

HOLY FAMILY PARISH



15th November 2015

33rd Sunday of the Year

Sundays: Cycle B

Weekdays: 1 Psalter Week 1

THE END OF THE WORLD

Next week we come to the end of the Church's liturgical year and therefore on this Sunday the readings traditionally speak about the end of the world and the final coming of Jesus. There is a lot of symbolic language in today's Gospel, some of which may distress us.

The opening verses tell us of great destruction of things that we know we cannot survive without – the sun, the moon. The Gospel goes on to speak about the gathering of a great community. People in Jesus' time believed that the end would come in their life-time. Jesus says that no one will know when this is to happen and that it is not for us to worry about. What we should be concerned about is how to live every day in God's love and service.

Today, we might recall times where we thought our worlds had ended because we lost something so important to us or we were suffering in some way. During that time it may have seemed like nothing would be the same again, but it was temporary; a new or different way of life was opened up to us as a result. The parable of the fig tree in the middle of this Gospel speaks to us about life and hope. In the midst of winter a small sign of hope was there even though we may not have seen it.

*When you see these things taking place, you know that he is near.
Mark 13:29*

Jane Mellett



PRIESTS OF OUR PARISH

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REST IN PEACE

WE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO DIED RECENTLY:

Maura Twomey; Jim Collins

FOR THOSE WHOSE MONTHS MIND OCCURS AT THIS TIME

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Mary McCollam; Marie Jeffers; Elizabeth Jeffers; Winnie Nicholl; Pauline Donnelly; Roger Laverty; Richard, Anne, Catherine, John, Joseph, Bridget & Mary Campbell; Robert & Gerard Hamilton; Frances Cormican

(1st); Fr.Charles Campbell; Patrick McCann; Ann McCready; Stephen Thomas; Sean Fullerton; Kathleen McParland; Margaret (Rita) Stapleton; Fiona Wills

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD



**PARISH
LIFE**



BAPTISMS

Welcome, to Holy Family Parish, **Kelihn Owen Connor; Lincoln Robert Justin Millar; Anais Donna McAree & Grace Rose McGuigan.**

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

The collection for Sunday 01st November amounted to £4028.75 and the Priests' stipend, for the support of the priests of the Parish, came to £2862.70. The collection for Sunday 08th November amounted to £3456.74. Many thanks to all those who contributed.

OUR PARISH WEBSITE: www.holy-familyparish.com

For information on every aspect of parish life please log-on to our website. All Liturgical Celebrations in Holy Family Church can be viewed by clicking on the 'View Webcam' tab. Why not tell relatives, friends and neighbours so that they can share in these Ceremonies? Photos of the recent trip to the Boyne Valley, organised by the Social Committee, are posted on the Facebook page.

WHEN YOU BUY A TROCAIRE GIFT YOU'RE NOT JUST GIVING. YOU'RE JOINING THE FIGHT FOR JUSTICE

The Developing World Group will be selling the full range of Trocaire Gifts in Holy Family Church Gathering Space after all Masses on 21-22 November 2015.

REMINDERS

LIVING YOUTH SECOND MONTHLY DIOCESAN YOUTH MASS

Today Sunday 15th Nov at 5.00 pm (Confessions and Music Practice from 4.30 pm) in Holy Family Church. All welcome.

And The December Monthly Diocesan Youth Gathering will take place on Sun 20th also in Holy Family Church. Information to follow.

RETREAT IN ST THERESE - 28-29 NOVEMBER

Theme - The Mercy and Beauty of God. Daily Holy Mass, Adoration and Benediction and Confessions. Cathal Steele 07815302563, Stephen Tyrrell 07470459008 or Michael O'Reilly 07763418867.

SECOND IN THE SERIES OF BEREAVEMENT TALKS

Monday 16th November at 7.30pm in Holy Family Gathering Space. Christy Keneally will speak on "Life after Loss". Refreshments will be served after the talk, and all are most welcome.



HOLY FAMILY PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR



..Is making a comeback, by popular demand, on Sunday 29th November at 2.30pm, in the Parish Centre. Stalls will include the Rickety Wheel, cakes, tombola, bottle stall, toys, bric-a-brac, children's crafts and Santa, of course. Contributions of



cakes, groceries for hampers, bottles from shampoo to champagne for the bottle stall, and items for the tombola, bric-a-brac and toy stalls would be much appreciated. Sorry no clothes, please. Help raise funds for our Parish by contributing, attending and buying ballot tickets. We look forward to seeing you.

