

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

North Belfast Pastoral Community

29 April 2018
Readings: B

Fifth Sunday of Easter
Psalter: Week 1



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PARISH MASS 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
(Eucharistic Adoration urgently requires people in St Therese Church between Midnight and 6am).

Tridentine Mass in St Thérèse, Sundays at 4pm.
Divine Mercy in Holy Family, Fridays at 3pm.

REST IN PEACE

Recently deceased: Margaret Hughes & Paul Caughey
Month's Mind: Kieron Matthews
Anniversaries: Thomas Markey, Margaret & Joseph Mascolino, Sylvia Broderick, Jane McIlwee, James McKenna, Marie Preston, John McCann, Bridie & Mickey Kerr, Mary & Joseph Fitzsimons, Paddy McQuillan, Harry & Philomena McLaughlin & Gerry McCrudden

100 CLUB BUILDING FUND

Draw for 2018/2019 starts Mon 07th May. Can those Promoters who have not yet picked up their cards please call to the Parish Office before 2pm Mon 30th or Tues 01st May at the latest. If you can't make it, please send someone in your place.

Members whose promoter is the Parish Office are asked to pick up their cards asap, during office hours.
NB Promoters needed for Kylemore Park & Dunmore area..

COLLECTIONS

The weekly collection for Sunday 22nd April came to £2832.21 Your generosity is much appreciated.

MAY ALTAR IN THE HOME

May is the traditional month of devotion to Mary. To mark this, we encourage parishioners to set up a May altar in the home. Flyers containing guidance and prayers are available in both Churches this weekend. Please share and tag a photograph of your May altar on social media (e.g. #holyfamilymayaltar).

APOSTOLIC WORK

At the recent Coffee Morning the wonderful sum of £2323.00 was donated to Apostolic Work. On behalf of our Missionaries a very big THANK YOU to all of our benefactors. You are remembered daily in prayers somewhere in the world.

CAPELLA CAECILIANA – LOVE DIVINE

Sat 02nd June at 8pm in St Therese Church. Tickets £10 (under 25s free) at the Parish Office/Matchetts and Wellington Place or www.caeciliana.org

GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE (POPE FRANCIS)

Copies from Veritas, www.veritasbooksonline.com

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Anyone who might like to contribute to the Parish as a Pastoral Council member please contact the Parish Office.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED

See Maria at 10am Mass or maria_sweeney@hotmail.co.uk

REMINDER - ONE DAY RETREAT ON LOUGH DERG – MAKE SURE TO BOOK ASAP

Our parish One Day Retreat at Lough Derg will be on Sun 20th May. This year the theme will be 'Family' in preparation for the build up to the World Meeting Of Families and the visit by Pope Francis. A coach will leave Holy Family Church at 8am, Retreat will commence at 10.20am. Refreshments served on arrival, as well as a light lunch of soup and sandwiches. The Retreat concludes at 4pm. Dinner at the Killyhevlin Hotel, returning to Holy Family at 9pm approx.. Cost £70, (travel, the Retreat (£40) and food). Contact the Parish Office before Tues 8th May.

MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

HOLY FAMILY

Sat 05th (6.30pm) Joe Benson
Sun 06th (10am) May Feighan
Sun 06th (12 noon) Joe Heaney (1st)

ST THERÈSE

Mon 30th (10am) John McCann
Thurs 03rd (10am) Bridie & Mickey Kerr
Fri 04th (10am) Mary & Joseph Fitzsimons
Sat 05th (6pm) Roland McGuinness
Sun 06th (10.30am) Mary McKillop (1st)

FIRST FRIDAY VISITS

...will take place next week. To arrange a visit, please contact the Parish Office.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018

LIVING CHURCH DOWN & CONNOR LOUGH DERG PILGRIMAGE 2018

Fri 29th June to Sun 1st July. Cost £65. Living Church Office 90690920 or livingchurch@downandconnor.org by 15th June.

BAPTISMS IN APRIL

Sage Mowbray, Leo Sean Michael Hughes, Lily Margaret Walsh, Leon O'Dwyer, Farrah Grace Moore, Eabha Flanagan, Keelan Francis McKeown, Oisín Gary McCullough, Orleigha Tracey Duggan-Donnelly, Neveah Duggan-Donnelly & Odhran Campbell

WEDDINGS IN APRIL

Claire McCusker & Bernard McSorley, Clare Konrad & Jason Beggs, Pauline McKenna & Conor McHugh, Michelle Lagan & Gregory Gibson and Jason Beggs & Aleksandra Memola

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Places left for the 5 & 7 night pilgrimages. Forms available at the Parish Office.

