

HOLY FAMILY PARISH
North Belfast Pastoral Community
(Holy Cross, Holy Family, Sacred Heart,
St. Patrick's & St. Vincent de Paul)

13 March 2022

Second Sunday of Lent

Readings: C

Psalter: Week 2



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Parish Office remains closed.)

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Pastoral Community Churches

Holy Cross- V. Rev. John Craven C.P(90748231)

Sacred Heart- Fr Jim Madden O.Praem. (90751543)

St. Patrick's- V. Rev. Eugene O'Neill (90324597)

St. Vincent de Paul - V. Rev. Patrick Devlin (90713401)

WEEKEND MASS

Holy Family Church: 6.30pm Vigil & 11.30am

St Thérèse Church: 6pm Vigil, 10am & noon

MIDWEEK MASS

Holy Family Church: Monday – Friday @ 9.15am

St. Thérèse Church: Monday – Saturday @ 10am

CONFESSION

Holy Family Church: Saturday 5.30pm-6.15pm

St. Thérèse Church: Saturday after 10am Mass

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Worksheets available on the parish website (Young People).

PILGRIM PRAYER WITH DEACON BRENDAN

Every Tuesday night at 8pm on Facebook. **If you are not on Facebook go to the Holy Family website**, scroll down to the bottom and click on the Facebook symbol. For Facebook users simply like the Holy Family Facebook page.

REST IN PEACE

Recently deceased: Baby Aoife Mowbray & Gerard McSorley **Month's Mind:** Hugh Magee & James Weatherup

Anniversaries: Maria McDowell, Ellen Wilson, John & Patricia Martin, Mary Goldsmith, Kathleen Ferguson, Eileen Morrow, Thomas O'Boyle, Patrick Griffin, John Paul Raffo, James Byrne, Joe McGuigan, Patricia Hamilton, Mary Cooley, Bernadette Bradley, Mary Bradley Verhoeven, Mary Rose Teer (née O'Boyle)

PARISH WEBCAM

Live streaming of all Masses takes place in Holy Family Church and St. Thérèse Church. For both Churches, click on the Live Webcams button on the Home Page of the Parish website www.holy-familyparish.com.

DIOCESAN PRIVACY POLICY

The Privacy Policy for the Diocese of Down and Connor, including Holy Family Parish, is available in the Safeguarding section of the Parish website. A paper copy may be obtained from the Parish Office if required.

COLLECTION

The **weekly collection** on Sunday 06 March came to £3,535.22 and the **monthly collection**, for the support of our priests was £2,865.20. Thank you for your contribution.

MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

HOLY FAMILY

Tuesday 15th (9.15am) Eileen Morrow

Wednesday 16th (9.15am) Thomas O'Boyle

Thursday 17th (11am) Patrick Griffin

ST. THÉRÈSE

Monday 14th (10am) Jane & Thomas Moreland

Tuesday 15th (10am) John Paul Raffo

Friday 18th (10am) James Byrne

Saturday 19th (10am) Maura Moreland

Saturday 19th (6pm) Malachy Finnegan

Sunday 20th (noon) Danny Doran MM

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

100 CLUB BUILDING FUND WEEK 17

£100 – Patricia Armstrong, Skegoneill Ave; A. Campbell, Sunningdale Park North; T. Moore, Chichester Gardens & Breege McEldowney, Salisbury Gardens

Promoter: Anne O'Kane

ST PATRICK'S DAY – THURSDAY 17TH MARCH

Mass Times

Holy Family Church: 9.15am & 11am (no 7.15am Mass)

St. Thérèse Church: 7pm Vigil & 10am

NB The Parish Office will be closed on St. Patrick's Day

Bailiúchán Lá Fhéile Pádraig. (St Patrick's Day Collection)

'Craobh Naomh Pádraig will be holding a collection for the Irish Language after all Masses on St Patrick's Day.

