

HOLY FAMILY PARISH



27 December 2015

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sundays: Cycle C

Weekdays: 2 Psalter Week 1

THE MISSING CHILD

Today's Gospel is both an ordinary and extraordinary family story. A missing child is something that happens to most families at one stage or another. 'I thought (s)he was with you!' is the usual panicked exclamation. Returning from Jerusalem, Mary and Joseph assumed Jesus was with the caravan. Panic ensued when he couldn't be found among their family and friends. There is a dash back to Jerusalem – a whole day's journey away, and it takes three long days to find him. They must have been beside themselves with worry, thinking they had lost their son forever. We are told they were 'overcome' when they found him in the Temple – as well they might be.

Jesus' parents didn't understand what he meant by his cryptic reference to 'my Father's affairs'. But Mary stored up 'all these things' in her heart, accepting the mysterious workings of God. As the only story in the Gospels from Jesus' childhood, this one takes on greater significance, highlighting Jesus' quite ordinary family life while also setting the scene for his future mission. We might wonder what other experiences they had as Jesus was growing up. Were there other times when Mary was struck by Jesus' wisdom and strangeness? When did she realise what was ahead for him, and for herself?

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PRIESTS OF OUR PARISH

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REST IN PEACE

WE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO DIED RECENTLY:

Anna O'Grady; Raymond Rea; Brendan Macaulay

FOR THOSE WHOSE MONTHS MIND OCCURS AT THIS TIME:

Caoimhe McCullough

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS AT THIS TIME:

Catherine Murphy; Mary Morgan; George McQuillan; Samuel Cushnahan; James Conroy; John & Margaret Kelly; Pat Quail (10th); John Kevin; (1st); Elizabeth McMahon; Peggy Owen; Anne Deery Hughes; James & Anne O'Neill; Barry Harrison; Maureen Begley; Willie Carey; James O'Brien; Teresa McCaughey;

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD



PARISH LIFE



MASSES AND CEREMONIES FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR PERIOD

Sunday 27th (Feast of the Holy Family) in **Holy Family Church**—Evening Prayer & Carol Service at 4pm

Monday 28th to Thursday 31st - 9.15am and 10am Masses as usual

New Year's Eve in **St Therese Church** - Holy Hour at 11pm, followed by Midnight Mass

New Year's Day in **Holy Family Church** - Mass for Peace at 12 noon (no 10am Mass in St Therese)

And finally.....

2nd January - 10am Mass in St Therese as usual

2nd and 3rd January - weekend Masses as usual

PLEASE NOTE, THE PARISH OFFICE WILL REOPEN ON MONDAY 04TH JANUARY. THERE WILL BE NO BULLETIN NEXT SUNDAY, 03RD JANUARY

MASSES FOR THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Holy Family Church - 9.15am and 11am

St Therese Church - 7pm Vigil and 10am

PERPETUAL ADORATION – CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS

Perpetual Adoration in St Therese Church will resume after 10am Mass on Monday 28th December.

Adoration in Holy Family Church will continue as normal.

TEMPORARY ADORERS REQUIRED for Friday 1pm - 2pm and 2pm - 3pm in St Therese Church.

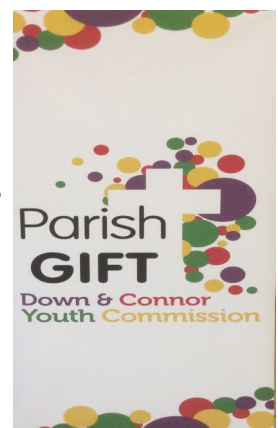
CALLING ALL YEAR 8 YOUNG PEOPLE

Come and join the Parish GIFT 1 Programme beginning on Wednesday 6th January, 7-9pm, in Holy Family Gathering Space for six Wednesdays. [GIFT - Growing In Faith Together]. Have fun, learn to juggle, do arts & crafts, First Aid, cake decorating and learn more about your faith. To register -

Holy Family Church - take a form from the tables in the Gathering Space.

St Therese Church - take a form from the notice board inside the Church.

Return your completed form, with £10, to the Parish Office or to the collection plate at Mass. Come along and bring your friends - we look forward to seeing you.



FR PAUL MORELY'S 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

On Wednesday 6th January 2016 Father Paul Morely will celebrate the 15th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood. To mark this special milestone the Hospitality Team will serve refreshments in Holy Family Gathering Space after the 10am and 12 noon Masses on Sunday 10th January. Everyone is warmly invited to come along and celebrate with Father Paul.

