

HOLY FAMILY PARISH



31 January 2016

4th Sunday of the Year

Sundays: Cycle C

Weekdays: 2 Psalter Week 4

FACING THE TRUTH

In today's Gospel Jesus invites the people of his home town to come to the truth of themselves and to stop hiding. This could have been a real moment of grace for them, if they were open to it, but it is often hard to hear. This passage, read together with last Sunday's, is the entire Gospel in miniature.

The references to Elijah and Elisha may confuse us; they are reminders that the prophets of the past did not focus only on their own people. Elijah for example, did not provide miraculous food for the Israelites but for a pagan widow and her son in a foreign town. This talk of divine favours to foreigners is that last straw for the Nazarene community. The final verses foreshadow the fate of Jesus, but the time is not yet. It seems that Jesus has committed the ultimate political blunder of finding fault with his own people. The message is one of a call to a radical reversal of perspective; something with which the Gospel of Luke is very concerned. Jesus will proclaim a new kind of freedom and his openness of heart is too much for those who hear him. Where do we see this in our communities today?

'Although they heard you Lord, they failed to listen. They heard only what they wanted to hear. The truth hurt them, you made them feel uncomfortable, and they rejected you... Show us how we may seek your Kingdom and help to bring peace to a troubled world'.

Christian Aid – Tony Singleton

Jane Mellett



PRIESTS OF OUR PARISH

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REST IN PEACE

**WE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO DIED RECENTLY
FOR THOSE WHOSE MONTHS MIND OCCURS AT THIS TIME:**

Brendan Macaulay

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS AT THIS TIME:

James & Annie Taggart; Kieran Madden; Kathleen Lynn; Richard Lynn; Mary Carroll; John & Sadie McLaverty; Sheelagh McGlade; Hugh Johnson; Phil McIlwee; Hannah Regan; Fionnbarr Doran; Edward Gribben; Elizabeth McKenna; Robert Johnson; Mary Ann Broderick; Adrian Beagon; Angela Lowry; Seamus McSparron (1st); Gareth Honey; Margaret & Samuel Shannon; Roisin Anagnostides (nee O'Neill)

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD



PARISH LIFE



OFFERTORY COLLECTION

The collection for Sunday 17th January amounted to £3505.41. Many thanks to all those who contributed.

BAPTISMS

Welcome, to Holy Family Parish, **Aaron Hunter Porter; Khadine Maria Masterson; Noah Martin Craig and Oonagh Beatty**, who were baptised last weekend.

MASS AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK

In Holy Family Church next Sunday 07 February at 3pm. If there is any Parishioner who would like to go and needs some help with transport, please contact the Parish Office, and it is hoped that St Vincent de Paul will be able to assist. The sick of the Parish and their carers are particularly welcome.

DEVELOPING WORLD GROUP

Will be serving tea, coffee and treats after all Masses this weekend, in Holy Family Gathering Space. All money raised goes directly to the Twwezimbe Centre in Uganda. We welcome your support.

UNLOCKING THE BIBLE MYSTERY

Continues tonight (Sunday) at 6.30pm in Holy Family Gathering Space. If you couldn't make it last week, but would still like to join in, you are most welcome.

REMINDER - ST BRIGID'S CROSSES 'RUSH PARTY'

In Holy Family Gathering Space at 7.30pm tonight (Sunday). Please bring a pair of scissors if possible.

VISION FOR THE FUTURE - CONSULTATION MEETINGS

It's very encouraging that so many people have attended and engaged in the consultation meetings concerning issues affecting us as a parish community. The third and final meeting will be held on **WEDNESDAY 3 FEBRUARY** [please note Wednesday, and not Thursday unlike the other meetings]. This meeting will focus on the Parish Centre, Cavehill Road. Refreshments will be served from 7pm and the meeting will start at 7.30pm. We welcome your opinion, and encourage you to come along and let us know your views. If you are unable to attend, please contact the Parish Office in person, by phone [90743119] or email holyfamily@downandconnor.org so that we can take your opinion into account.

TABLET - limited supplies of the Redemptorist publication are available in both Churches over the next month. Should you wish to order a copy, please contact the Parish Office.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

31 Jan to 06 Feb, the theme for Catholic Schools Week 2016 is: *Catholic Schools – Challenged to Proclaim God's Mercy*. The children in our Parish schools will be taking part in a range of activities, including taking part in the liturgy at Mass. Grandparents' Day (Wed 03rd) will be celebrated in St Therese PS, and the children will have the opportunity to thank their grandparents for all they do for them in passing on the rich heritage of our faith.