PARISH PARTNERS IN PRAYER

Please join us this week, as we pray for children's choirs. May their innocent voices praise God, and may God grant that what they sing with their lips, they may believe in their hearts.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Kind words are short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Although COVID restrictions have been lifted by the Health Minister, infection rates are still high and some members of our parish community will be particularly vulnerable to the virus. While there is a clear need for continued caution, this has to be balanced against the need to move forward safely. The following parish guidelines have been updated with this in mind and in line with current diocesan advice and public health recommendations:

- It is no longer necessary to book a place at Mass
 - It is important that you do not attend if you have any symptoms of COVID-19, even if mild
 - The wearing of face coverings at all times is strongly encouraged, including when seated
 - Please continue to use the hand sanitiser on entering and exiting the church
 - Ventilation will continue to be maximised with windows and doors left open where possible
 - Churches will be sanitised daily
 - The majority of pews are now open, but please be mindful of the needs of those around you
 - A section with formal socially distanced seating will be retained in each church for those who may wish to adopt a more cautious approach – please inform one of the ushers if you wish to avail of this
 - The ushers will continue to guide you to an appropriate seat so that some space is maintained between household groups/bubbles
 - There are no limits on numbers attending baptisms, weddings and funerals
 - The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days remains suspended for now
- Many thanks for your continued understanding and support. As always, we are extremely grateful for the dedication of our wonderful volunteer ushers and sanitisers – we could not do without them!

REMINDERS

Parish Census

Online at www.holy-familyparish.com (Parish Census), or return your form to the Parish Office, or phone 90743119

Diocesan Pilgrimage To Lourdes 2022

13-18 July, 5 nights full board £685. Contact the Parish Office, or Pilgrimage Office: 90770162 lourdes@downandconnor.org

Newington Day Centre

Lenten fundraiser, aiming to raise £5,000. Donation by cash, cheque or in person at Newington Day Centre 31/35 Atlantic Avenue. Telephone 0289035 1947.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA

23-30 June 2022. Spiritual Director Fr. Martin Graham. £649 p.p. sharing. Contact Joe Catney on 07776425631.

ECO CORNER

Pope Francis

“When we talk about the environment, about creation, my thoughts turn to the first pages of the Bible, the Book of Genesis, which states that God placed man and woman on earth to cultivate and care for it. And the question comes to my mind: What does cultivating and caring for the earth mean? Are we truly cultivating and caring for creation? Or are we exploiting and neglecting it?”

LENT 2022

NO GREATER LOVE

BEGINS TONIGHT (SUNDAY 13TH MARCH)

Lent is a season of reflection and preparation, as we look forward to the celebration of Easter. No Greater Love is a series of short films shot on location in the Holy Land, allowing us to be with Jesus in the final moments of His life, revealing Christ's amazing love for us. Over 5 weeks we walk step by step with Jesus through the Scriptures, from the Garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. Starting tonight for 5 consecutive Sundays (13th, 20th & 27th March and 03rd & 10th April), 7pm – 8pm in the Parish Centre, Cavehill Road.

Early Mass will continue each week day in Lent, (apart from St. Patrick's Day), in Holy Family at 7.15am.

Trócaire

Trócaire boxes are available in both churches. Please take one home, and why not take one for a friend or neighbour.

SYNOD 2021-2023

“For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission”

Pope Francis has called the entire People of God to participate in the upcoming Synod of Bishops and journey together by listening to one another and sharing their experiences of the church. This Synod on Synodality is thought to be the largest consultation in Church history and we encourage everyone to take part and share your views. The diocese has planned a series of Synodal Moments to help us on our journey together. This began with the ‘Make your Mark’ initiative launched on Ash Wednesday when the first three core questions of the synodal pathway were put to parishioners. Postcards containing these questions are available in both churches. You are encouraged to reflect on these questions and write down your thoughts on the card. Please return the card to one of the collection boxes in either church or email your response to the parish office by Sunday 20th March. The Pastoral Council will review the responses and collate a summary which will be submitted to the diocese. You can also make a personal submission directly to the diocese by visiting www.downandconnor.org/synod and completing the online questionnaire there. Details about further diocesan events and opportunities to participate in the synodal process are also available on this website.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

North Belfast Pastoral Community Synodal Listening Process. Tuesday March 29th at 7pm, in Sacred Heart Parish Centre. This will be an opportunity to respond to the Synodal questions in groups. Please support the process in this very important time in the life of our Church.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

A little boy was listening to a really long sermon in Mass. Suddenly the red sanctuary lamp caught his eye. Tugging his father's sleeve, he said, "Daddy, when the light turns green can we go?"