



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 Facebook page
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 28: Ss Simon and Jude, Apostles
Tue 29: St Colman of Kilmacduagh
Fri 01: All Saints
Sat 02: All Souls



"For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise up that person on the last day."

Gospel of St John 6:40

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

27th October 2024 ❖ Readings: B (II) ❖ Psalter: Week 2

The celebration of a day such as today leads us to two thoughts: **remembrance** and **hope**. **Remembrance** of those who preceded us, who led their life, who concluded this life; remembrance of the many people who were good to us: in the family, among friends... And also remembrance of those who did not manage to do so much good, but who have been received in God's memory, in God's mercy. It is the mystery of the Lord's great mercy.



And then **hope**. Today is a day of remembrance in order to look forward, to look at our journey, our path. We walk towards an encounter, with the Lord and with everyone. And we must ask the Lord for this grace of hope: the hope that never lets us down; the hope that is the everyday virtue that carries us forward, that helps us to solve problems and to look for ways out. But always forward, forward. That fruitful hope, that every-day theological virtue, one for any moment: I will call it a theological virtue of "the kitchen", because it is approachable and always comes to our aid. Hope never disappoints: we live in this tension between memory and hope.

Today ... let us pray to the Lord for our departed, for everyone, for everyone: may the Lord receive them all. And let us also pray for the Lord to have pity on us and give us hope: the hope to press on and to be able to find them all together with Him, when He calls us. So be it.

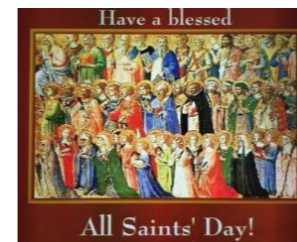
(Homily of Pope Francis, 2 November 2023)

NOVEMBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

ALL SAINTS DAY (FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER)

Holy Day of Obligation Mass Times

Thursday 31st October 7pm (Vigil) St Thérèse
Friday 1st November 9.15am Holy Family
& 10.00am St Thérèse



NOVEMBER DEAD LISTS

For those who wish to have their deceased loved ones prayed for at Masses in November, dead lists are available in both churches. Please return them to the wall safe in either Church, or to the parish office.

MEMORIAM CARDS

Traditionally, during the month of November, we remember in a very special way our deceased family members, friends and those who have no one to pray for them. You are invited to place Memoriam Cards on the special notice boards in Holy Family Church and St Thérèse Church, and to take a few moments to remember and pray for all those souls who have gone before us into eternal life.

ANNUAL MASS FOR THE DECEASED AND BEREAVED

Mass will be celebrated in Holy Family Church on Tuesday 19th & Wednesday 20th November at 7.30pm. Those families and friends who have lost a loved one during the past year are especially welcome.

ANNUAL MASS FOR THE DECEASED TEACHERS OF DOWN & CONNOR

Tuesday 12th November at 7.30pm in Good Shepherd Church, Ormeau Rd. Names and schools of recently deceased teachers to Fr Colin Grant (02890491886 / detrusteeservice@downandconnor.org. Mass broadcast via www.holyrosaryparishbelfast.net.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

WEEKLY OFFERING. The weekly offering for Sunday 20th October came to £2,760.74, and the collection for World Mission Sunday was £1,386.09. 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.

PARISH 100 CLUB. Week 32 winners: Dr & Mrs Burns, Ellen Barbour, Patricia Gibney, Kate O'Kane & Sheila Gallagher (Promoter).

PARISH OFFICE. The office will be closed Tuesday 29th & Wednesday 30th October.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. Currently, a volunteer is needed please for Sundays 7pm - 8pm. Please contact the parish office.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS. In Holy Family Church on 2nd October. 10am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession and Act of Consecration. Mass at 11am.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL. Our PPC will present the annual report to parishioners this weekend, highlighting the range of great work carried out in our parish.

CLONARD MONASTERY: Pause for Hope, an ecumenical prayer service today, 27th October at 3.30pm, for all those whose lives have been touched by **cancer**. **Mass of Hope** on Sunday 10th November at 3pm, for all those affected by the suicide. All denominations are welcome to attend.

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR & CHRISTMAS

BALLOT DRAW (in aid of parish funds) on Sunday 24th November @ 2.15pm in Blessed Trinity College (Somerton site). PLEASE LEAVE, ASAP, YOUR STUBS AND MONEY IN THE WALL SAFE INSIDE EITHER CHURCH, OR IN THE COLLECTION, OR WITH THE PARISH OFFICE. PLEASE RETURN ANY UNUSED BALLOTS TO THE PARISH OFFICE ASAP. We would be grateful for donations:- toys new & used, bottles (shampoo to champagne), Christmas goodies for hampers, and any unwanted gifts. We would also be grateful for cakes nearer to the day of the Fair. Please leave donations into the parish office, or phone the parish office to arrange collection. Sincere thanks for your support.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 26 (6pm):	Bernadette McTasney
Sun 27 (9am):	Jim Kerr
Sun 27 (10.30am):	Noreen Downey
Sun 27 (12Noon):	Elaine Sullivan
Mon 28:	Priest's Intention
Tue 29:	Priest's Intention
Wed 30:	Deceased O'Neill Family members
Thu 31 (10am):	Priest's Intention
Thu 31 (7pm):	All Saints Day
Fri 1 (9.15am):	All Saints Day
Fri 1 (10am):	All Saints Day
Sat 2 (10am):	Special Intention



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

REST IN PEACE



Recently Deceased: Thérèse Scallan, Michael Blacker & Paul Feighan
Anniversaries: Archie Matthews, Anne Moreland, Patrick & Agnes Fox, Theresa Duffy, Bernadette McTasney, Noreen Downey, James (1st) & Lochlann Browne, Jim Kerr, Elaine Sullivan

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!