



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 Jackson

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

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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 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.”



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

(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 the 5 wounds of Christ.



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 and now.

Source: Aleteia.com

CatholicLink

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)

EUCCHARISTIC 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 míle 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.

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK. Sunday 23rd April. www.eucharisticadoration.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 (9am):	Isabella Semple
Sun 16 (10.30am):	Maureen McMenamin
Sun 16 (12Noon):	Kitty Maguire

