



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

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

Holy Family Church: 6pm Vigil & 10.30am

St Thérèse of Lisieux Church: 9am & 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

(Prior booking via Parish Office)

Baptisms will resume January 7th & 8th.

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)

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Mon. 2nd Jan: St Basil & St Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors

Tue. 3rd Jan: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Fri. 6th Jan: The Epiphany of the Lord, Solemnity

"The Magi experienced longing...they were all too familiar with, and weary of, the Herods of their own day. But there in Bethlehem was a promise of newness, of gratuity."

- Pope Francis



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

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

1 January 2023

Readings: A (I) ❖ Psalter: Week 2

WORLD DAY OF PEACE 2023

The World Day of Peace — instituted by St. Paul VI in 1968 — is celebrated each year on January 1st, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. The message is sent to governments around the world by the Vatican Secretariat of State.

The pope's message for the 56th World Day of Peace is titled "No one can be saved alone: Combatting COVID-19 together, embarking together on paths of peace."

In his message of peace, Pope Francis posed a series of questions: "What did we learn from the pandemic? What new paths should we follow to cast off the shackles of our old habits, to be better prepared, to dare new things? What signs of life and hope can we see, to help us move forward and try to make our world a better place?"

Pope Francis makes reference to the ongoing war in Ukraine where he described it as a "setback for the whole of humanity". "At the very moment when we dared to hope that the darkest hours of the COVID-19 pandemic were over, a terrible new disaster befell humanity. We witnessed the onslaught of another scourge: another war, to some extent like that of COVID-19, but driven by culpable human decisions ... Clearly, this is not the post-COVID era we had hoped for or expected," Pope Francis said.

The Pope added: "the greatest lesson we learned from Covid-19 was the realisation that we all need one another"; highlighting the need of "embarking together on paths of peace".

The full address can be read on the Vatican webpage: <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/20221208-messaggio-56giornatamondiale-pace2023.html>



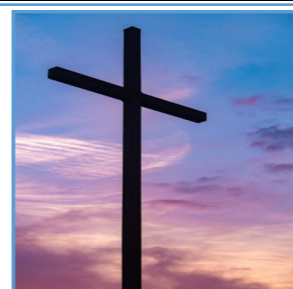
Fr Michael, Fr Robert and Deacon Brendan wish all our parishioners and their families every blessing for the New Year and the remainder of the Christmas season.

REST IN PEACE

Recently deceased: Terry Woods, Patricia O'Callaghan

Anniversaries: May Mooney & Mary Maguire, Kitty D'Arcy, Deirdre McCann, Larry Duffin, Barney Devenny, Maureen McAteer, Betty McCausland (50th).

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!



MASS TIMES FOR FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Thursday 5th: 7pm Vigil (St Thérèse)

Friday 6th: 9.15am (Holy Family); 10.00am (St Thérèse)

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

WEEKLY OFFERING

The weekly offering on Christmas Day came to £4317.36. The Christmas offering amounted to £3871.20. Thank you for your generous contribution and continued support.

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY BLESSING OF HOMES

In memory of the Magi entering the house where Jesus was, there is an ancient tradition of praying for blessings on our homes on or near Epiphany. You are invited to ask God's blessing on your home and family; a pack with instructions will be given to you at the end of Mass on the Epiphany.

BAPTISMAL CELEBRATION EVENT

All families who had a child baptized in our parish from Nov 21-Nov 22 are invited to join us for a special celebration of your child's baptism. The event will take place in the Holy Family Church at 3pm on next Sunday, 8th January.

UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE

The Bible is at the heart of our faith and our relationship with God. Why not begin the year with learning how to read the Bible, understand it and so draw closer to Christ? Facilitated by Fr Paul Byrne & Aishling Steen, the course begins on Monday 9th Jan. at 7pm for 6 weeks online via zoom with a retreat day on Feb. 18th. Cost and materials £30. For more information please contact the Living Church office at livingchurch@downandconnor.org or Tel. 90690920.

PARISH 100 CLUB

The Parish 100 Club Draw will commence January 26th and new members are welcome. Please consider supporting the Parish and be in with a chance to win cash prizes every week and the end-of-year big cash prizes. Contact the Parish Office for more details.

MOO MUSIC

A music and movement class for kids aged up to 5yrs. We sing, dance, play and learn all while having lots of fun! Every Thursday at 11.15am in Parish Centre, Cavehill Rd. See Facebook and Instagram: Moo Music South West Belfast.

For more news, information and resources:

www.holy-familyparish.com

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon 2 nd :	Larry Duffin
Tue 3 rd :	Priest's intention
Wed 4 th :	Priest's intention
Thu 5 th (10am):	Barney Devenny
Thu 5 th (7pm):	Priest's intention
Fri 6 th (9.15am):	Priest's intention
Fri 6 th (10am):	Maureen McAteer
Sat 7 th (10am):	Thomas Kutty Abraham
Sat 7 th (6pm):	Charlene Fryers
Sun 8 th (9am):	Priest's intention
Sun 8 th (10.30am):	May McGuigan
Sun 8 th (12Noon):	Danny Marquess



The Parish Office will reopen and resume normal office hours

on Wednesday 4th January.

Both Churches will be open from 9am-12noon until 3rd January.