



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

Mon 17: St Fintan
Fri 21: St Peter Damian, Doctor
Sat 22: The Chair of St Peter

"Do not be disheartened. Rather, let the serenity of your spirit shine through your face. Let the joy of your mind burst forth."

St Peter Damian



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): 07928968773 (new)
Society of St Vincent de Paul (Helpline): 028 90351561
Email: holyfamily@downandconnor.org
Website & Webcam: www.holy-familyparish.com

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

16 February 2025 ❖ Readings: C (I)

Psalter: Week II



JUBILEE 2025

Dear brothers and sisters: In our continuing catechesis on this Holy Year's theme of "Jesus Christ our Hope", we now reflect on the humility of the Son of God, who chose to enter our human history not with resounding proclamations but in poverty and simplicity. Born in Bethlehem, a town whose name means "House of Bread", Jesus – the Bread come down from heaven to satisfy the hunger of the world – is laid in a manger because there is no room for him in the inn. The place to go to meet the Messiah is a manger. In fact, it happens that, after so much waiting, "there is no room for the Savior of the world, for Him in whose sight all things were created" (Benedict XVI, *The Childhood of Jesus*, 2012, 80). The shepherds thus learn that in a very humble place, reserved for animals, the long-awaited Messiah is born and is born for them, to be their Savior, their Shepherd. News that opens their hearts to wonder, praise and joyful announcement. «Unlike so many people intent on doing a thousand other things, shepherds become the first witnesses of the essential, that is, of the salvation that is given. It is the humblest and poorest who know how to welcome the event of the Incarnation" (Apostolic Letter *Admirabile signum*, 5).

Brothers and sisters, let us also ask for the grace to be, like the shepherds, capable of amazement and praise before God, and capable of safeguarding what He has entrusted to us: the talents, the charisms, our vocation and the people He places alongside us. We ask the Lord to be able to see in weakness the extraordinary strength of the Child God, who comes to renew the world and transform our lives with his hope-filled plan for all humanity.

(Wednesday Audience, Pope Francis, 12th February)



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.

If you would like to know more about St Thérèse, Bishop Robert Barron has produced a short video, accessible on the parish Facebook page, or on Youtube, at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O7EJc94SfQg&t=688s>

St Thérèse of Lisieux, pray for us

DOWN & CONNOR PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2025: Celebrating the Jubilee Year and our 40th Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage: 9/10 – 15th/16th July. 5 & 7 Night options available. Please visit www.downandconnor.org/lourdes for more information or call the Pilgrimage Office on (028) 9077 0162 or email lourdes@downandconnor.org Youth Team (9-16th July): applications now open (see Latest News or Diocesan website for details). Forms are also available from the parish office.



PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

WEEKLY OFFERING. The weekly collection on Sunday 9th February came to £2,345.41. Thank you for your continued generosity and support. The second collection this Sunday will be taken up after Communion, for Sick & Retired Priests. Collection offerings can be made by standing order, or via the Donate button on the website. Contactless donation terminals are also in operation in both churches.

PARISH 100 CLUB. Week 48 winners: Joe McKeivitt, Vincent Miskelly, Brendan O'Hare, Mr Hughes & Nell Barbour (Promoter). We would kindly remind promoters, and members who pay straight into the parish office, to submit their final monies please to the parish office, as soon as possible.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION. Adorer needed please for Fridays 11am-12noon, and Sundays 9pm-10pm. Please contact the parish office.

DEVELOPING WORLD GROUP—TWEZIMBE CENTRE UGANDA. The Developing World Group will hold a fundraiser in the Gathering Space after Masses next weekend, 22nd & 23rd February, in support of the Twezimbe Centre, Uganda. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated, to support vulnerable people who rely on the services offered by the Twezimbe Centre, to sustain their community.

SALVATION IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN: Keys for Unlocking the Message Today. In the Belfast Jesuit Centre, Donegall Street, at 7pm on each Thursday of Lent, starting 6th March. Suggested donation of between £80 & £120. To register, visit the Belfast Jesuits Facebook page, or www.belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk.

PILGRIMAGES TO THE SHRINE OF FATIMA. 28th May, 7 nights F/B, £849, and 30th July, 7 nights F/B, £885pps. Contact Joe Catney 07776425631.

DROMANTINE SUMMER CAMP 2025. Registration opens 1st March at 7am. For details, e:info@dromantinesummercamp.co.uk, or message 07776359822.

THE SAINT PATRICK CENTRE, DOWNPATRICK. Special evening of stories and songs with Dana, on Friday 14th March at 7.30pm. Tickets £20 from Eventbrite. T: 02844 619000.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 15 (6pm):	John McFarlane (1st)
Sun 16 (9am):	Jim Gunn (1st)
Sun 16 (10.30am):	Eddie Keenan
Sun 16 (12Noon):	Abraham Pothen
Mon 17:	Special Intention
Tue 18:	Priest's Intention
Wed 19:	Bill Gilmore
Thurs 20:	Katherine McNally
Fri 21:	Cara O'Hagan
Sat 22:	Mary Hale (1st)



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

REST IN PEACE

Recently Deceased: Michael Hasson, Michael Caulfield, Frank Fitzsimons, Charlie Hill

Month's Mind: Colette McHenry, Filipa da Silva
Anniversaries: May McNulty, Helen Hughes, John McFarlane (1st), Eddie Keenan, Jim Gunn (1st), Abraham Pothen, Katherine McNally, Cara O'Hagan, Bill Gilmore, Henry Wasson, Nuala & Bill Horvath, Lallie Fleming, Antoinette Fleming, Daniel Owens, Eileen Bell, Dymphna Taggart

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!

