

HOLY FAMILY PARISH



26 April 2015

4th Sunday of Easter (Vocations Sunday)

Sundays: Cycle B

Weekdays: 1 Psalter Week 4

SHEPHERDS WHO SMELL OF THEIR SHEEP

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday, so named because of the excerpt from the Gospel of John in which Jesus speaks about himself as the 'good shepherd'. It is also known as a day of prayer for vocations. What makes a good shepherd? John tells us that the good shepherd is willing to lay down his life for his sheep. The shepherd is at the service of his sheep. Above all, he knows his own sheep. What a simple yet profound model for those with leadership roles in our church, and indeed for all of us.

Pope Francis used quite a vivid image in this context a while back, calling on priests to be 'shepherds with the smell of sheep'. In *The Joy of the Gospel*, he places this responsibility on all of us: 'Each Christian and every community... all of us are asked to obey his call to go forth from our own comfort zone in order to reach all the "peripheries".' We cannot be at the service of people unless we know them, spend time with them and understand where they are coming from. We must be willing to serve, wherever help is needed.

A good shepherd does not remain indoors, watching from afar, hoping everything will be okay with his flock. He must be out among them in order to be able to protect and help them.



PRIESTS OF OUR PARISH

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(Mon - Thurs 8.30am - 2pm, Fri 9am - 1.45pm)

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REST IN PEACE

WE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO DIED RECENTLY:

Geraldine Trainor; Dervla Apostolides; Matilda Rooney; Margaret McKay

FOR THOSE WHOSE MONTHS MIND OCCURS AT THIS TIME

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS AT THIS TIME:

Aidan Fitzpatrick; Thomas Millar; Kathleen Clugston; Patricia & Patrick

O’Kane; Jane McIlwee; Renta Higgins; James McKenna; Thomas

Markey; Evelyn Brennan; Kathleen Farrelly; Roger Hamilton; Paddy

McQuillan; Harry McLaughlin; Arthur Cunningham; Dominic Gilmore; Rose O’Connor; Joan McLaughlin;

William David Ferguson; Margaret & Joseph Moscolino

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD



Please note, the Parish Office will be closed on **Tuesday 28th April** for staff training.

PARISH MISSION

We continue to pray for the success of the Parish Mission, led by the Ceili Community, starting 09th May. Prayer cards will be available next weekend.



OFFERTORY PROMISE COLLECTION

The total Offertory Promise Collection for Sunday 19th April amounted to £3405.37. Many thanks to all those who contributed.

BAPTISMS

Welcome to Holy Family Parish, those babies recently baptised:- **Jayden John Navin Mistry; Lorcan Ruairi McCallan; Shane Martin Kearney; Megan Carter and Ross James Cullen.**

REMINDER - DEACON ANDREW BLACK’S ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

All Parishioners are very welcome to Fr. Andrew’s first Mass in the Parish on Tues 5th May at 7pm in Holy Family Church, and to the reception and presentation afterwards. Come and enjoy the celebrations!

DEVELOPING WORLD GROUP

The Developing World Group would like to thank Parishioners for supporting the Trocaire Lenten Lunch which raised £749.10. This amount will be doubled by UK Aid Match funding [Department for International Development]. Your support and generosity is very much appreciated.



HOLY FAMILY SOCIAL COMMITTEE - BLOOM IN THE PARK 2015

The Social Committee will be organising a visit to the Bloom in the Park 2015 on Friday 29 May 2015, departing from Holy Family Church gates at 9am. The cost will be approximately £40 [depending on numbers] which will include transport to and from the Phoenix Park, Dublin, entrance fees to the event and an evening meal on the return journey. This trip is being offered to the 4 other Parishes in the North Belfast Pastoral Community - Sacred Heart, St Patrick’s, St Vincent de Paul, Ligoniel and Holy Cross, Ardoyne. To reserve a place, please contact the Parish Office to give your name, contact details and a deposit of £20. Bookings will be secured on a ‘first come, first served basis’. Further information on the Bloom in the Park 2015 event can be found on bloominthepark.com

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We ask for God's blessings on the Primary 4 children of our Parish, who are preparing, in the coming weeks, for First Holy Communion. Ceremonies will be held in **Holy Family Church on Sun 17th May at 10am** (please expect large numbers at this Mass so we ask, where possible, that Sunday Mass-goers might prefer to attend Mass at another time for that weekend), and in **St Therese Church on Sat 30th May at 10am**.



NEWINGTON DAY CENTRE

are holding a Community Safety Awareness morning on Wednesday 29th April at the Day Centre from 11.00am to 12.30. Those attending will include Crime Prevention PSNI, NI Fire and Rescue Service, Good Morning North Belfast, Action on Hearing Loss and Age NI personal Alarms. Tea/ Coffee sandwiches etc. will be served. Everyone welcome. If possible just call the centre to say if attending for catering purposes. Any queries please contact Louise Purdy on 90351947.

