

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

28 May 2017

The Ascension

Readings: Sunday A

Psalter: Week 3



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PARISH MASSES 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

Tridentine Mass in St Thérèse Sundays at 4pm.

REST IN PEACE

Recently deceased: Molly Barrett

Anniversaries: Jean McNellis; Tommy O'Neill;

Josephine Jones; Rita & Tommy Hill; Tommy

McLaughlin; Ron Lewis; Frances Mulligan; Hugh

McManus; Margaret Haughey; Helen Moan Downing

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD

PERMANENT ADORER NEEDED

In Holy Family Church Mondays 1pm – 2pm, 2pm – 3pm and 3pm – 4pm. Please contact the Parish Office.

COLLECTIONS

The **weekly collection** on Sunday 21 May came to £3200.91 and the collection for our **Diocesan students** came to £1351.74. Many thanks for your continued support.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed on bank holiday Monday 29th May.

SATURDAY 03 JUNE

There will be no Adoration in St Therese 10am – 11am because of the St Therese PS First Holy Communion ceremony. There will be no Confessions that morning.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE ASSUMPTION

On behalf of the poor of the semi-desert region of Brazil, and on my own behalf, I would like to thank you and all the parishioners most sincerely for your generous support of our Mission Appeal in your parish. The total donated was 2,962.49 pounds Sterling. Without the generosity of people like yourselves, we could not continue to do the work we do. So I want to assure you that your gift is making a difference to the lives of very poor people, and, for that, we are very grateful. (Sr. Bride Counihan)

100 CLUB BUILDING FUND

WEEK 4

£200 – Ethna Harding, Taunton Avenue & Fiona Keegan, Alexander Park Avenue

£100 – Mrs Rooney, Ashley Gardens & Jackie McBride, Ponsonby Avenue

Promoter's Prize – Breege McEldowney

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WINNERS!

PROMOTERS NEEDED

We still need promoters for the following streets:-

Dunmore Crescent; James Court; Limestone Road; Lothair Avenue; Brookvale Avenue; Brookvale Street; Antrim Road (upper); Hughenden Ave & Salisbury Ave

LITTLE FLOWER CELEBRATE 58 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

Sun 4th June Mass of Celebration in St. Thérèse Church at 2pm, with a Trip Down Memory Lane in Little Flower.

62 YEARS AT ST PATRICK'S BEARNAGEEHA

Mass of Thanksgiving in St Patrick's Church on Monday 19 June at 7pm; **Celebration Gala** evening in Titanic Belfast on Saturday 03 June at 7pm & **Historical Exhibition & Open Day** in the College on Thursday 22 and Friday 23 June, 1.30pm – 6pm.

VISIT TO SEAMUS HEANEY'S HOMEPLACE

Please assemble at the Limestone Road Gates of Holy Family Church at 10.20am next Wed 31 May, for departure at 10.30am.

PILGRIMAGE REMINDERS

-The Annual Diocesan (one day) Pilgrimage to **Knock** on Sun 11 June. Fr V. Cushnahan at: cush25@hotmail.com
-Diocesan 3 day pilgrimage to **Lough Derg**, 23 – 25 June. Transport to be confirmed. Cost £60. Contact Geraldine on 90690920 or email livingchurch@downandconnor.org.

LOURDES APOSTOLATE REMINDER

Church door collection for the Lourdes Apostolate this weekend, 27/28 May. Thank you for your support.

SVP ANNUAL GOLF OUTING/QUIZ

In Fortwilliam Golf Club next Wed 31 May. Contact the Professionals Shop for tee times. Quiz starts at 8.30pm.

CEMETERY SUNDAY

Hannahstown – today Sunday 28th May at 3pm

TEA DANCE

6th June, 2pm-4pm in St Mary's on the Hill Pastoral Centre, in the grounds of St Bernard's Church. £3. All welcome.

NEWINGTON DAY CENTRE FUN DAY

Next Sunday 4 June, 12.30pm - 3.30pm, in Holy Family Parish Centre, Cavehill Road. We want to say a big thank you to all our volunteers and the local community. Children under 12 must be accompanied and supervised by an adult at all times. For further details contact the Day Centre on 90351947 or call at 31/35 Atlantic Avenue. **Calling any local celebrities who could volunteer an hour for photo opportunities on the day, to join us.**

FOCUS ON BETHANY BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY.

