Wednesday.

FAIR TRADE FORTNIGHT 26TH FEB – 12TH MARCH

The Developing World will hold a Fair Trade stall after 6.30pm Mass on Saturday 05th March and both Masses on Sunday 06th March.

SAFEGUARDING

The Parish Safeguarding Committee is seeking new members, especially parishioners with a background in a relevant discipline such as social work, teaching or law. Please contact the Parish Office.

LATIN MASS

From the First Sunday of Lent, 05 March, there will be a weekly Mass in the Extraordinary Form at 4pm in St Therese of Lisieux Church.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

FRIDAY 3RD MARCH 2017

2.30pm in Cliftonville Moravian Church, 424 Oldpark Road .
An annual interdenominational Service prepared this year by Christian women of the Philippines.

SPRED (DOWN & CONNOR)

An independent organisation that promotes the spiritual and catechetical development of those with learning disabilities within the Diocese of Down and Connor. SPRED is looking to recruit a Director. Contact the Secretary at spreddc@gmail.com
Closing date for applications 4.00pm on Friday 3rd March.

MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

HOLY FAMILY

Wed 01st (9.15am) **James Cromie**
Thurs 02nd (9.15am) **Elizabeth & Frances Foster**
Fri 03rd (9.15am) **Moya Boyle**
Sat 04th (6.30pm) **Rita McQuillan**

ST THÉRÈSE

Tues 28th (10am) **Harvey Bello**
Sat 04th (6pm) **Eamon Fitzpatrick**
Sun 05th (10.30am) **Una McMahon MM**
Sun 05th (12 noon) **Enrique Benasa**

Fasting:

From TV, computer games and social media
From the clenched fist –complaining, gossiping, foul language
Fasting from meat every Friday (and maybe Wednesday)
Almsgiving:
Give your time to a voluntary group in our Parish.
Place a *Trocaire box* in a prominent place in your home.
Donate to *St Vincent de Paul* after Sunday Mass

(See also the item on the Lenten Promise cards)

TALENT SHOW & CEILI

In aid of Down & Connor Living Youth. Fri 03 March at 7.30pm, Lansdowne Road. Tickets £10. Pay at the door.

NORTH BELFAST FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Every Tuesday, 6pm - 8pm in R City Coffee, The houben Centre, 432 Crumlin Road.

SAINTS FOR THE JOURNEY (FR JOHN MURRAY)

Book launch on Friday, 10 March. Mass with Bishop Anthony Farquhar at 7.30pm in St Patrick's Church, Downpatrick followed by the book launch and refreshments.

THE RITE OF ELECTION

In St Mary's Church, Chapel Lane Sat 04 March at 1pm Mass. The Rite of Election is for those to be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil and for Adults who are to be baptised, and it is a public expression of their intention and desire to become part of the Church. Names and addresses of any parishioners who wish to be received into the Church should be sent, via your own Parish, to Fr James Boyle, MHM, Adm, St Mary's Presbytery. The Rite for the Reception of Candidates will take place on Saturday, 3rd June at 6pm in St Mary's Church.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

First Saturday devotions in St.Matthias' Church, Glen Road, Saturday 04 March at 3pm.

SET DANCING WORKSHOP

Duncairn Centre, Sat 04 March, 11am – 3pm. All levels welcome. Contact 07885 739258 or rge1112@ntlworld.com

ENJOY SWIMMING?

Why not not join Alliance ASC? You must be able to swim. For boys and girls, age 6 and upwards. Please contact secretary@allianceasc.com for further details.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

One Friday in Lent, the faithful parishioner stumbles through pouring rain, past burger bars and steak houses, into the local monastery, and asks for shelter. He's just in time for dinner, and is treated to the best fish and chips he's ever had. After dinner, he goes into the kitchen to thank the chefs. He's met by two brothers, "Hello, I'm Brother Michael, and this is Brother Francis." "I'm very pleased to meet you. I just wanted to thank you for a wonderful dinner. The fish and chips were the best I've ever tasted. Out of curiosity, who cooked what?" Brother Michael replies, "Well, I'm the fish friar." The man turns to the other brother and says, "Then you must be . . ." "Yes, said Brother Francis, "I'm afraid I'm the chip monk."
Sorry! (Editor)