JUST ONE HOUR A WEEK OF YOUR TIME - PLEASE!

Long term adorers sought urgently for the following times in **St Therese Church**: Sun 4am-5am; Mon 3am-5am and 8pm-9pm; Tues 6am-7am and 1pm-2pm; Wed 3am-5am, 6am-7am and 9am-10am; Thurs 5am-6am; And... extra Adorers required, to link up with existing Adorers:-
Mon 3pm- 4pm; Tues 1pm - 2pm; Wed 3pm - 4pm and 5pm - 6pm; Thurs 1pm - 2pm, 3pm - 4pm and 8pm - 9pm; Fri 2pm - 3pm and 6pm - 7pm; Sat 3pm - 4pm; Sun 7pm - 8pm

And Adorer required for **Holy Family Church** on Mondays 11am - 12 noon



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER VIGIL FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

Church of Mary, Mother of the Church, Saintfield, on Thurs 30th April 7.30pm – 10pm. The Vigil will conclude with Mass at 9pm. "Behind and before every vocation to the priesthood or to the consecrated life there is always the strong and intense prayer of someone: a grandmother, a grandfather, a mother, a father, a community.... This is why Jesus said: "Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest," that is, God the Father, "to send out labourers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38).

SALE OF THE PASTORAL CENTRE

In the Vision for the Future document and consultation, it was indicated that the Pastoral Centre in 222 Limestone Road would be placed on the open market. We would like to inform Parishioners that this has now happened.



If anyone is interested in joining the **2015/2016 100 Club** draw, which **starts on 04th May**, please contact the Parish Office. Just £2 per week (£100 over 50 weeks).

Promoters, please note the cards for the new draw are to be collected from Holy Family Presbytery on **Mon 27th April 6pm-7pm**
NB Promoter needed for Glanworth Drive - contact the Parish Office



PILGRIMAGES

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

There are still places available on the 5 and 7 night pilgrimages, as well as spaces for pilgrims needing medical and/or personal care. Contact the Parish Office.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGES

Medjugorje Irish Centre 7 nights B&B, flight and transfers for £415 on 6th, 11th and 18th May. 028 82 241 888

ARE YOU SUFFERING THE PAIN OF LOSS? LOOKING FOR HELP AND UNDERSTANDING?

Beginning Experience (a support group for widowed, separated and divorced people) meets every Wed 8pm to 10pm in St Bride's Hall, 38, Derryvolgie Avenue. Support group recommences Wed 22nd April 2015.

Residential Weekend: Fri 23rd – Sun 25th October 2015 in Drumalis, Larne. Application forms available on request. For further information please contact Phil Tel: 028 90 207645 or Marie Tel: 07542070835

LOUGH DERG

Pilgrimage Season opens Sat 2nd May with One Day Retreats Advance booking is essential. The 3 Day Pilgrimage season begins on Friday 29th May. Contact 00 353 71 9861518 or email. info@loughderg.org

DROMANTINE RETREAT AND CONFERENCE CENTRE

1 day retreat on Forgiveness: the key to healing and happiness. Facilitated by Fr. Des Corrigan, SMA . Sat. 30th May 2015. 10 am – 4.30. Tel. 028 30821964 Email; admin@dromantineconference.com

LISTENING TO THE CALL OF THE SPIRIT IN MID-LIFE

Drumalis, Larne – Sat, 6 June 2015, 9.30am—4.45pm. . Led by the Passionist Sisters, for women in the second phase of life who feel attracted to explore the possibility that God is calling them to a deeper faith commitment. £15 per person. contact 028 28276455/28272196.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Mon 27th (9.15am) **Suffering Souls**

Tues 28th (9.15am) **Thomas Markey**

Wed 29th (9.15am) **John & Mary Higgins**

Sat 02nd (6.30pm) **May (Mary) Feighan (1st)**

Sun 03rd (10am) **Maureen Reid (MM)**

Sun 03rd (12 noon) **Sylvia Broderick**

ST THERESE CHURCH

Mon 27th (10am) **Evelyn Brennan**

Fri 01st (10am) **John Lowry**

Fri 01st (11am) **Dervla Apostolides**

Sat 02nd (6pm) **Roland McGuinness**

Sun 03rd (12 noon) **Gerry Milligan (MM)**



MASS TIMES IN HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Holy Family Church

Mon-Fri: 9.15am

Sat Vigil: 6.30pm

Sun: 10am & 12 noon

Confessions: Sat 5.45pm - 6.15pm

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 every 3rd Tuesday at 7.00pm and every 2nd Sunday at 6pm

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