

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

01 May 2022

3rd Sunday of Easter

Readings: C

Psalter: Week 3



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(Services are available via telephone and email, 9.30am – 2.30pm Monday-Thursday, 9.30am – 1.30pm on Friday. 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: Moya Quinn, Jane Rogers, Damien Sheppard, Moira Blacker, Kevin Mulan, Dolores O'Connor, Willie Loughran, Margaret Canavan & Alma Loughrey

Anniversaries: Baby Fintan Heading, Catherine Green (1st), May Feighan, Punnoose & Stephen Joseph (1st), Joe Heaney (5th), John Lowry, Maura Fitzpatrick (1st), Cecilia McIvor, Gerry McCrudden, Sean McFarlane, Seamus McKeown (1st), Jane McIlwee

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.

COLLECTIONS

Good Friday (Catholics in the Holy Land) - £771.05

Easter Sunday weekly envelope - £3,121.91

Easter Offering – £3,245.60

The weekly collection on Sunday 24th April came to £2,579.00

Thank you for your contributions.

Ukraine collection update

Sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to the recent Special Collection for Ukraine. Nationally, this collection has raised to date over €3.25 million. The war in Ukraine, and the terrible suffering which has resulted, has seen a tremendous outpouring of compassion and generosity from our parish communities. Your contributions will bring much-needed relief to those in the region whose lives and livelihoods have been devastated. The funds raised will be used by the international Catholic Church agency, Caritas Internationalis, which is currently operating on the ground in Ukraine and its surrounding areas. We continue to keep the people of Ukraine in our thoughts, praying for peace and an end to this appalling humanitarian crisis.

MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

HOLY FAMILY

Monday 02nd (9.15am) Punnoose & Stephen Joseph (1st)

Wednesday 04th (9.15am) Joe Heaney (5th)

Saturday 07th (6.30pm) Michael Gribben

Sunday 08th (11.30am) Niall McCullough MM

ST. THÉRÈSE

Friday 06th (10am) Cecilia McIvor

Saturday 07th (10am) Jane McIlwee

Saturday 07th (6pm) Janette McGarry MM

Sunday 08th (10am) Dan & Claire McKillop

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 WEEKS 23&24

£100 – E Morgan, Lothair Avenue; Ward Family, Thirlmere Gardens; Philomena Costello, Somerton Close; Mrs M Walsh, Ponsonby Avenue; Kevin Mc Crudden, Somerton Road; Evelyn Markey, Brookvale Fold; Agnes Meek, Glantrasna Drive & Philomena Donaldson, Hopefield Avenue

Promoters: Sr. Regina Caffrey & James O'Hare

NB The Parish Office will be closed on Bank Holiday Monday, 02 May.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Attending Mass on Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation has, once again, been deemed an essential expression of faith. As always, those whose health is vulnerable, or who are unwell, will not be under any obligation to attend Mass. As a reminder...

please do not attend if you have any symptoms of COVID-19 - the wearing of face coverings and use of hand sanitiser are strongly encouraged

- a section with formal 2m 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.

BAPTISMS IN APRIL

Olivia Maryrose Taggart, Marie-Thérèse Lavery, Anna Dympna McGuigan, Isaiah Raynold Leseja Mgcobo, Lexi Killeen Kelly, Adam Thomas Wardlow, Callan Jay Campbell, Jacob John Bigger, Cillian James Hughes & Ellie Rue Drain.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

In Holy Family Church on 07 May. 10am – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions and Act of Consecration.
11am – Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

..will resume in our parish next Tuesday 03rd May. If you can commit to an hour 1 day per week, please leave your name and phone number with the Parish Office.

ST GERARD'S NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP (Sat 30th April - Sun 8th May)

Saturday 9.30am & 6.30pm
Sunday 9.30am 11.30am & 7pm
Monday to Friday 9.30am & 7.30pm

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Full board in hotel: 5 nights (13-18 July) from £685.
For further information contact the Pilgrimage Office on (028) 9077 0162 email: lourdes@downandconnor.org or visit www.downandconnor.org/Lourdes

LOUGH DERG RE-OPENS

3 day pilgrimages running: 1st June - 15th August. Booking advised. Concessions for students, seniors and groups. 1 day retreats in May and late August -September. Booking essential. www.loughderg.org or email info@loughderg.org or phone 00353 71 9861518.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

After two years of the blessing of the graves by Bishop Treanor alone, we are delighted to welcome families back to pray for their loved ones, who lie at rest in the Belfast cemeteries:- Milltown Cemetery Sunday 8 May; City Cemetery Sunday 15 May & Hannahstown Cemetery Sunday 29 May. All ceremonies are at 3pm.

ECO CORNER

I don't want to protect the environment. I want to create a world in which the environment doesn't need protection.

LIVING CHURCH

Cara Retreat

Are you a parent of a young person with a disability? Would you like to take some time out to pray, reflect and meet other parents? Parents retreat at Drumalis Retreat Centre, Friday 24th June @ 6pm until Saturday 25th June @ 4pm. Contact Louise at 07922437679 or l.mcquillan@downandconnor.org

TRÓCAIRE

..will be hosting a special Spring Gala Concert at Clonard Monastery, Belfast at 7.30pm on Friday 20th May, with performances from Margaret Keys, The Priests and St Dominic's Girls' School Choir. Tickets are free of charge but donations will be gratefully received on the night of the concert with all donations matched by the UK government in support of the 2022 Lent Appeal. To reserve tickets, visit www.eventbrite.co.uk and search 'Clonard'.

ST MARY'S IN CONVERSATION WITH THE INTO Seminar 4: 'Valuing Teachers'

Tues 03 May @ 4.30pm. The 4th of a series of free online seminars, arising from its Teaching Profession Project (TPP).

THE WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE 2022

..LIVE on Radio Maria Ireland on Saturday 7th May from 2pm with a range of speakers, including Sister Consilio (Cuan Mhuire). Tune in at www.radiomaria.ie or via Facebook or call 01 4373277 to listen live.

MAKE YOUR VOICES HEARD

A pastoral reflection by the Catholic Bishops of N.I. on the forthcoming NI Assemble Election. This document is available on our social media, and hard copies are available in both Churches this weekend, and from the Parish Office.

ROSARY AT THE GROTTOS

The Rosary will be prayed each day during the month of May, at hundreds of grottos around the Island of Ireland. To see a list of locations, or to register a grotto (or other suitable location) simply visit www.coastalrosaryireland.ie You can also register by texting 087 278 6552. We are praying for Ireland and for peace in the world.

THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBANUS

Free Centenary Anniversary event on May 6th & 7th in the Marine Hotel Ballycastle. Guest speakers include Bishop Noel Treanor, Dr. Eamon Phoenix and Mickey Harte.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Forget the day's troubles, remember the day's blessings.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

When a mother saw a thunderstorm forming, she worried about her seven-year-old daughter, who would be walking home from school. Deciding to meet her, the mother saw her daughter walking casually along, stopping to smile whenever lightning flashed. Seeing her mother, the little girl ran to her, explaining happily, "Mummy, mummy, can you believe it? All the way home, God's been taking my picture!"