VOLUNTEERING WITH NEWINGTON DAY CENTRE

Seeking a volunteer for Tues 1pm - 3pm, to assist our members to crochet and knit. Tel Louise on 90351947.

HABITAT GALA BALL

For the fourth successive year Living Youth is sponsoring a Habitat team who will travel to Ethiopia in August. Gala Ball on Fri 22 April in The Tullyglass House Hotel. Tickets £40 pp; £400 per table. info@habitatni.co.uk.

DO SOMETHING SPECIAL THIS LENT!

Many people choose to abstain from alcohol during Lent. Register your short term pledge at 90894070 or email dandcpioneers@gmail.com with name, address and phone number. Pledge cards in both Churches.

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH DINNER AND DANCE EVENT

In Titanic, Belfast on Thursday, 17th March at 7pm. The Priests' will give an after-dinner concert, then entertainment by swing band 'Dave Martin and the Casino Cats'. Tickets are priced at £60 each. Tickets in St Patrick's Sacristy after Masses, or the Parish Office - 90324597 / stpatricks@downandconnor.org.

NEW LAY DOMINICAN CHAPTER

In the Dominican Convent, Fortwilliam. We meet monthly and would like to invite along anyone interested in learning more about Dominican spirituality - Francis McCaughan 07894516748/fmccaughan1@hotmail.com.

FOUR CORNERS FESTIVAL www.4cornersfestival.com and <https://www.facebook.com/4cornersfestival>.

DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES are still available, at a cost of £3. please contact the Parish Office.

TROCAIRE BOXES available from next weekend, in advance of Lent starting 10th February.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS - RITE OF ELECTION

Sat 13th Feb at 1pm in St Mary's Church, Chapel Lane. It is for those to be baptised into the Church at the Easter Vigil and for Adults. Please contact Holy Family Parish Office.



HOLY FAMILY PARISH 100 CLUB BUILDING FUND WEEK 39

£200 - Peggy Holmes, Camberwell Court

£200 - S Ewings, Brianville Park

£200 - E.Conway, Antrim Road

Promoter's Prize - Evelyn Markey

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

ANNIVERSARY MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

HOLY FAMILY

Tues 02nd (9.15am) **Seamus McSparron** (1st)
Sat 06th (6.30pm) **John Joe Martin**
Sun 07th (10am) **Vincent Meenehan**
Sun 07th (12 noon) **Hughie Herdman** (1st)

ST THERESE

Thurs 04th (10am) **Gareth Honey**
Sat 06th (6pm) **Marie Malone**
Sun 07th (12 noon) **Kathleen Foreman** (10th)



PILGRIMAGES 2016

Pilgrimages to Medjugorje, Lourdes, The Holy Land and The Shrines of Italy – www.marian.ie

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY

Universal: Care for Creation - That we may take good care of creation—a gift freely given—cultivating and protecting it for future generations.

Evangelization: Asia - That opportunities may increase for dialogue and encounter between the Christian faith and the peoples of Asia.

YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIM EVENTS AT CLONARD

In this Year of Mercy we are hoping to discover that God Himself wants to be known for His mercy more than anything else. We in Clonard Monastery have a number of events planned to support this, so why not join us? Everyone is welcome. check us out on facebook and www.clonard.com

DIOCESAN VOCATION WEEKEND

The “Door of Mercy” has been opened in this Jubilee Year of Mercy! Have you ever considered the possibility that God is calling you to be His ambassador of mercy as a priest in the Church? If so, why not take this opportunity to gather with other men who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood? This retreat will create the time and space to help you discern God’s call in your life. Drumalis Retreat Centre, Friday 19th – Sunday 21st February. Contact: Fr. Kevin McGuckien, 90614567 or kevinmcguckien@hotmail.com.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

In Matthias’ Church, Glen Road, on Saturday 06th February. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 3pm, followed by Confessions, then Mass at 4pm.

THE PRIORY INSTITUTE - THEOLOGY MATTERS

Study theology from home. Contact 014048124 / enquiries @prioryinstitute.com. Application deadline 22 February. www.prioryinstitute.com.

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