The Bethany Bereavement Ministry is a fairly recent ministry both in Holy Family and in other parishes. The purpose of the Ministry is to provide support and compassionate listening to those who have been bereaved. Team members go through an initial training programme with ongoing training each year. Team members do not visit as "Counsellors" but as compassionate and non-judgemental listeners and this is a confidential service. It is also a reminder to the bereaved that they are members of a wider parish family who are concerned for their welfare. Team members visit in pairs, usually about 4-6 weeks after a bereavement and will leave a phone number should any of the family members need another visit or confidential chat. Training takes place twice yearly and consists of one evening per week for ten consecutive weeks. Following the training, members are commissioned by the Bishop and then by their own parish. At present there are 6 members on the Holy Family Bethany team, although the ideal minimum number is 8. However we are hopeful that in the future more people will be drawn to work in this important ministry. If you would like to know more, please contact the Parish Office on 90743119. We are pleased to announce that Anne & Tom Rea will be commissioned at 6.30pm Mass in Holy Family Church this weekend. We pray for them in their ministry.

MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

HOLY FAMILY

Tues 30th (9.15am) Jean McNeillis

Fri 02 June (9.15am) Helen Moan Downing

Sat 03 June (6.30pm) Josephine McCann

Sun 04 June (10am) Anthony McGlinchey (1st) & his wife Mary

Sun 04 June (12 noon) Frank Donaldson

ST THÉRÈSE

Sat 03 June (6pm) Patrick Boyle

Sun 04 June (10.30am) Mary Johnston

Sun 04 June (12 noon) Michael & Delia Gilfedder

MEETING FOR RETURNED LAY MISSIONARIES & VOLUNTEERS

Wed May 31st at 7pm at Sacred Heart Parish Centre, For more info email jim.farrell@amri.ie or phone/text 00353 83 8422468

GENUINE FREEDOM - EMPOWERING YOUR TEENAGER

A talk for parents with children 11-18 years, hosted by Family Enrichment Ireland. St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Avenue Sat 10 June @ 4pm. £7pp or £10 per couple. Jennifer Kehoe, mother of six and founder of One Day More, will speak on topics such as personal responsibility, personality and temperament, and use of the internet and social media.

RALLY FOR LIFE

The 11th All Ireland Rally for Life in Dublin City Centre on Sat 01 July. For further details please contact the Rally for Life Committee on 028 90278484 or click on www.rallyforlife.net

MASS IN A MOMENT

By Margaret Bick

Each week the bulletin will include a segment no more than 140 words, focusing on a single element of the Mass. Each is intended to capture attention quickly and to highlight the theological dimensions rather simply describing what happens. Because of the brevity imposed there is no intention to be complete, but to bring to light some oft-neglected foundations of the liturgy: the Church as the household of God, the action of the Holy Spirit in the liturgy and in the life of the Church, the centrality of the paschal mystery in Christian spirituality, the ongoing presence of the kingdom of God in our midst, and the eschatological nature of the liturgy and of Christian life.

Gathering for Eucharist

In the celebration of the Eucharist, God calls us together round the table of the Lord, for this is our destiny and the destiny of the world: ever since time began it has been God's intention that all people would be gathered into one - one family sharing life with God and with one another. And so we gather for Eucharist to be a sign under which the scattered children of God may be gathered together. To recall our sharing in the life of the Trinity we cross ourselves with holy water that reminds us of our Baptism. To signal our shared life we greet each other warmly as we arrive. We open ourselves to the presence of Christ already here among us. By the action of the Spirit in and among us, God's great in-gathering has indeed begun!

RELIC OF ST TERESA OF CALCUTTA VISITS BELFAST

Mon 12 June – Wed 14 June in St Patrick's and Corpus Christi Churches. See notice boards for times.

MR SPORTS SUMMER CAMP

In St Patricks College 3rd July - 18th August. Open to all children 5-14 and will involve 2 camps daily – Football Camp & Fun Camp – 9am – 3pm, £55 per week, or £12.50 per day. Contact 07514705720 / mr.sports@outlook.com

FAMILY CARE ADOPTION SERVICES

Seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children. Contact 71368592/90691133 or anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Have you ever wondered, what if God decided to instal voicemail? Imagine praying and hearing this.....

Thank you for calling my Father's house. Please select one of the following options:- Press 1 for Requests; Press 2 for Thanksgiving; Press 3 for Complaints; Press 4 for All Other Enquiries. And what if God used the familiar excuse, "I'm sorry, all of our Angels are busy helping other sinners right now. However your prayer is important to us, and will be answered in the order it was received, so please stay on the line. In the meantime, if you would like to speak to Gabriel, press 1, press 2 for Michael, press 3 for a directory of other Angels or press 4 if you would like to find out if a loved one has been assigned to Heaven. Our computers show you have already prayed once today. Please hang up and try again tomorrow!"

Thank you God, for not having voicemail, and for listening when we pray!