



# Holy Family Parish

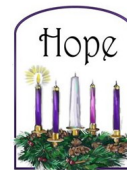
*A praying, caring community centred in Christ*

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

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

27 November 2022

Readings: A (I) ❖ Psalter: Week 1



### MASS TIMES

#### SUNDAY

Holy Family Church:  
6.00pm Vigil & 10.30am

St Thérèse of Lisieux Church:  
9.00am & 12noon

#### WEEKDAYS

Holy Family Church:  
9.15am Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

St Thérèse of Lisieux Church:  
10.00am Thursday, Friday & Saturday

### RECONCILIATION

Holy Family Church:  
Saturday 5.15pm-5.45pm

St Thérèse of Lisieux Church:  
Saturday after 10am Mass

### BAPTISMS

Holy Family: Saturdays at 4pm

St Thérèse: Sundays at 1pm

### DEVOTIONS

**Eucharistic Adoration:**  
Daily 10am-10pm (St Thérèse)

**Pilgrim Prayer:**  
Tuesday 8pm on Parish website & Facebook

**First Saturday:**  
10am (Holy Family)

**Taizé Prayer:**  
last Friday of the month  
8-9pm (Holy Family)

### THE YEAR OF ST. MATTHEW'S GOSPEL

The First Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of the new liturgical year. For most Sundays throughout 2023, St. Matthew's Gospel will be read. This Gospel was written around AD80 for a mainly Jewish-Christian audience.

“Matthew is our principal teacher through the liturgical year of 2023. He is a particularly challenging teacher for us in the Church today in his profound belief that God is not limited to the tradition: God can do and is doing new things today. The question faced by Matthew's community is the same question faced in our own time: will the new things that God is doing today be acknowledged and welcomed in the community of believers?” (Denis McBride CSsR)



### THE SYMBOLS OF CHRISTMAS



#### ORIGINS

The first missionaries in Europe took advantage of the pagan traditions to evangelize. One of them consisted of lighting candles during the winter, which represented the sun god.

#### CIRCULAR SHAPE



It represents God's eternal love for us and also speaks of our own love towards the Lord and others, which needs to be renewed constantly.

### THE ADVENT WREATH



#### THE BRANCHES

Green is the color of hope and life. Our biggest hope should be to achieve a closer union with God as the tree and its branches.

#### THE CANDLES



The four candles of the wreath are lit each Sunday of Advent. They represent the dissipation of darkness as we approach the birth of the Lord.

INFORMATION FROM ACIPRENSA.COM



### SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Wed. 30<sup>th</sup> Nov: St Andrew, Apostle (Feast)  
Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec: St Francis Xavier, Priest

# PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

## ADVENT RESOURCES

To help us journey through the season of Advent this year, the resources below may be helpful.

**A Digital Advent Calendar 2022.** This goes live on the First Sunday of Advent on 27 November 2022, The website of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference will host this interactive digital Advent Calendar. See [www.catholicbishops.ie/adventcalendar](http://www.catholicbishops.ie/adventcalendar)

**A prayer resource booklet** entitled "Advent at Home" is also available. See parish website Latest News section or Facebook page.

## WEEKLY OFFERING

The weekly offering on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November came to £2,137.50, and the collection for the Bishop's Commissions, for the support of Diocesan services, was £1,060.65. Thank you for your contribution.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Many thanks to parishioners for your continued support. The Annual Christmas Appeal will be launched next weekend. If you require assistance, please telephone SVP Regional Office on 02890351561.

## NEW MASS TIMES REMINDER

### HOLY FAMILY

Monday–Wednesday @ 9.15am

Saturday Vigil @ 6pm

Sunday @ 10.30am

### ST. THERÈSE

Thursday–Saturday @ 10am

Sunday @ 9am & 12 noon



## MONTH'S MIND FOR CANON MURRAY RIP

All welcome Wed 30 Nov at 7pm in St. Thérèse Church.

## FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

In Holy Family Church on 03 December. 10am – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions and Act of Consecration. 11am – Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

## DEVELOPING WORLD - FAIR TRADE SALE

£613.69 of Fair Trade goods were sold at the recent sale in the parish. The Developing World Group would like to thank parishioners for their generosity. All profits will go to the Twezimbe Centre, Uganda.

## JOB VACANCIES

**Newington Day Centre:** Finance Officer, 18 hours p.w.

For details contact the Centre Manager: 02890351947 [info@newingtondaycentre.org.uk](mailto:info@newingtondaycentre.org.uk)

**The Dominican Sisters:** Care Assistants (daytime, fully qualified). Contact Caitriona on 028 90370008 or send CV along with cover letter to [caitrionaionahouse@gmail.com](mailto:caitrionaionahouse@gmail.com)

For more information and resources:  
[www.holy-familyparish.com](http://www.holy-familyparish.com)

## PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR

**NEXT WEEKEND, SUNDAY 4TH DEC, 2.30PM, IN THE PARISH CENTRE, CAVEHILL ROAD.**

Stalls will include the rickety wheel, cakes, handmade crafts, etc, children's crafts and face painting, not forgetting the Grand Draw. Sincere thanks to parishioners and some local businesses for their generous donations. Cakes, breads and tray bakes would be very much appreciated and may be left at Parish Centre on Saturday 1pm-5pm or on Sunday noon -2pm. Please label clearly if your baked goods contain nuts. Items may be left in the Parish Centre 9am – 4pm on Thurs 1st and Friday 2nd, or 1pm–5pm on Sat 3rd, **Reminder – please return all ballot tickets, sold or unsold, to the Parish Office by noon on Friday 2nd.** If you can't make this deadline, please bring them to the Fair on Sunday 4th before 3pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

## TROCAIRE GIFTS

Will be on sale again this weekend after all Masses.

## REST IN PEACE

**Recently deceased:** Catherine Dean & Kevin Hart

**Month's Mind:** Canon Brendan Murray

**Anniversaries:** Betty Monaghan, Sarah Quinn, Michael James Quinn, Vincent McGhee, Felix Lenny, Michael Flanagan (1st), Pauline Flanagan, Noelle Macaulay (1st), Lelia McCusker, George Mooney, John, Margaret & Leo Gilmore, Liam Gilmore & Ted McCormack

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!*

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> :	<i>Priest's Intention</i>
Tue 29 <sup>th</sup> :	Liam Gilmore (10th)
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> :	<i>Priest's intention</i>
Thu 1 <sup>st</sup> :	<i>Priest's intention</i>
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> :	<i>Priest's intention</i>
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> (10am):	<i>Priest's intention</i>
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> (6pm):	Teresa Duffy MM
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> (9am):	Gerry Magee MM
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> (10.30am):	Caoimhe & Niall McCullough
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> (12Noon):	Eilish & Kevin McKeating

## CONTACT INFORMATION

**Parish Clergy:** Very Rev. Michael Spence PP, Rev. Robert Sloan CC & Rev. Deacon Brendan Dowd

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**Webcam:** available on Parish website homepage