

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

25 September 2022

26th Sunday of the Year

Readings: C

Psalter: Week 2



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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: Oliver Magill, Seamus Slevin & Bernadette Whitson

Month's Mind: Sean McCleave

Anniversaries: Brian Hughes (1st), Brian Hamill, Brendan Vernon, Joe McCann, Michael Birch (10th), John & Sally Murphy, Paddy Camplisson, Elizabeth Lloyd, Patrick Cassidy, Fiona McCloskey, David Parker

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

We should pray with our eyes on God, not on our difficulties.

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

The **weekly collection** on Sunday 18 September came to £1,811.44, and the **Autumn Offering**, for the support of our priests, was £703.50. Thank you for your contribution.

MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK

HOLY FAMILY

Sunday 02nd October (11.30am) Frances Gregg (1st)

ST. THÉRÈSE

Tuesday 27th (10am) John & Sally Murphy

Saturday 01st October (10am) Joe McNamee (1st)

Saturday 01st (6pm) Teresa & Patrick Monaghan

Sunday 02nd (noon) Kathleen Gilchrist

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 45

£100 – Mrs M. Woods, Clifton House; Frank McVeigh, Glanworth Gardens; Mr & Mrs Konrad, Windermere Gardens & Mrs McIlvenny, Rosemount Gardens

Promoter – Philomena Cole

TAIZÉ PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS

You are warmly invited to Taizé Prayer Around the Cross on Friday 30th 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.

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.

COVID-19 UPDATE

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 have been re-instated. While there is reason to be cautiously optimistic going forward, there is still some uncertainty about the path this pandemic will take in 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.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

In Holy Family Church on 01st October. 10am – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions and Act of Consecration. 11am – Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

COASTAL ROSARY FOR FAITH & LIFE IN IRELAND

Sunday October 9th at 2.30pm. Join thousands of people from around Ireland to pray the Rosary for Life and Faith at our coasts, grottos, rivers, churches, and other suitable places. Sign up a Rosary location at www.coastalrosaryireland.ie or text your location to 087 278 6552.

ECO CORNER

In the spirit of Laudato Sí, some dioceses have gone to great lengths to promote action within their own offices. The Archdiocese of Mumbai has an environmental office that combines catechesis with the use of greener materials, including not only avoiding single-use plastics, but encouraging burial of the shroud when church funerals, to save precious wood and as a way to follow what Jesus did.

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 collectibles in the Parish Centre, Cavehill Road, on Saturday 01st October, 10am- 4pm. Genuine antiques, crystal, china, ornaments, comic books and lots more. 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.

JOB VACANCIES IN DIOCESAN CURIA OFFICE

Executive Support Officer, 35 hours per week, salary £27,000 - £30,000 p.a., commensurate on experience.
Diocesan Assistant Finance Officer (2 posts). 35 hours per week, salary £25,000 - £35,000., commensurate on experience. Details for all vacancies can be found at www.downandconnor.org or www.communityni.org and at www.nijobs.com. The closing date for applications for all posts is noon on Thursday 06th October.

RCIA (THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS)

..is a process to introduce the teachings of Jesus Christ in the Catholic Church, to individuals who want to learn more and, if they wish, to become Catholic through the Sacraments of Initiation. In addition, many Catholics attend in order to learn more about their faith. October 22 –May 23, meeting weekly in St. Mary's Church, Chapel Lane, 6.30pm – 8pm, starting 06th October. Contact rcia@downandconnor.org.

RCIA are currently looking for new members to assist in this year's programme. You do not need any particular skills or training, as there are opportunities to get involved in different ways, at different levels. Tel: 07761014607 or email as above.

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

Seminar in St Brigid's Parish Hall on Saturday 8th October. Registration 9.30am. £10 pp, please bring a packed lunch. Contact Malachy McKeever at liturgy@downandconnor.org.

PROJECT ZAMBIA

Information evening on Wed 5th October at 7pm in The Devenish Complex, Finaghy Road North. The charity works in partnership with host Zambian communities, and aims to assist these communities to improve the quality of life. Trip to Zambia planned for summer 2023. If you would be interested in volunteering, or for further info, contact Eadaoin at projectzambiamail@yahoo.ie or 07791 915336. All welcome.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

“Sorry daddy, I slept in Mass because I want to be more like God. Sure didn't he create the world, and on the seventh day he rested?!”