

HOLY FAMILY PARISH



29 March 2015

Palm Sunday

Sundays: Cycle B

Weekdays: 1 Psalter Week 2

PALM SUNDAY

Today we read Mark's account of Jesus' Passion; yes it is the long Gospel but we should not miss out on the journey that this account offers us. A good question to ask is 'Where do I stand' in this Gospel? Are you looking on as a bystander, are you in the group of disciples, are you closer to the Roman Soldier who confesses Jesus's identity after his death – an unlikely hero? Perhaps it is a more difficult journey as you relate to Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, a Jesus who is 'distressed' and 'agitated' because of many things: isolation, the disappointment he must feel because of the abandonment of his closest friends, betrayal, loneliness, mocking, torture? Mark has Jesus die in total isolation.

The cry of abandonment on the cross has to be one of the most frightening aspects of this account: 'Eloi, Eloi Lama Sabbachtani?' My God, my God, why have you deserted me? At the crucial moment, even God is silent. This is not an easy journey. We know the story does not end there, but for this week we enter into the rawness of Mark's cross. We can remember those today who stand for justice, who fight for human rights, those who are counter-cultural, who stand against oppressive systems even though the path is dangerous and lonely. And we can continue to ask ourselves: 'Where do I stand?'



PRIESTS OF OUR PARISH

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REST IN PEACE

WE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO DIED RECENTLY:

Gerry Milligan; Sadie Graham; Gerald McAllister; Maureen Reid; John Clarkin

FOR THOSE WHOSE MONTHS MIND OCCURS AT THIS TIME:

Alphonsus Quinn

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS AT THIS TIME:

Seamus O'Brien; Norman O'Connor; Paddy Dunlop; Jim & Vera Cassidy; Pat O'Neill; Edmund McWilliams; Edward Collins Comerton; Jack McLernon; Brendan Cochrane; Sean Shannon; Gabrielle Porter; Declan McCann; John McConnell; Margaret McConnell; Kay McLister; Thomas O'Kane; Margaret B Teague; Seamus Quinn; Robert Fryers; McSherry Family; Betty & Peter McCormick; Ellen Stewart; Sean Savage; Frank & Maisie Manning



NB PENITENTIAL SERVICE TONIGHT (SUNDAY) AT 7PM IN HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

DEACON ANDREW BLACK'S ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

To celebrate the Ordination to the Priesthood of Deacon Andrew, you are invited to contribute towards a presentation to him. Envelopes will be available next Sunday [Easter Sunday], to be returned on the collection plate the following weekend – Saturday 11th / Sunday 12th April or to the Parish Office.

All Parishioners are warmly invited to the celebration of Mass by Fr. Andrew on Tuesday 5th May at 7pm in Holy Family Church and to the reception afterwards when the presentation will be made.

OFFERTORY PROMISE COLLECTION

The total Offertory Promise Collection for Sunday 22nd March amounted to £4312.92. Many thanks.

DEVELOPING WORLD GROUP

Invite you to the annual Lenten lunch, which will be served after all the Masses in Holy Family Gathering Space next weekend. All proceeds will go to Trocaire.

PERPETUAL ADORATION OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST

Adoration will finish at 6pm on Holy Thursday and start again at 11am on Easter Monday in St Therese Church ... Adoration in holy family church on Easter Monday as usual

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

APOSTOLIC WORK

are having a Bridge and Card evening on Sunday 19th April 2015 in the Parish Hall, Cavehill Road at 7.00pm. £10.00 including supper. All welcome. Contact Nuala on 90771294 or Michael on 90779630"

BAPTISMS

Welcome, to Holy Family Parish, those babies recently baptised:- Ella Rose O'Carroll; Tara Rebecca McClelland; Keira Ruby Brady; Layla Grace McElroy; Flynn Patrick Ward; Daniel Ewan Morrin





PARISH DRAW

Reminder to all members and promoters that the Big Draw will be held on **15th April at 7pm in Camberwell Court**. All welcome to attend. Please ensure that all member are fully paid up. Good luck to all!!

THAT FRIDAY FEELING:

Join us for an evening of light-hearted conversation, time to think and pray, a bit of craic and a really good barbeque. A chance for you to rest, to be fed and reassured of God's presence with you, whatever kind of week you've had. Food for soul, courtesy of Breige O'Hare; food for body by Fr Devlin and the Burnt Offerings 6-10pm, Friday 8 May, 2015. St Vincent dePaul Parish Hall. Lifts can be organised. Open to all. Cost (£10) is covered by the North Belfast Pastoral area team. Places limited. Booking essential—90743119.

