



# 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

Tue 15: St Teresa of Avila  
Wed 16: St Gall & St Margaret Mary Alacoque  
Thu 17: St Ignatius of Antioch  
Fri 18: St Luke, Evangelist  
Sat 19: St Paul of the Cross



*"Look upon yourself as a tree planted beside the water, which bears its fruit in due season; the more it is shaken by the wind, the deeper it strikes its roots into the ground."*

*St Margaret Mary Alacoque*

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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

**Parish Telephone (Office hours):** 90743119  
**Office hours:** Mon-Thu 9.30am-2.30pm, Fri 9.30am-1.30pm  
**Address:** 226-228 Limestone Road, Belfast BT15 3AP

**Emergency Sick Calls only (24hrs):** 07802458240  
**Society of St Vincent de Paul (Helpline):** 028 90351561

**Email:** holyfamily@downandconnor.org  
**Website & Webcam:** www.holy-familyparish.com

## TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

13<sup>th</sup> October 2024 ❖ Readings: B (II) ❖ Psalter: Week 4

## ST BERNADETTE RELIC PILGRIMAGE

### St Mary's Church Chapel Lane, Belfast 15th & 16th October 2024

#### Tuesday 15th

12 noon: Angelus Bell: Liturgy of Welcome for the Relics.  
1.00pm: Mass of Our Lady of Lourdes.  
3.00pm: Lourdes Water Ritual, Rosary mediation, Litany of St. Bernadette.  
4.00pm: Lourdes Water Ritual, Rosary mediation, Litany of St. Bernadette.  
5.00pm: Lourdes Water Ritual, Rosary mediation, Litany of St. Bernadette.  
6.00pm: Angelus - followed by period of quiet preparation for Mass.  
7.00pm: Mass of St. Bernadette followed by Marian Candlelight Procession.  
11.00pm: Church closes.

#### Wednesday 16th

7.00am: Mass of Our Lady of Lourdes.  
9.00am: Lourdes Water Ritual, Rosary mediation, Litany of St. Bernadette.  
10.00am: Lourdes Water Ritual, Rosary mediation, Litany of St. Bernadette.  
11.00am: Lourdes Water Ritual, Rosary mediation, Litany of St. Bernadette.  
12 noon: Angelus - Followed by period of quiet preparation for Mass.  
1.00pm: Mass of St. Bernadette.  
3.00pm: Lourdes meditation on the Stations of the Cross.  
4.00pm: Lourdes Water Ritual, Rosary mediation, Litany of St. Bernadette.  
5.00pm: Lourdes Water Ritual, Rosary mediation, Litany of St. Bernadette.  
6.00pm: Angelus - followed by period of quiet preparation for Mass.  
7.00pm: Concluding Mass of the Immaculate Conception, followed by Benediction.  
11.00pm: Church closes.



www.downandconnor.org/stbernadette www.stbernadette.ie



## Catholic Bishops' Pastoral Letter welcoming migrants to Ireland

On Sunday 13 October 2024, the Bishops of Ireland published a pastoral letter to welcome migrants to Ireland. As Christians, we have a responsibility to respond to the key question of immigration across our island, and the world. This fundamental question asks, "Who is my neighbour?", and to answer this we are informed by the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:29-37). In the light of the Gospel and Catholic Social Teaching, our bishops offer this reflection on what hospitality for migrant people means in contemporary Ireland.

Mindful that migration has been a central part of our history, the Pastoral Letter provides a space to us as 'migrant pilgrim people' to contemplate the causes of migration, the gifts that migrants bring to our Church and our country, the economic and social issues we all face in Ireland, and the importance of encounter in building a true sense of belonging in every parish and community.

• A short video on the Pastoral Letter, and its text in short and long form, are available on CatholicBishops.ie or you can scan the QR Code opposite to access this content.



'Angels Unawares' sculpture in Saint Peter's Square, Rome, by Timothy Schmalz

VISIT LATEST NEWS TO READ THE IRISH BISHOPS' PASTORAL LETTER ON IMMIGRATION

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

**WEEKLY OFFERING.** The weekly offering for Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October came to £4,168.91, and the monthly offering, for the support of our priests, was £2,912.80. 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 30 winners: Fiona McDermott, Nikki Sullivan, Claudine McKeown, Stephen Miskelly & Patricia Connolly (Promoter).

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.** If you can spare an hour a week, to spend in prayerful silence with the Blessed Sacrament, please contact the parish office. Currently, a volunteer is especially needed for Sundays 7pm - 8pm.

**NOVEMBER MASS FOR THE DECEASED.** Our parish Annual Mass for the Deceased and Bereaved will take place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November, at 7.30pm, in Holy Family Church. More detail will follow.

**SAFEGUARDING.** Please note that, in the interests of safeguarding, it is important that children are accompanied at all times, when in our church buildings.

**PRISON WEEK:** 13<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> October. The Church remembers in prayer the needs of prisoners and their families; victims of crime and their communities; those working in the criminal justice system, and the many people caring for those affected by crime inside and outside of our prisons. Please visit Latest News, for the Prisons Week prayer.

**PAUSE FOR HOPE.** An ecumenical prayer service will be held in Clonard Monastery on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October at 3.30pm for all those whose lives have been touched by cancer. Everyone welcome.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR.** Sunday 24th November @ 2.15pm, in the Somerton Road Site of Blessed Trinity College. Ballot tickets will be distributed after Masses this weekend, 12th/13th October. Top prizes as follows:- 1. 2-night Classic Manor Break (includes 1 dinner) in Manor House Hotel, Enniskillen 2. £300 cash 3. £200 cash, plus loads more fantastic prizes, including vouchers for family activities, pampering and dining out. We also have a fabulous range of hampers, including turkey & other foods, toys and wine/spirits. **Please return stubs and money sealed in the envelope provided to the parish office, or onto the collection plate, or into the secure box in either church. Please note, the actual ticket must be kept, and presented, to claim a prize. Please only take tickets you wish to buy. However, if you have unused tickets, please return them to the parish office.** If you have any unwanted gifts at home, please hold on to them for us. Thank you for your support.



## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 12 (6pm): Mary Ann Cleary & Eileen O'Reilly  
Sun 13 (9am): Valley Family  
Sun 13 (10.30am): Dermot Houston (10th)  
Sun 13 (12Noon): Michael Birch  
Mon 14: Edward Brennan  
Tue 15: Kathleen Fearon  
Wed 16: Edna Donnelly & Kevin McKenna  
Thu 17: Priest's Intention  
Fri 18: Michael Blair  
Sat 19 (10am): Teresa (MM) & George Taggart and Joseph & Elizabeth



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

## REST IN PEACE

**Recently Deceased:** Áine O'Donnell (née O'Hara), Paul McQuil-lan & Margaret Bermingham  
**Month's Mind:** Elizabeth Harley  
**Anniversaries:** Maudie, Patrick, Mary & James Valley, Catherine Taylor, Terence Kevin McManus, Kathleen McLaughlin, Robert Gerard Hamilton, Annie Ferguson, Mary Ann Cleary, Eileen O'Reilly, Dermot Houston (10th), Michael Birch, Edward Brennan, Kathleen Fearon, Edna Donnelly, Kevin McKenna, Michael Blair, Roisin Rafferty

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!*

