



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)
Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help: Wed 9:15am Mass
Pilgrim Prayer: Tuesday 8pm on Parish Facebook page
Rosary: 20mins before Mass Wednesday & Saturday
First Saturday: 10am (Holy Family)

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Tues 28: St Thomas Aquinas
Thu 30: St Aidan
Fri 31: St John Bosco
Sat 1: St Brigid, Patron of Ireland



Take it and read: at Sunday Masses this year we will read predominantly from the Gospel of St Luke. Luke's Gospel has 24 chapters; try and read a chapter a day in the weeks ahead in order to let the Word of God transform you from within.

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
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Emergency Sick Calls only (24hrs): 07928968773 (new)
Society of St Vincent de Paul (Helpline): 028 90351561

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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

26 January 2025 ❖ Readings: C (I)
Psalter: Week III



JUBILEE 2025

This Sunday the Church marks the sixth Sunday of the Word of God, a day instituted by Pope Francis on September 30, 2019, to emphasize the significance of Sacred Scripture. This year's theme, **"I hope in your**

Word" (Psalm 119:74), invites all to reflect on the hope and guidance the Bible offers in the Christian journey.

"We should always keep in mind the teaching found in the Book of Revelation: the Lord is standing at the door and knocking. If anyone should hear his voice and open for him, he will come in and eat with them. Christ Jesus is knocking at our door in the words of sacred Scripture. If we hear his voice and open the doors of our minds and hearts, then he will enter our lives and remain ever with us." (Pope Francis)



CONGRATULATIONS TO BLESSED TRINITY COLLEGE

Blessed Trinity College was awarded The Spirit of Catholic Education Award 2025, which is presented annually in conjunction with Catholic Schools' Week. At a special ceremony in St Mary's University College on 22nd January, Blessed Trinity received the award from the Down and Connor Catholic Schools' Support Service, for their outstanding work, commitment and response to the call of Christ: "You Are My Witnesses" (Luke 24:48) – as well as for their ongoing role in upholding the distinctive gospel-inspired ethos and values of Catholic Education within the school community. As a parish community, we send our warmest congratulations to all at Blessed Trinity College, for their outstanding work, and commitment to Catholic education.



CELEBRATING THE CENTENARY OF THE CANONISATION OF ST THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LISIEUX

Holy Family parish pilgrimage 10th-15th June 2025. The price of £895 per person sharing includes:- flights from Dublin to Paris, accommodation, breakfast and dinner, transport throughout the pilgrimage, guides etc. Please contact the parish office for further information.

St Thérèse of Lisieux, pray for us



ST BRIGID'S CROSS MAKING



In preparation for the Feast of St Brigid on Saturday 1st February, you are warmly invited to Holy Family Gathering Space at 7pm on Sunday 26th January, to make St Brigid's Crosses. Help to keep this age old skill and tradition alive. Experience isn't necessary as those with the 'know how' will willingly give a helping hand. Rushes will be provided, but please bring a pair of scissors & small elastic bands.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

WEEKLY OFFERING. The weekly collection on Sunday 19th January came to £2,082.99, and the second collection after Communion, for Living Church/ Pathways to the Future, amounted to £1,554.13. Thank you for your continued generosity and support. Donations to our collections can be made by standing order, or via the Donate button on the website. In addition, contactless donation terminals are in operation in both churches.

PARISH 100 CLUB. Week 45 winners: Molly McKee, S Farry, Mrs Fullerton, B Barbour & Evelyn Markey (Promoter).

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION. Adorer needed please for Fridays 11am-12noon. Please contact the parish office.

ORDER OF MALTA CRIB BOX APPEAL Sincere thanks for the donations to the Christmas crib appeal, which raised £505.58 for the Bethlehem Hospital.

TAIZÉ PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS You are warmly invited to Taizé Prayer Around The Cross on Friday 31st January, 8-9pm, in Holy Family Church. Everyone very welcome. Refreshments served afterwards in the Gathering Space.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS. Holy Family Church on 1st Feb. 10am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession and Act of Consecration. 11am Mass.

FOUR CORNERS FESTIVAL. 31st Jan - 9th Feb. This year's theme is HOME. For information on the opening event, as well as the full programme of events, visit www.tickettailor.com/events/4cornersfestival2.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES NOVENAS. 3rd—11th February, in St Agnes Parish, Andersonstown, and in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Moneyglass. See Latest News for details of both novenas.

WELCOMING SPRING. Led by Briege O'Hare, this is a day of reflection, story, song, scripture & prayer. 11am – 4pm on Saturday 1st February, in Holy Rosary Parish Hall, 503 Ormeau Road. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea/coffee provided. Booking essential: email info@firststepwell.com.

PARISH EMERGENCY NUMBER: Please note the emergency number for the parish has changed to 07928968773. This number is only for emergency sick calls, outside of office hours.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 25 (6pm): Filipa Da Silva RIP
Sun 26 (9am): Priest's Intention
Sun 26 (10.30am): Vincent Meenehan
Sun 26 (12Noon): Joe McCarthy (1st)
Mon 27: Phil McIlwee
Tue 28: Margaret McKenna MM
Wed 29: Kevin Quinn (40th)
Thurs 30: Mary Bermingham
Fri 31: Angela & Seán Lowry
Sat 1: Fergus & Anne Manning



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

REST IN PEACE

Recently Deceased: Colette McHenry, Filipa da Silva, Kieran Dowd (Cork), Fr James O'Kane & Joe Hamilton

Month's Mind: Margaret McKenna

Anniversaries: Charlene Fryers, Thérèse Timoney, Kieran Madden, Richard McDonald, Bridget Hamilton, David McDowell, Vincent Meenehan, Joe McCarthy (1st), Phil McIlwee, Kevin Quinn (40th), Mary Bermingham, Angela & Seán Lowry, Fionnbarr Doran

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!

