

HOLY FAMILY PARISH



29th November 2015

First Sunday of Advent

Sundays: Cycle C

Weekdays: 2 Psalter Week 1

WAITING

Today is the First Sunday of Advent and we begin the season of 'waiting'. The Gospel today has powerful (and perhaps distressing) images of great signs that will appear.

For many of us this year we saw lots of signs that Christmas was coming, even as far back as September, which is more distressing than any of the images in the Gospel today. Some people love that feeling of expectancy, of waiting for someone or something to arrive. It can be quite an exciting time or even one of anxiety. Very often we are on high alert during such a time, and often quite creative.

We are asked to enter into a season of preparation, to celebrate God in our lives and in our world. It is a season of great joy and of hope and while waiting is not always seen as a good thing, it can be an interesting time of growth. So, what will our preparations be like?

In the middle of the crazy, busy days in the run up to Christmas, can we stop and invite God into our hearts and lives once more?

"As with madness we prepare for this festive time of year, as we rush and count the days, Advent passes in a haze, So may our feet take us to places where we will meet You".

Jane Mellett



PRIESTS OF OUR PARISH

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REST IN PEACE

WE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO DIED RECENTLY:

Seamus McMahon

FOR THOSE WHOSE MONTHS MIND OCCURS AT THIS TIME

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS AT THIS TIME:

Tom Gillen; Elizabeth Wilson; Sarah Quinn; Lelia McCusker;

Jackie Henry; Martin & Marie Salmon; Michael Trainor; Daniel Edgar

Wallace; Maura McLaughlin; James Henry Close; James & Josephine Burns; George Mooney

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD



**PARISH
LIFE**



PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY

The Pastoral Council has been considering the options for housebound Parishioners who wish to attend Mass or other significant Liturgical events in the parish. Many people can avail of the opportunity to participate in the Liturgical life of the Parish through the webcam, the parish radio and / or availing of a visit by a Eucharistic Minister to those who are unable to come to the Church for whatever reason.

We understand however, that many people would welcome the opportunity to attend Mass and other Liturgies, but are unable to do so because they no longer drive, or do not have access to transport. In order for us to determine whether or not there is a need to consider the provision of suitable transport to facilitate people coming to the Church, we invite you to contact the Parish Office to let us know if you would like to use such a service, including details of Church and time of Mass that you would prefer to attend.

The Parish Office can be contacted by -

Phone: 90743119

Email: holyfamily@downandconnor.org

or by you or a representative calling in person.

We look forward to hearing your views on this proposal.

THIRD IN THE SERIES OF BEREAVEMENT TALKS

“Helping Children Through Grief” by Helen Barrie from Barnardo’s - Mon 30th Nov at 7.30pm in Holy Family Gathering Space. Refreshments will be served after the talk, and all are most welcome.

BAPTISMS

Welcome, to Holy Family Parish, **Fiadh Grace Morgan; Elijah Ryan Paul Rosbotham; Anna Mae Scollay and Cara Mae Stuart.**

ANNIVERSARY MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

HOLY FAMILY

Tues 01st Dec (9.15am) **Deceased members of Newington Credit Union**

Wed 02nd (9.15am) **Martin Salmon**

Sat 05th (6.30pm) **Maura Twomey MM**

ST THERESE

Mon 30th (10am) **Lelia McCusker**

Tues 01st (10am) **Jackie Henry**

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

The collection for Sunday 22nd November amounted to £3523.49. The Bishop's Commission amounted to £1325.50. Many thanks to all those who contributed.

OPEN DAYS

Brefne Nursery School on Tues 01st Dec 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Holy Family Nursery School on Wed 9th Dec at 2.30pm

Holy Family Primary School on Fri 11th Dec at 9.30am

St Therese of Lisieux Primary School on Thurs 17th Dec at 10am.

ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE YEAR 12 PARENT/TEACHER MEETING

Tuesday 8th December at 3.30pm.



BOOK LAUNCHES

Ireland and Vatican II by Baroness Nuala O'Loan on Thurs 3rd Dec @ 7.00 pm in St Mary's University College

Surfing Life's Waves by Jim Deed's (Living Church) Sun 06th Dec after 12noon Mass in St Teresa's, Glen Road

LOURDES 2016

We are currently seeking doctors (post foundation training) and nurses (on the NMC live register) to join the volunteer staff of the Diocesan Pilgrimage (11-16th July 2016). Email lourdes@downandconnor.org.

PART-TIME NURSERY ASSISTANT SOUGHT

For Resurrection Nursery & Playgroup. Closing date Fri 04th Dec. Visit www.jobcentreonline.com.

REMINDERS

No 65 Shoebox appeal - all donations gratefully received this weekend, 28th and 29th November.

St Therese Garden - if you would like to make a donation towards the new fence and stones, or have any other suggestions, please contact the Parish Office.

4 Bridges Carol Service - Parish Centre, Cavehill Road at 7.30pm on Mon 30th Nov. Everyone welcome.



HOLY FAMILY PARISH 100 CLUB

BUILDING FUND WEEK 30

£200 - Miss A Mullan, Cavehill Road

£200 - Mr S White, c/o Henderson Court

£200 - Ethna Harding, Taunton Avenue

Promoter's Prize - Bernie Konrad

TODAY SUNDAY 2.30PM - 5.00PM
THE HOLY FAMILY PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR HAS ARRIVED....



WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE.

SANTA'S TEA PARTY

This year we are very lucky to have Santa and Mrs. Claus visiting us again in Holy Family Gathering Space on Sunday 6th December. Santa will be available to meet and greet children (young and old!) after both the 10am and 12 noon Masses. Please come along and enjoy our festive hospitality.

LITTLE FLOWER GIRLS' CAROL SERVICE

Fri 18th Dec at 11am. Refreshments will be served from 10.30am. Please come along and celebrate with us.

MERCY COLLEGE CHRISTMAS FAIR

Sat 5th Dec, 9.30am-2.30pm. Cavehill Community Choir performing at 11.00am. Tombola and Santa's Grotto.

ADVENT RETREAT

In Our Lady's Church, Deanby Gardens, Wed 09th Dec, 7pm - 9pm. Led by Fr. Brendan McManus SJ.

CELEBRATING ADVENT – A SERVICE OF READINGS AND ADVENT HYMNS

You are warmly invited to a Service of Readings and Advent Hymns on Gaudete Sunday, 13th December, at 4pm in St Therese Church, followed by festive refreshments in Little Flower Girls' School Assembly Hall – a quiet hour to prepare for the coming of the Christ-Child and an escape from the hustle and stress of shopping and wrapping! Everyone is very welcome.



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