DAY TRIP TO NEWCASTLE, SILENT VALLEY AND SPELGA DAM

The members of the Social Committee have planned the first day trip of the season, for Wed 15th April. The itinerary will include a scenic coach journey to Newcastle, a stop for Morning Coffee, a tour of the Silent Valley and Spelga Dam, free time in Newcastle to stroll along the promenade, followed by a meal in Villa Vinci Restaurant before returning home. The coach will leave the Limestone Road gates of Holy Family Church at 10.00am and return at 8.00pm approx. The cost [excluding Morning Coffee] will be £25. Please book and pay in full at the Parish Office before 12 noon on Holy Thursday - 2nd April]. [Payment in full is required at the time of booking as the Parish Office will be closed until Monday 13th April].

CAVEHILL TENNIS CLUB

Easter Camp 2015, for boys and girls. Tues 07 April to Fri 10 April. Contact Richard 07809425655 or www.cavehilltennisclub.co.uk

DON'T FORGET TO

- Return your **Trocaire boxes**, from Holy Thursday onwards, to the box provided in each Church
- Contact the Parish Office if you haven't received your new box of **weekly envelopes**, or if you would like to request a box for the first time
- Put your **watches and clocks forward** an hour this weekend

LAGANSIDE SINFONIA: CHARITY CONCERT IN AID OF NI CHILDREN'S HOSPICE AND GIVING WHAT WE CAN

Laganside Sinfonia is proud to present a concert in aid of charity on 11th April in aid of the NI children's hospice and Giving What We Can (a charity dedicated to eliminating poverty in the 3rd world) in St Anne's Church, Dunmurry (beside Rathmore). Tickets are £5 (£2 for under 16s) and will be available at the door.



HOLY FAMILY PARISH 100 CLUB - BUILDING FUND WEEK 47

£200 - Oivia Scallan, 3 Bellevue Manor

£200 - Mr & Mrs McHenry, 31 Firmount

£200 - Mary Rose McAleer, Evelyn Gardens

PROMOTER'S PRIZE - MAY MCAREE

ANNIVERSARY MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Mon 30th (9.15am) **Frank & Maisie Manning**
Wed 01st (9.15am) **Norman O'Connor**
Easter Sunday (10am) **Bridget Cassidy & Lily Moreland**
Easter Sunday (12 noon) **Brian Nolan (1st)**

ST THERESE CHURCH

Tues 31st (10am) **Sean Shannon**
Wed 01st (10am) **Sean Savage**



FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

The Feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated in St Peter's Cathedral on Sunday 12th paril, commencing at 2.30pm. The Rosary will be followed by the Divine Mercy Chapelet and Holy Mass. Confessions available

GOOD FRIDAY FALLS/SHANKILL PRAYER WALK (12TH ANNUAL)

April 3rd beginning at 4.45pm in the car park of Clonard Church and ending there before 6.00pm. Everyone is welcome! Contact Ed Petersen in Clonard Tel. 90445950.

THE PASSION WALK BELFAST

An invitation to walk the journey of Christ's Passion with an audio guide where Belfast becomes the backdrop for the story of the first Easter. Good Friday, 3rd and/or Holy Saturday, 4th April, starting at Grosvenor House, Glengall St, anytime between 10am & 1pm. Register at www.passionwalk.org or by calling 07879 014344.

EASTER VESPERS

There will be a celebration of Vespers and Benediction on Easter Sunday at 4.30pm at St Mary's on the Hill, Carnmoney Rd, Glengormley. It will be a special way to end the Easter Triduum. All welcome!



LIVING YOUTH

Music Ministry Day with DCF. Saturday 25th April 2015 in St Bernadette's Parish, Belfast. £15.00 per person. Register: info@livingyouthni.org or tel: 028 90 232 432. Save the Date – Summer Pilgrimage Fund Raising Quiz – Friday 1st May 2015 in Lansdowne Hotel, Antrim Road, Belfast at 8.00 pm.

PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS

The staff and pupils of Little Flower Girls' School would like to invite you to join us in our Prayer around the Cross on Thursday 2nd April at 11am in our school assembly hall. This is a great opportunity to take some time out in a busy week to reflect on our lives and the meaning of the cross. Please join us in this service of prayer and song to make Easter a real celebration of faith.

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