



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

Tue. 24: St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor
Wed. 25: Conversion of St Paul, Apostle, Feast
Thu. 26: Sts Timothy & Titus, Bishops
Sat. 28: St Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor



"For those with faith, no evidence is necessary; for those without it no evidence will suffice."

- St Thomas Aquinas

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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Website: www.holy-familyparish.com

Webcam: available on Parish website homepage

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

22 January 2023

Readings: A (I) ❖ Psalter: Week 3

WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

The Word of God Teaches Us About Who We Are

In a world with so much physical and spiritual fatherlessness, many of us find ourselves confused today about who we are and what we're here for. As the holy and inspired Word of God, the Bible helps us to answer the deepest longings of our hearts. It teaches us that we were created in God's image (Gen. 1:27), and He loves us so much that no matter what we do, we can never escape His presence (Ps. 139:9-10). The Word of God teaches us that we are first and foremost defined by the Father's love for us; He is the one who gives us our identity and reveals to us the meaning of our lives.



The Word of God Helps Us Encounter the Person of Christ

Daily encounter with the written Word of God helps us to better encounter the living Word of God – Jesus Christ – in our prayer and in the Eucharist. The twentieth century French Benedictine Dom Celestin Charlier once said that in our daily experience as Christians, the Eucharist is our life and the Sacred Scriptures are our light. We can't afford to forego one or the other. By combining both, we open ourselves up to approach Jesus in new and exciting ways. Like any good friend, He wants to listen to our needs, but He also wants to respond to those needs by sharing His heart. Daily immersion in the Word of God is one essential doorway to that heart.

(www.Catholic-Link.org)

FAREWELL TO ARCHBISHOP NOËL TREANOR

In November 2022 our Bishop Noel Treanor was appointed by Pope Francis to become his Apostolic Nuncio to the European Union. Bishop Noel, who is now known as Archbishop, will leave the Diocese formally this weekend to take up his new appointment.



He was appointed Bishop of Down and Connor in 2008 and during his time with us he has met many people and launched some significant initiatives such as the Listening Process, the Living Church Office, the introduction of the Permanent Diaconate and the Pathways to the Future Project (which is seeking to plot a pathway for the Church in Down and Connor for the future).

The religious writer Ronald Rolheiser has written that: "to let ourselves be led by God through changing times requires, on our part, great imagination ... Today ... we are being asked to reimagine our faith life and our church structures." Archbishop Noel has shown such imagination. For the leadership he has offered us, we give thanks. We send him to

Brussels with our blessing and we pray God's blessing for him.

Bishop Noel wishes to thank all the people of the Diocese for their support and prayers over his years with us. He has also asked us to keep him in our prayers as he assumes his new role and responsibilities.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

WEEKLY OFFERING

The weekly offering on Sunday 14 Jan came to £2,194.42, and the collection for Living Youth was £652.25. Thanks for your contribution and continued support.

CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK (18-25 January)

As we join with other Christians around the world for the Week of Prayer, we continue to 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 at <https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2023/>

FOUR CORNERS FESTIVAL (27 January - 05 February)

The 4 Corners Festival seeks to inspire people from across the city to transform it for the peace and wellbeing of all. It consists of innovative events designed to entice people out of their own 'corners' of the city and into new places where they will encounter new perspectives, new ideas, and new friends. We celebrate our city through music, prayer, storytelling, discussion, and more. For details of events: info@4cornersfestival.com or www.4cornersfestival.com

PARISH 100 CLUB

The Parish 100 Club Draw will commence January 26th, and new members are welcome. 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. A team would gather to weave the Crosses after Mass on 1st February, the Feast Day of St Brigid, to be distributed to the sick and housebound.

TAIZÉ PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS

You are warmly invited to Taizé Prayer on Friday 27th January from 8-9pm in Holy Family Church. Everyone welcome. Refreshments afterwards.

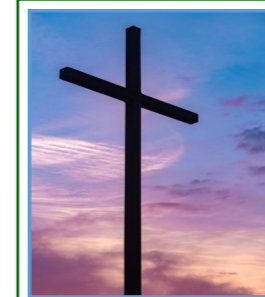
ST THERESE OF LISIEUX PRIMARY SCHOOL

..is creating a Relief Classroom Assistant Register to cover illness and temporary vacancies. If you are interested, please email the school with your details to: info@stthereseoflisieux.belfast.ni.sch.uk or phone 028 90770215.

TWO CITIES

Capella Caeciliana and New Dublin Voices concert in St. Malachy's Church, Alfred Street, at 7.30pm on Saturday 28th January. www.caeciliana.org.

For more information and resources:
www.holy-familyparish.com



REST IN PEACE

Recently deceased: Sheila Faloon, Siobhán Burns, Stephen Lewis (Wales) **Month's Mind:** Terry Woods
Anniversaries: Roisin Anagnostides (née O'Neill), Janine Mullally, Richard McDonald, Bernard Ward, Thérèse Timoney, Alex & Mollie McLoughlin, Niall O'Neill, Mary & Thomas Scullion, Gerald Keaney (35th), Annie O'Boyle, David McDowell, Sarah Joanna Quinn, Elizabeth & Patrick Walsh, James H. Quinn, Stephen Mallon, Charles Keenan, Brigid Butcher & Cathleen Cassidy & John Mullin

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon 23:	Sarah Joanna Quinn
Tue 24:	Elizabeth & Patrick Walsh
Wed 25:	James H. Quinn
Thu 26:	Stephen Mallon
Fri 27:	Charles Keenan
Sat 28 (10am):	Phil McIlwee
Sat 28 (6pm):	Edward Gribben
Sun 29 (9am):	Aiden O'Neill
Sun 29 (10.30am):	<i>Priest's intention</i>
Sun 29 (12Noon):	John O'Kane MM

