



# Holy Family Parish

*A praying, caring community, centred in Christ*

A member of the North Belfast Pastoral Community: comprising the parishes of Holy Cross, Holy Family, Sacred Heart, St Patrick's & St Vincent de Paul

## MASS SCHEDULE

### SUNDAYS

Holy Family Church: 6pm Vigil & 10.30am  
St Thérèse of Lisieux Church: 9am & 12noon

### WEEKDAYS

Holy Family Church: 9.15am Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday  
St Thérèse of Lisieux Church: 10.00am Thursday, Friday & Saturday

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Holy Family Church: Saturday 5.15pm-5.45pm  
St Thérèse of Lisieux Church: Saturday after 10am Mass

## BAPTISMS

(Prior booking via Parish Office)

Holy Family Church: Saturdays at 4pm  
St Thérèse of Lisieux Church: Sundays at 1pm

## DEVOTIONS

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Daily 10am-10pm (St Thérèse)  
**Pilgrim Prayer:** Tuesday 8pm on Parish website & Facebook  
**Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help:** Wed 9:15am Mass  
**First Saturday:** 10am (Holy Family)  
**Taizé Prayer:** last Friday of the month 8pm-9pm (Holy Family)

## SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Mon. 1<sup>st</sup>: St Oliver Plunkett  
Wed. 3<sup>rd</sup>: St Thomas  
Thur. 4<sup>th</sup>: St Elizabeth of Portugal  
Sat. 6<sup>th</sup>: St Maria Goretti



"Sentence of death was passed against me on the 15th. It has not caused me the least terror, or deprived me of even a quarter of an hour's sleep... I shall, with God's grace, give good example to the others not to fear death".

(From the letters of St Oliver Plunkett)

## CONTACT INFORMATION

**Parish Clergy:** Very Rev. Michael Spence PP, Rev. John O'Lavery CC & Rev. Deacon Brendan Dowd

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## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

30th June 2024 ❖ Readings: B (II) ❖ Psalter: Week 1



2024  
YEAR OF PRAYER

**Pope Francis proposed that 2024 should be marked as a year dedicated to prayer in preparation for the Jubilee 2025. Prayer has been a key theme in his Wednesday addresses.**

(The following is a continuation of last week's piece).

"And the homily, that comment by the celebrant, must help to transfer the Word of God from the book to life. But for this, the homily must be brief: an image, a thought and a sentiment. The homily must not go on for more than eight minutes, because after that time, attention is lost and the people fall asleep, and they are right. A homily should be like that. And I want to say this to priests, who talk a lot, very often, and one does not understand what they are talking about. A brief homily: a thought, a sentiment and a cue for action, for what to do. No more than eight minutes. Because the homily must help transfer the Word of God from the book to life. And among the many words of God that we listen to every day in Mass or in the Liturgy of the Hours, there is always one that is meant especially for us. Something that touches the heart. Welcomed into the heart, it can illuminate our day and inspire our prayer. It is a question of not letting it fall on deaf ears!

Let us conclude with a thought that can help us to fall in love with the Word of God. Like certain pieces of music, the Sacred Scripture too has a base note that accompanies it from the beginning to the end, and this note is the love of God. "The whole Bible", observes Saint Augustine, 'does nothing but tell of God's love'. And Saint Gregory the Great defines the Scriptures as 'a letter from God Almighty to His creature', like a letter from a bridegroom to the bride, and exhorts us to 'learn and know the heart of God in the words of God'....

Dear brothers and sisters, keep reading the Bible! But do not forget the pocket Gospel: carry it in your bag, in your pocket, and at some moment during the day, read a passage. And this will bring you very close to the Holy Spirit, who is in the Word of God. May the Holy Spirit, who inspired the Scriptures and now breathes from them, help us to grasp this love of God in the concrete situations of life. Thank you."

