

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

18 September 2022

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year

Readings: C

Psalter: Week 1



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**Pastoral Community Churches**

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

Sacred Heart- Fr. Andrew Black (temporary) (90751543)

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

St. Vincent de Paul V. Rev. Vincent Cushnahan (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**

... can be found on our parish website, by pressing the 'Readings & Prayer Times' button.

**PILGRIM PRAYER WITH DEACON BRENDAN**

Every Tuesday night at 8pm on Facebook and on the Holy Family website. For Facebook users simply like the Holy Family Facebook page.

**REST IN PEACE**

**Recently Deceased:** Barney Butcher

**Month's Mind:** Oliver Morris

**Anniversaries:** Robert Monahan, Kieran Higgins, Denis O'Hagan, Gerry Gilfedder, Alfie Dowd, James Larkin, Marc Amos (1<sup>st</sup>), Fiona McCloskey, Sarah Browne, Joseph Catney, Rosaleen Deignan

**PARISH OFFICE**

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed for the bank holiday on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September.

**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](http://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**

The **weekly collection** on Sunday 11 September came to £1,671.02. Thank you for your contribution.

**MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK**

**HOLY FAMILY**

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> (9.15am) Marc Amos (1<sup>st</sup>)

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> (9.15am) James Larkin

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> (6.30pm) Brian Hamill

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> (11.30am) Joe McCann

**ST. THÉRÈSE**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> (10am) Alfie Dowd

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> (10am) Fiona McCloskey

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> (10am) Sarah Browne

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> (10am) Brian Hughes (1<sup>st</sup>)

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> (6pm) Brendan Vernon

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> (10am) Sean McCleave MM

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> (noon) Michael Birch (10<sup>th</sup>)

**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 spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as being already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

We continue to appeal for your help in filling some slots:-

**Mondays 1pm – 2pm & 7pm – 8pm; Wednesdays 11am – noon, 4pm – 5pm & 6pm– 7pm; Thursdays 4pm-5pm, 6pm – 7pm & 8pm-9pm; Saturdays 12noon-1pm; 2pm-3pm & 3pm-4pm and Sundays 8pm – 9pm.**

If you could cover an hour, occasionally, to assist Eucharistic Adoration, please contact the Parish Office.

**100 CLUB BUILDING FUND WEEK 44**

**£100** – M McMahan, Fortwilliam Fold; Dolly Eaton, Jubilee Avenue; Margaret Rooney, Ponsonby Avenue & Fr. Paul Strain, Glenravel **Promoter – Dolly Eaton**

**TAIZÉ PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS**

You are warmly invited to Taizé Prayer Around the Cross on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September, from 8-9pm in Holy Family Church, Limestone Road. This is an opportunity to take time out to pray with the beautiful Taizé chants, to be still and to be refreshed. Everyone is very welcome, please come along and bring your friends. A gentle reminder - it is strongly recommended that face coverings are worn in Church settings.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Have courage for the great sorrows of life, and have patience for the small ones. Go to sleep in peace. God is awake.

### COVID-19 UPDATE

After a significant increase in COVID-19 infections earlier this summer due to the extremely transmissible Omicron variants, we now appear to have passed the peak of this latest wave. In light of this, we have reviewed our current protocols and have decided that it is appropriate at this point to discontinue the regular sanitisation of our churches. Pre-pandemic arrangements for cleaning will be re-instated. While there is reason to be cautiously optimistic going forward, there is still some uncertainty about the path this pandemic will take as we head into the autumn and winter months. The following precautions therefore will remain in place in line with diocesan guidelines:

- The wearing of face coverings is strongly recommended, in keeping with the current Public Health advice in relation to indoor public places including places of worship
  - The use of hand sanitiser on entering and exiting the church and before using the holy water fonts is strongly recommended
  - The socially distanced sections in both churches will be maintained for those who wish to exercise ongoing caution
  - Ventilation will continue to be maximised
  - The physical Sign of Peace remains suspended and Holy Communion should be received in the hand only
- We will continue to keep the situation under regular review.