HOLY FAMILY CHRISTMAS TREE

Thanks again to Devines Florists, and Mark Mooney & Fiona McCann for their generosity in providing the Christmas tree in Holy Family Church.

DOWN AND CONNOR DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES

On sale in both Churches, at a cost of £3.

SCHOOL OPEN EVENTS

Little Flower Girls' School on Thursday 14th January 2016 6.45pm-9pm.

Principal's address at 6.45pm.

St. Patrick's College, 'Bearnageeha', Monday 11th & Tuesday 12th January 2016. Principal's address at 7.00pm.

St Malachy's College on Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th January 2016.

Principal's Address at 7pm.

Mercy College on Thursday 12th January, 7pm - 9pm.

Edmund Rice College on Thursday 7th January 2016 at 7 pm.

St Dominic's on Saturday 9th January 2016, 9.30am - 1.00 pm. Principal's address at 9.30 and 11am.

St Mary's Christian Brothers' Grammar - Thursday 14th Jan 2016 at 7.30pm.



FACILITATION TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

Saturday 09th January, 10am-4.30pm in St Mary's University College, lunch provided. Organised by Living Church, with a view to participation in the Lenten Adult Faith Formation programme— *Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible* (formerly known as A Quick Journey through the Bible), and *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother*. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office.

NI HOSPICE AND CHILDREN'S HOSPICE CHARITY CONCERT - LAGANSIDE SINFONIA

Join us on 29th December 2015 in St. Patrick's Church, Donegall Street at 7:30pm. Music by Rachmaninov, Sarasate and Marquez, as well as a few seasonal carols and mystery encores. Entry is free with a retiring collection in aid of NI Hospice and Children's Hospice Charity Concert.



HOLY FAMILY PARISH 100 CLUB BUILDING FUND WEEK 34

£200 - Mrs Butcher, Brookvale Drive

£200 - Patricia O'Reilly, Somerton Road

£200 - Loretto McCann, Castle Gardens

Promoter's Prize—Eithne Carroll

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

ANNIVERSARY MASSES IN THE COMING FORTNIGHT

HOLY FAMILY

Sat 02nd Jan (6.30pm) **Caoimhe McCullough MM**

Sun 03rd (12 noon) **John Kevin**

Wed 06th (9.15am) **Teresa McCaughey**

Sat 09th (6.30pm) **James Murphy (1st)**

Sun 10th (12 noon) **Daniel Marquess (1st)**

ST THERESE

Tues (10am) **John & Margaret Kelly**

Sun 03rd (10.30am) **Pat Quail (10th)**

Sat 09th (6pm) **Una Gallagher**

Sun 10th (10.30am) **Dymphna Scullion**

FEAST DAYS IN THE COMING FORTNIGHT

Monday 28th	The Holy Innocents
Tuesday 29th	St Thomas Becket, bishop and martyr
Thursday 31st	St Sylvester, pope
Friday 01st Jan	Mary, The Holy Mother of God
Saturday 02nd	Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Naxianzen, bishops and Doctors of the Church
Tuesday 05th	St Charles of St Andrew
Wednesday 06th	The Epiphany of the Lord
Thursday 07th	St Raymond of Penafort



PRAYER FOR THE EPIPHANY

Three wonders mark this day we celebrate: today the star led the Magi to the manger; today water was changed into wine at the marriage feast; today Christ desired to be baptised by John in the river Jordan, to bring us salvation. Alleluia.

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY

Universal: Inter-religious Dialogue

That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice.

Evangelization: Christian Unity

That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions.

MASS IN THE EXTRAORDINARY FORM

Today (Sunday) at 6pm in St Therese. It will be offered by Fr Andrew Black, and followed by blessing of a newly ordained priest immediately afterwards. Music will be provided by Lux chamber choir. Tea and coffee with refreshments will be available afterwards.

and

Mass on Sunday 10th January at 6pm in St Therese Church. Missals in English and Latin are available.

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

Diocesan Youth Mass 3rd Sunday of every month at 5 pm

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 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7.00pm and 2nd Sunday of the month at 6pm

Perpetual Adoration of the Most Holy Eucharist: Sun 1.00pm - Sat 5.45pm, continuously