



# 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)

Holy Family Church: Saturdays at 4pm  
St Thérèse of Lisieux Church: 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)

## SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Mon. 17: St Antony, Abbot  
Fri. 21: St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr  
Sat. 22: St Vincent, Deacon, Martyr



*"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

**Parish Telephone (Office hours):** 90743119  
**Office hours:** Mon-Thu 9.30am-2.30pm, Fri 9.30am-1.30pm  
**Address:** 226-228 Limestone Road, Belfast BT15 3AP

**Emergency Sick Calls only (24hrs):** 07802458240  
**Society of St Vincent de Paul (Helpline):** 028 90351561

**Email:** holyfamily@downandconnor.org  
**Website:** www.holy-familyparish.com  
**Webcam:** available on Parish website homepage

## 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

15 January 2023

Readings: A (I) ❖ Psalter: Week 2

### WEEK OF CHRISTIAN PRAYER (18-25 January)

The theme this year for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is *Belonging: Praying for Unity amidst Injustice*.

For this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity we are guided by the churches of Minneapolis as we seek to explore how the work of Christian unity can contribute to the promotion of racial justice across all levels of society.

The Churches Together in Britain and Ireland writers' group have also focussed our attention on the 30th anniversary of the murder of Stephen Lawrence, which we mark in 2023. The work of restoring hope through justice undertaken in Stephen's memory continues to inspire and change lives for the better.

As we join with other Christians around the world for the Week of Prayer, we pray that our hearts will be open to see and hear the many ways in which racism continues to destroy lives, and to discern the steps we can take as individuals and communities to heal the hurts and build a better future for everyone.

Resources are available online: <https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2023/>

### The Sending: A Franciscan Benediction

*Attributed to the earliest followers of St Francis*

May God bless you with discomfort  
at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships,  
so that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger  
at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people,  
so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears  
to shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger, and war,  
so that you may reach out your hand to confirm them  
and turn their pain into joy.

And may God bless you with enough foolishness  
to believe that you can make a difference in the world,  
so that you can do what others claim cannot be done  
to bring justice and kindness to all our children and the poor. Amen.

### REST IN PEACE

**Recently deceased:** Patricia McGreevy  
**Anniversaries:** Hugh McCloskey, Meta McDaid,  
Paul Curran, Molly & Sean Barton, Bridget Hamilton,  
Ruth Campbell, Vincent Smith (1st), Mark O'Kane,  
Sheila Cooper, Angela McCormick, Margaret Wright,  
George & Cassie McCullough, Albert Mullan,  
Timothy & Catherine O'Sullivan,  
John Doyle

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!*



## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

### WEEKLY OFFERING

The weekly offering on Sunday 08 January came to £2,134.95. Thank you for your generous contribution and continued support.

### 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, as well as year-end big cash prizes. Contact the Parish Office for more details.

### APPEAL FOR RUSHES FOR MAKING ST BRIGID'S CROSSES

If you can source rushes for making St Brigid's Crosses, please contact the Parish Office. If we have a supply of rushes, we will gather a team to weave the Crosses and they can be distributed after Mass on 1st February, the Feast Day of St Brigid, and also distributed to housebound parishioners, as well as those in nursing homes and residential care.

### TAIZÉ PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS

You are warmly invited to Taizé Prayer Around the Cross on Friday 27th January from 8-9pm in Holy Family Church. Everyone is very welcome and refreshments will be served afterwards in the Gathering Space.

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK (22 - 29 January)

'Catholic Schools: Living Life To The Full. "Let us thank all those who teach in Catholic schools. Educating is an act of love; it is like giving life". (Pope Francis).

### ALPHA PROGRAMME

St. Colmcille's, Upper Newtownards Rd, starting Wed 18th Jan, 8pm - 9.30pm. ALPHA consists of a series of videos and live talks on the basics of Christianity. Email [n.dunn@downandconnor.org](mailto:n.dunn@downandconnor.org) or text / phone Noeleen on 07879 498131.

### FOSTER CARE SERVICES AND SUPPORT

If you can spare some time to make a difference in a child's life, please contact [www.adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net](http://www.adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net) or 08000720137.

### JOB VACANCY: PARISH SAFEGUARDING SUPPORT OFFICER

Details at: [www.downandconnor.org](http://www.downandconnor.org), and on the Community NI website. Closing date for applications is 12.00 noon on Thursday 26th January.

### BALLET CLASSES IN THE PARISH CENTRE

Mondays, 4.30pm—6.00pm, for age 3 upwards. E: [courtney@doogandance.com](mailto:courtney@doogandance.com) or phone 07921560453. [www.doogandance.com](http://www.doogandance.com)

### NEWINGTON COMMUNITY HUB

Fridays, 10am - 2pm in Camberwell Court, Limestone Road. Come in for a cuppa, a chat and a bite to eat. Free and open to all. Children welcome.

### IRISH CLASSES

Wednesdays at 7pm in the McCracken Irish Centre (opposite Waterworks). £3 per session, for 10 nights this term.

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

### MASS INTENTIONS

Mon 16: Angela McCormick  
Tue 17: Margaret Wright  
Wed 18: George & Cassie McCullough  
Thu 19: Albert Mullan  
Fri 20: Timothy & Catherine O'Sullivan  
Sat 21 (10am): Mary & Thomas Scullion  
Sat 21 (6pm): Gerald Keane (35th)  
Sun 22 (9am): Annie O'Boyle  
Sun 22 (10.30am): Terry Woods MM  
Sun 22 (12Noon): David McDowell