### PARISH THANK YOU EVENT

All our parish community are warmly invited to the Parish Centre, Cavehill Road, on Sunday 16th October at 4pm, when the presentations of gifts from the Parish will be made to Fr. Strain and Fr. Morely. Afternoon Tea will be served on arrival (at 4pm.) We are looking forward to seeing you there on this very special occasion, when we will have the opportunity to acknowledge our sincere thanks and gratitude to Fr. Strain and Fr. Morely, for their dedicated service and commitment to our Parish. NOTE: We would love to hear from anyone willing to assist in providing some home-baked goods for the event – if you can help, please contact the Parish Office. Envelopes are still available in both churches, if you wish to contribute to the gifts for Fr. Strain and Fr. Morely. Sealed envelopes can be returned to the collection box in either church, or to the Parish Office, or to the black box on the wall outside the Parish Office.

### PRAY, HOPE AND DON'T WORRY

Celebration of Mass and blessing with the holy relic of St. Padre Pio. Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 7pm, in St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Ligoniel. There will be a collection to support the parish of St. Vincent de Paul.

### BELFAST PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA EASTER 2023

Departing Dublin Wednesday (Holy Week) 5th April for 5 nights. Full Easter ceremony and tour of Lisbon. Optional tour to seaside on Easter Saturday. Contact James Treacy on 0035361921470

### ECO CORNER

Africa Climate Week (29 Aug – 02 Sept in Gabon, Central Africa) brought together more than 2,300 participants, including faith leaders, who urged unity and action ahead of the next U.N. climate summit, in Egypt in November.

### SAVE THE DATES

### Antiques Sale In Aid Of Parish Funds – Sat 01 October

Come along and support our Parish, at a sale of antiques and collectables in the Parish Centre, Cavehill Road, on Saturday 01st October, 10am- 4pm. A varied selection of antiques and collectables will be on sale, and all proceeds will be donated to Holy Family Parish (by a generous parishioner). Tea and coffee will be served.

### Parish Christmas Fair – Sunday 04 December @ 2.30pm

If you have any unwanted gifts at home, please hold on to them for us. Details and arrangements to follow. If you volunteered in the past, or would like to volunteer this year, please contact the Parish Office as soon as you can, to facilitate planning.

### STILL SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

**Holy Family Folk Group** (Saturday Vigil 6.30pm). If interested, please speak to Trisha after Mass.

**St Thérèse Folk Group** (Sundays At Noon). If interested, please speak to Claire after Mass.

### QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC CHAPLIANCY

Reopens Monday 12 September. Open term time 10am-10pm Mon-Thurs, and Fridays 10am-3pm. Sunday evening Mass, open to the University community and wider public, resumes Sunday 18 September at 8pm. [www.qubcatholic.org](http://www.qubcatholic.org).

### 'LITURGY AFTER COVID – APPROACHES TO LITURGY IN LIGHT OF OUR EXPERIENCE OF THE PANDEMIC'

A one-day seminar (10.30am-4.30pm) hosted by the Down and Connor Liturgy Commission, in St Brigid's Parish Hall on Saturday 8th October. Registration 9.30am. This invitation goes to clergy, and those in liturgical ministry, in particular Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and members of Parish Pastoral. £10 pp, please bring a packed lunch. Contact Malachy McKeever by e-mail at [liturgy@downandconnor.org](mailto:liturgy@downandconnor.org).

### LEGION OF MARY ANNUAL ROSARY PROCESSION

On 9th October. Assemble at St John's Falls Road at 2.45pm, for departure at 3pm. Processing to St Michael's Finaghy Road North for Benediction. All welcome. "There's no problem, no matter how difficult, that the rosary cannot solve" Sister Lucia, Fatima.

### VIATORES CHRISTI

Volunteers Training Course Starts Saturday 24th September and is open to all. VC is a faith-based development organisation specialising in the recruitment, training and deployment of overseas volunteers. [www.vcvolunteers.ie](http://www.vcvolunteers.ie) or email [venture@viatoreschristi.com](mailto:venture@viatoreschristi.com)

### CHILDREN'S CORNER

Q: What kind of mobile phone did Delilah use?

A: Samson.

Q: Why didn't Noah ever go fishing?

A: He only had two worms.