(General Audience, 12th June 2024. See www.vatican.va)

## PARISH COMMUNITY FUN DAY

# Thank you!

The Parish Community Fun Day went ahead on Sunday 23rd June from 11:30am-2:30pm, and we were blessed with great weather. The children had fun on the inflatables, played target ball, had their faces painted and ate lots of goodies. The adults were well catered for too. We estimate numbers of around 500!!

On behalf of the Parish Pastoral Council, we wish to thank the many people who made this event possible: The Parish Hospitality and Welcome team, Parish staff, and the many Parish volunteers. We also wish to thank Margaret and all the staff and volunteers from Newington Day Centre. And finally a big thank you to our scouts, for their environmental endeavours!

We also wish to acknowledge and thank all who helped to fund the day, our sponsors: St Vincent De Paul (Holy Family Conference), Newington Credit Union and Newington Housing Association. Finally, thanks to all our parishioners, and all who supported the event and made it such a successful and enjoyable day.

We wish everyone a very happy and restful summer!

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

**WEEKLY OFFERING.** The weekly collection on 23rd June came to £1,750.29. Thank you for your continued generosity and support. Donations can also be made by standing order, or the website Donate button, or the contactless donation terminals in both churches.

**PARISH 100 CLUB.** Week 15 winners: Meta Nolan, Jennifer Dundas, Dominican Sisters, Vinnie Miskelly & Ken McLaughlin (Promoter).

**PARISH OFFICE.** Will be closed Monday 08th - Friday 19th July incl. There will be bulletins on 14th & 21st July, so please forward to the Parish Office, by Tuesday 2nd July, any names or notices.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.** Volunteers sought please for Sundays 6pm -7pm & Fridays 12 noon—1pm. If you could occasionally help cover an hour, during the summer holidays, please contact the parish office.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY...**are taking a break for the summer months, to recommence September. However the weekly worksheet will be available. Thank you to our Children's Liturgy leaders, for all their good work.

**ORDINATION** Please keep in your prayers Br Chris Gault, who will be ordained for the Dominican Order next weekend, in Dublin.

**APOSTOLIC SOCIETY COLLECTION.** Thank you for your support for last weekend's collection. Envelopes can also be returned at this weekend's Masses, or to the parish office, before Friday 05th July.

**FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS.** Holy Family Church on 06 July. 10am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession and Act of Consecration. 11am Mass.

**SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER.** Thank you to all staff in our schools, for their hard work and dedication throughout the year; we wish them and the children well, for an enjoyable summer break.

**RALLY FOR LIFE.** Saturday 06th July at 1.30pm in Parnell Square, Dublin. Please join the call for urgent change to Ireland's shocking abortion rate. A coach will be travelling from Glengall Street. To book your seat, contact 07592280522.

## 'GIVE REASONS TO HOPE' STATEMENT ON WESTMINSTER ELECTIONS

In advance of the Westminster Election on 4th July, the Northern Catholic Bishops have issued a pastoral reflection, entitled 'Give Reasons to Hope'. The text can be found in the Latest News section of our website, or at www.catholicbishops.ie.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 29 (6pm):	Mark Mooney
Sun 30 (9am):	Lena McMahan MM
Sun 30 (10.30am):	Malachy Proctor
Sun 30 (12Noon):	Sean Paul McCleave
Mon 01:	Special intention (102nd birthday)
Tue 02:	Priest's Intention
Wed 03:	Maurice Jordan
Thu 04:	Priest's Intention
Fri 05:	Priest's Intention
Sat 06 (10am):	Priest's Intention



For more information and resources:  
[www.holy-familyparish.com](http://www.holy-familyparish.com)



## REST IN PEACE

**Recently Deceased:** Samuel McMurray  
**Month's Mind:** Mary O'Rourke & Lena Madden  
**Anniversaries:** Agnes and James Lucey, Niall Boden, Mark Doherty, Charlie McCartan, Ernest Cadden, Jack Segerdahl, Ethna Wilson, Mark Mooney, Sean Paul McCleave, Malachy Proctor, Maurice Jordan

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!*