

# **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

### SACRAMENT OF 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)



#### **REST IN PEACE**

Recently Deceased: Kevin Vernon & Thomas Jack-

son

Month's Mind: Maura Gillen

**Anniversaries:** Eileen Davey, Mary & Kay Doherty, Dessie Cormican, George Cooley, Moira Blacker (1st), Jim & Kitty Conlan, Sean Shannon

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!

## **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

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## **EASTER SUNDAY**

9 April 2023

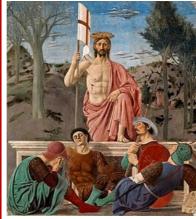
Readings: A (I) • Psalter: Week 1

Fr Michael, Fr Robert, Deacon Brendan and the Pastoral Council would like to wish all our parishioners and visitors a very Happy Easter. We thank all who helped to prepare and to celebrate our Holy Week and Easter liturgies, making them so very beautiful and memorable.

We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song! - St Augustine

## From Pope Francis:

"Brothers and sisters our hope has a name: the name of Jesus. He entered the tomb of our sin; he descended to those depths where we feel most lost; he wove his way through the tangles of our fears, bore the weight of our burdens and from the dark abyss of death restored us to life and turned our mourning into



The Resurrection of Jesus, Piero della Francesca, 15th century

joy. Let us celebrate Easter with Christ! He is alive! Today, too, he walks in our midst, changes us and sets us free. Thanks to him, evil has been robbed of its power; failure can no longer hold us back from starting anew; and death has become a passage to the stirrings of new life. For with Jesus, the Risen Lord, no night will last forever; and even in the darkest night, in that darkness, the morning star continues to shine."

(Easter Vigil, 16.04.22)

# WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE?

**LIGHT**The light of Christ that shines in the darkness.

FIRE
It represents
Christ's
resurrection.

GRAINS OF INCENSE They represent he 5 wounds of



ALPHA AND OMEGA Christ is the beginning and end of all things.

CROSS
It represents
Christ and his
eternal light.

YEAR
It reminds us of
God's presence here

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The Parish Office will close Easter Week.

Normal office hours will resume on Monday 17th.

The Churches will remain open as usual during Easter week.

## **PARISH NEWS & EVENTS**

**WEEKLY OFFERING.** The weekly offering on Palm Sunday came to £3,282.44,and the monthly stipend, for the support of our priests was £2,121.30. Thank you for your generous contribution and continued support.

**TRÓCAIRE** boxes can be returned to either church, or online donations can be made at www.trocaire.org.

**PARISH 100 CLUB.** Week 11 winners: D. Warde, S. Gault, M. Carson, E. McCusker & M. McIlvenny (Promoter)

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** will resume as normal in St Thérèse of Lisieux Church from Wednesday 12th April at 10.00am.

**TRÓCAIRE LENTEN LUNCH.** Sincere thanks and appreciation to Holy Family Parish for raising £1453.21 (including Gift Aid) at the Lenten Lunch. Your generosity has helped to create positive, lasting change all over the world. Thank You!

#### ST PATRICK'S DAY COLLECTION FOR THE IRISH LANGUAGE.

Thanks from the St. Patrick's branch of the Gaelic League for your generous support. A total of £520 was collected. Go raibh mīle maith agat.

**DIVINE MERCY NOVENA.** Began on Good Friday (online only), with different speakers each day. www.divinemercybelfast.com. Divine Mercy Sunday (16 Apr) Rosary, Confession, Adoration & Mass at Sacred Heart Church, from 2.30pm.

**EUCHARISTIC HEALING NIGHT**. An evening of adoration, worship, confession, prayer ministry, Testimony and Benediction. Come experience the love of God, 6pm-8pm on the 3rd Sunday of every month in St Joseph's Church, Antrim.

**VOCATIONS CONFERENCE**. In life, many hear God's call to priesthood. Have you ever considered taking the risk to follow in the footsteps of Jesus? Conference in St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, on 25 April. Register at www.vocations.ie, or contact Fr. Willie Purcell at willie.purcell@iecon.ie

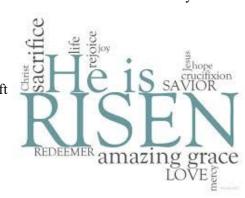
**RECOMMITMENT AT CLONARD.** Sunday 16th April, 3pm-4pm in Clonard Monastery. Join us as we acknowledge the courage of those who helped create a moment of hope 25 years ago. Free tickets at www.corrymeela.org.

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK.** Sunday 23rd

April. wwweucharisticadoration.ie/programme-for-knock-pilgrimage.

**CEMETERY SUNDAY AT MILLTOWN.** Sunday 7th May at 3pm.

EASTER REFLECTION. "The great gift of Easter is hope, Christian hope which makes us have that confidence in God, in his ultimate triumph, and in his goodness and love, which nothing can shake". (Cardinal Basil Hume)



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

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon 10: Priest's intention
Tue 11: Priest's intention
Wed 12: Priest's intention
Thu 13: Maura Gillen MM
Fri 14: Moira Blacker (1st)
Sat 15 (10am): Liam Gallagher RIP USA
Sat 15 (6pm): Josephine Marley
Sun 16 (00m): Lian Gallagher RIP USA

Sun 16 (9am): Josephine Mariey
Sun 16 (9am): Isabella Semple
Sun 16 (10.30am): Maureen McMenamin
Sun 16 (12Noon): Kitty Maguire

