



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

Sun 29: World Day of Migrants and Refugees
Mon 30: St Jerome
Tue 1: St Thérèse of Lisieux
Wed 2: The Holy Guardian Angles
Fri 4: St Francis of Assisi
Sat 5: St Faustina Kowalska



We adore you, Lord Jesus Christ, here, and in all your churches throughout the world, and we bless you, for by your holy cross you have redeemed the world. Amen

(St Francis of Assisi)

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

29th September 2024 ❖ Readings: B (II) ❖ Psalter: Week 2



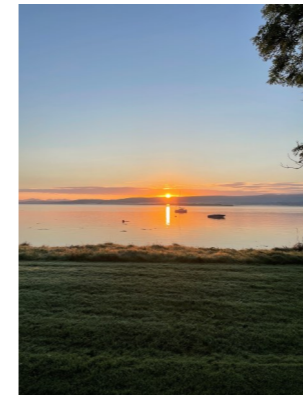
TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

PRAYER

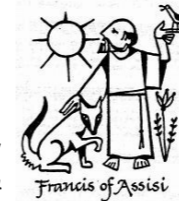
Most High, all-powerful, all-good Lord,
all praise is yours, all glory, honour and blessings.
To you alone, Most High, do they belong;
no mortal lips are worthy to pronounce your name.
We praise you, Lord, for all your creatures,
especially for Brother Sun,
who is the day through whom you give us light.
And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendour,
of you Most High, he bears your likeness.
We praise you, Lord, for Sister Moon and the stars,
in the heavens you have made them bright, precious and fair.
We praise you, Lord, for Brothers Wind and Air,
fair and stormy, all weather's moods,
by which you cherish all that you have made.
We praise you, Lord, for Sister Water,
so useful, humble, precious and pure.
We praise you, Lord, for Brother Fire,
through whom you light the night.
He is beautiful, playful, robust, and strong.
We praise you, Lord, for Sister Earth,
who sustains us
with her fruits, coloured flowers, and herbs.
We praise and bless you, Lord, and give you thanks,
and serve you in all humility.



(Extract from *Canticle of the Sun*, by St Francis of Assisi)

EVENTS

Blessing of Pets & Animals: The Season of Creation will draw to a close on the feast of St. Francis of Assisi (Friday 4th October). To mark this occasion in Holy Family Parish, a BLESSING OF PETS/ ANIMALS will take place in the grounds of St. Thérèse Church at 11am on Saturday 05th October, and in the grounds of Holy Family Church at 12 noon, also on 05th October. Please note, for Health & Safety reasons, pets must be appropriately controlled (on a lead, caged or carried). Each short ceremony should last about 10-15minutes.



Litter Pick: Today Sunday 29th September, 12noon-1pm, leaving from Holy Family Church. All children are welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult. Litter picks will be provided, and refreshments will be available afterwards in the Youth Club.

Food Drive: As we come to the end of the Season of Creation, we celebrate the time of harvest. We will have our annual food donations week from Sept 28th - 6th October, and donations shared amongst local food kitchens. NON-PERISHABLES can be left in both churches, in the gathering space in Holy Family and at the sacristy in St. Thérèse.

Prayer Service for the Feast of St Francis: Online on Friday 4th October at 2pm. Visit www.seasonofcreation.org/event/closing-prayer-service-of-the-season-of-creation.

Creative Fidelity for Our Common Home: Inaugural annual talk in St Brigid's Parish Centre on Friday 04th October at 7.30pm. See Latest News for further details.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

WEEKLY OFFERING. The weekly offering for Sunday 22nd September came to £2,174.58. Thank you for your continued generosity and support. Donations can be made by standing order, or the website Donate button, or the contactless donation terminals in both churches.

PARISH 100 CLUB. Week 28 winners: Sr Josephine McAteer, T & M Matthews, Ann Dickson, Jane McIvor & Connie Hawkins (Promoter)

NEWINGTON DAY CENTRE CHURCH DOOR COLLECTION. The Day Centre is a charity organisation in the heart of the parish, looking after the elderly in the community, and providing support and respite for carers. Government funding is very limited, so the Centre relies heavily on charitable donations. A special collection will be taken up after all Masses this weekend, and any financial support you can give will be gratefully received.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS. In Holy Family Church on 5th October. 10am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession and Act of Consecration. Mass at 11am.

ST BERNADETTE RELIC PILGRIMAGE. A relic of St Bernadette will come to St Mary's, Chapel Lane, on 15th & 16th October. This special once in a lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people to experience the gifts and charisms of Lourdes at home. Visit Latest News or our social media pages, for details.

OCTOBER, THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY. A Rosary Festival runs 5th - 13th October, with a series of events. This includes the Annual Rosary Procession on Sunday 13th, leaving St. John's church at 2.30pm. Visit www.belfastroaryfestival.com or Latest News.

CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY AT QUEEN'S. Mass returns at 8pm today (Sunday). Visit qbcatholic.org or Latest News, for details of the Dedication of Studies Mass (6/10).

RCIA (THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS) The RCIA programme exists to accompany adults wishing to be received into the Catholic Church. For more information on this year's programme, call or text 07761014607 or email rcia@downandconnor.org. Information is also available on Latest News.

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR – SUNDAY 24th NOVEMBER @ 2.15pm, in the Somerton Road Site of Blessed Trinity College. Details and arrangements to follow. If you have any unwanted gifts, please hold on to them for us. If you volunteered in the past, or would like to volunteer this year, please contact the Parish Office as soon as you can, to facilitate planning. And if you have any hampers that you no longer have use for, we would be very grateful for them.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 28 (6pm): Brendan Vernon
Sun 29 (9am): Margaret & Frankie McCullough
Sun 29 (10.30am): Philomena McDonnell (1st)
Sun 29 (12Noon): Priest's Intention
Mon 30: Priest's Intention
Tue 1: Priest's Intention
Wed 2: Teresa & Patrick Monaghan
Thu 3: Priest's Intention
Fri 4: Priest's Intention
Sat 5 (10am): MM Bernice Shirazi (née Deery)



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

REST IN PEACE



Month's Mind: Jim McIlroy
Anniversaries: Joan Boden, Brendan Doyle, Peggy and Archie Devlin, Raymond McCullough (1st), Brendan Vernon, Joe McNamee, Margaret & Frankie McCullough, Philomena McDonnell (1st), Teresa & Patrick Monaghan

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!