LOURDES APOSTOLATE

On the weekend of 12/13 May, there will be a Church door collection for the Lourdes Apostolate. By enrolling as an Associate Pilgrim, those unable to travel share in the prayers of the Pilgrimage, and also provide vital support to the Pilgrimage. The generosity of our Associates enables us to provide subsidised fares for sick pilgrims, volunteer helpers and the Youth Team, as well as providing the equipment and supplies we need to care for the sick, while we are in Lourdes. Thank you for your support.

ALTARATIONS COURSE:

Does Mass feel like a mystery? Do you know what it means when you bless yourself or genuflect before taking your seat? 'Altarations: The Mystery of the Mass Revealed' is a programme which explains and explores the depth and meaning of Mass. In St Patrick's Old School (next door to St Patrick's Church), for 5 Mondays, 7:30am-9pm, starting Monday 30th April.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

St. Matthias' Church, Glen Rd on Sat 5th May. 3pm Holy Hour, Confessions, Consecration to our Lady and 4pm Mass.

DARKNESS INTO LIGHT

5k walk on Sat 12th May, leaving Lamh Dhearg GFC at 4.15am, refreshments afterwards in the clubrooms. Darkness into Light is a worldwide movement raising awareness of depression, suicide and self-harm. Register online at www.dil.pieta.ie

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

This support group for widowed, separated and divorced people meets Wednesdays, 8pm - 10pm in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie. Contact Phil: 90207645 or Marie: 07896119669

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

Milltown – 13th May at 3pm. Bus will leave Camberwell Court at 2pm. To book a seat contact Anne 07752438039.
City Cemetery – 20th May at 3pm.

SOLAS - PLEA FOR RETIRED TEACHERS

1:1 support for children with additional educational needs, Anne: 90247600 /07729779242 / anne@solasbt7.com

COUNTDOWN IS ON: 114 DAYS TO GO



WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES – TICKETS AND REGISTRATION

Everyone who registers online to attend one or three days of the Pastoral Congress (22-24 Aug), is guaranteed to receive tickets for the Festival of Families (Croke Park, Sat 25th Aug) and the Final Mass (Phoenix Park, Sun 26th Aug). Tickets will be limited subject to venue capacity and availability.

To register online please go to

www.worldmeeting.ie/en/Tickets/Tickets-Registration

To enquire about accommodation please go to

www.worldmeeting.ie/en/Ireland/Accommodation

Alternatively call the national office – 0035316909409

For other queries contact family@downandconnor.org

As announced, the Parish will organise transport to the Final Mass on 26th August. Details are not yet finalised so bookings cannot yet be made.

EXAM TIME

Exam time can be very stressful for students, their families and friends. The Parish family would like to assure all those taking exams of prayerful support in the following ways:

- Everyone is warmly invited to the Parish Family Prayer Service at 5pm in Holy Family Church on Sunday 13th May. The theme will be 'Exam Time'. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Gathering Space.
- A special Exam Time Prayer Card will be distributed after the Masses on 12th/13th May
- Parishioners will be given the opportunity to be 'Prayer Partners' and make a commitment to praying for a named student everyday throughout the Exam season. Further details to follow next week.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES ~ PRAYER

God, our Father, we are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son, one family, in the Spirit of your love. Bless us with the joy of love. Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous, welcoming to those in need. Help us to live your forgiveness and peace. Protect all families with your loving care, especially those for whom we now pray: [*We pause and remember family members and others by name...*] Increase our faith, strengthen our hope, keep us safe in your love, make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share. This we ask, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mary, mother and guide, **pray for us.**

Saint Joseph, father and protector, **pray for us.**

Saints Joachim and Anne, **pray for us.**

Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, **pray for us.**

SAVE LIVES, SAVE THE 8TH

Pro-life Rally in Dublin, Sat 12th May. Bus from Belfast - contact Josephine on 07742002753 www.loveboth.ie

CHILDREN'S CORNER

The priest went to visit an elderly lady and said that at her advanced age she should be thinking of the hereafter. She told him, "Oh, I do it all the time Father. No matter where I am - in the living room, upstairs, or in the kitchen, I am always asking myself: "Now, what am I here after?"