DONATIONS FOR LOCAL HOMELESS PEOPLE FOR CHRISTMAS

Donations are requested for gift bags for local homeless people for Christmas. Warm hats and gloves etc, personal hygiene items as well as non-perishable food. All donations can be left in the receptacles provided in both Churches at Masses next weekend on 21st and 22nd November. Thank you for your support.

REMINDER - CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

This weekend (14th/15th) in the Parish Centre, Cavehill Road. Unique handcrafted items and gift ideas with tombola, raffle and tea room. Admission Free.

FRANCISCAN SALE OF WORKS

Sat 28th Nov, from 10.30am, in St Peter's Parish Centre (off Albert Street). Tombola, bric-a-brac, raffle, etc.

FORTWILLIAM MUSICAL SOCIETY

In Ballyearl Courtyard Theatre 17th - 21st Nov. A great week of concerts, with music from the musicals (90340202 to book). Fortwilliam are also available to hire for concerts or fundraisers (Hilary -0784648272).

ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE BEARNAGEEHA

Post 16 Parent/teacher meeting on Thursday 19th November at 3.30pm.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS CARDS STILL ON SALE IN BOTH CHURCHES



HOLY FAMILY PARISH 100 CLUB

BUILDING FUND WEEK 28

£200 - Harry McLaughlin, Ashfield Crescent

£200 - Maureen Lindsay, Brookville Court

£200 - Danny Hale, Eia Street

Promoter's Prize - B. Crilly



LAST CHANCE TO BOOK - THE BIBLE: OUR EVERLASTING STORY - A DAY WITH JEFF CAVINS (SAT 21ST NOV)

10am - 5pm in the Waterfront Hall. Tickets now available at the Parish Office, at a reduced price of £18. The day will be of benefit to everyone who is open to hearing God's Word afresh. Why not come and bring a friend?

MASS IN THE EXTRAORDINARY FORM

Tuesday 17th November at 7pm in St Therese Church. Missals in English and Latin available.

LIVING YOUTH - HABITAT FOR HUMANITY ETHIOPIA TEAM 2016

Provisional dates: 8 - 22 August 2016. www.habitatni.co.uk / 9263 5635 / gv@habitatni.co.uk

ANNIVERSARY MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

HOLY FAMILY

Mon 16th (9.15am) **Stephen Thomas**
Tues 17th (9.15am) **Sean Fullerton**
Sat 21st (6.30pm) **Martha & Vincent McGhee**
Sun 22nd (12 noon) **Tom McKillop**

ST THERESE

Wed 18th (10am) **Kathleen McParland**
Thurs 19th (10am) **Margaret (Rita) Stapleton**
Fri 20th (10am) **Fiona Wills**
Sat 21st (6pm) **Betty Monaghan**
Sun 22nd (10.30am) **Paddy Toal**
Sun 22nd (12 noon) **Pat Cassidy MM**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER VIGIL FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

St. Comgall's Church, Bangor on Thurs 26th Nov, 7pm – 10pm, Mass at 9pm. In his message for Vocations Sunday, Pope Francis said 'vocation flows from the heart of God and blossoms in the good soil of faithful people, in the experience of fraternal love.' May these words spur all of us to continue cultivating that good soil through our prayer, imploring God to bless us with vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

2016 CENTENARY OF THE ANGEL OF FATIMA

9 day pilgrimage to Fatima & Santiago de Compostela, 9th-18th August 2016. Fr Gerry McCloskey & Fr Sean Gilmore. £709. Contact Joe Catney - 90714001 / 07776425631.



MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGE

7 nights B&B £195. 02882 241888 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com.

INTERFAITH WEEK 15TH-21ST NOVEMBER 2015

Wed 18th Nov at 7.30pm in Clonard Monastery - Belfast born Redemptorist theologian Fr Brendan McConvery will reflect on 'Nostra Aetate' – the Vatican Council's Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions. Responses from Rabbi David Singer and Sheik Anwar Mady.

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