



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)

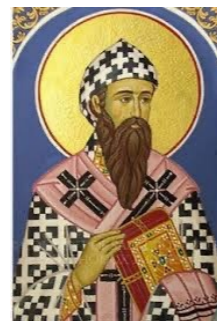
Holy Family Church: Saturdays at 4pm
St Thérèse of Lisieux Church: Sundays at 1pm

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 24: The Nativity of St John Baptist
Thurs 27: St Cyril of Alexandria
Fri 28: St Irenaeus
Sat 29: Ss Peter & Paul



“As two pieces of wax fused together make one, so whoever receives Holy Communion is so united with Christ, that Christ is in them, and they are in Christ”.

St Cyril of Alexandria

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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Website & Webcam: www.holy-familyparish.com

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

23rd June 2024 ❖ Readings: B (II) ❖ Psalter: Week 4



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.

“Brothers and sisters, the Church is nourished by the spiritual reading of the Sacred Scripture, that is, by reading under the guidance of the Holy Spirit that inspired it .

One way of doing a spiritual reading of the Word of God is what is called the *lectio divina*, a word whose meaning we perhaps do not understand. It consists in dedicating a time of the day to the personal and meditative reading of a passage of the Scripture. And this is very important: every day, take the time to listen to, to meditate, reading a passage from the Scripture. And therefore, I recommend that you always have a pocket edition of the Gospel and keep it in your bag, in your pocket... So, when you are travelling, or have a little free time, you can take it and read it. This is very important for life. Get a pocket Gospel and read it once, twice, or whenever you have the chance throughout the day. But the quintessential spiritual reading of the Scriptures is the community reading in the Liturgy at Mass. There, we see how an event or a teaching, given by the Old Testament, finds its full expression in the Gospel of Christ.

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

“Indeed, it can happen that in a certain passage of the Scripture, that we have read many times without particular emotion, one day we read it in an atmosphere of faith and prayer, and then that text is unexpectedly illuminated, it speaks to us, it sheds light on a problem we are living, it makes God's will for us clear in a certain situation. To what is this change due, if not to an enlightenment of the Holy Spirit?”

COMMUNITY FUN DAY 23RD JUNE

Holy Family Parish, together with Newington Day Centre, invite everyone to a fun afternoon in the grounds of Holy Family Church, TO-DAY Sunday 23rd June, 11:30am - 2:30pm. ADMISSION FREE! There's something for everyone – fun inflatables, face painting, ice cream, hot food and lots more. Please come along and bring your friends. Children under 12 years must be accompanied by an adult.



Following their recent victory in the Irish Cup Final, Cliftonville FC has kindly agreed to allow the Cup to make a guest appearance!

NB THERE WILL BE NO PARKING IN THE GROUNDS OF HOLY FAMILY CHURCH TODAY

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

WEEKLY OFFERING. The weekly collection on 16th June came to £2,879.64, and the collection for Peter's Pence (towards the pope's charities) was £1,299.81. 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 14 winners: Geraldine Connolly, Corinna Bennett, Margaret Larkin & Anne O'Kane (Promoter).

APOSTOLIC SOCIETY COLLECTION. Takes place at all Masses this weekend, helping to support Irish Missionaries and others, in their work overseas. The envelopes can also be returned at next weekend's Masses, or to the parish office.

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.

TAIZÉ PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS. You are warmly invited to Taizé Prayer Around The Cross on Friday 28th June, 8pm - 9pm, in Holy Family Church. Everyone very welcome. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Gathering Space.

HOSPITALITY. The Wednesday teas and monthly hospitality is suspended for the summer. Sincere thanks to the Hospitality & Welcome Team for providing us with such tasty treats, and for contributing so wonderfully to the life of our parish

FAREWELL TO OUR P7s, as they prepare to leave primary school. We wish them every blessing for the summer, and in their new schools.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL TRIP TO KNOCK. 14th-15th September 2024. Bed, Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner. £145. Limited places. Contact: Tom 07747076681.

CLONARD SOLEMN NOVENA. In honour of our MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP continues until 27th June. See www.clonard.com or Latest News.

LOUGH DERG THREE DAY PILGRIMAGE. Runs until 15th August. Booking advised. at www.loughderg.org, email info@loughderg.org or telephone 00353719861518.



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.

SUMMER LUNCHTIME CONCERT. In First Presbyterian Church, Rosemary Street, Saturday 29th June at 1.15 pm, given by Gemma O'Keeffe (violin) and Donal McCrisken (piano). Music by Brahms, Falla and Kreisler. Free admission, retiring collection.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 22 (6pm): Michael & Joe Cassidy
Sun 23 (9am): Priest's Intention
Sun 23 (10.30am): Anthony & Jacqueline Vaz
Sun 23 (12Noon): Mary MacManus MM
Mon 24: Priest's Intention
Tue 25: Priest's Intention
Wed 26: Thomas Moreland (20th)
Thu 27: Priest's Intention
Fri 28: Priest's Intention
Sat 29 (10am): Priest's Intention



For more information and resources:
www.holy-familyparish.com

REST IN PEACE

Recently Deceased: Samuel McMurray
Month's Mind: Mary MacManus & Kate Catney
Anniversaries: Gareth Parker, Gerard McCool, Patrick and Gerard McCullough, Mary Kennedy, John Adair, Michael & Joe Cassidy, Anthony & Jacqueline Vaz, Thomas Moreland (20th)

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!

