



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)

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Mon. 17: St Laserian, Bishop
Fri. 21: St Anselm of Canterbury, Bishop, Doctor

"Come now, insignificant man, fly now from your affairs, escape for a little while from the tumult of your thoughts. Put aside now your weighty cares and leave your wearisome toils. Abandon yourself for a little to God and rest in Him."

- St Anselm of Canterbury



CONTACT INFORMATION

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2nd SUNDAY of EASTER

16 April 2023 ❖ Readings: A (I) ❖ Psalter: Week 1

From Pope Francis

"Dear sister, dear brother, do you want proof that God has touched your life? See if you can stoop to bind the wounds of others. Today is the day to ask, "Am I, who so often have received God's peace, his mercy, merciful to others? Do I, who have so often been fed by the Body of Jesus, make any effort to relieve the hunger of the poor?" Let us not remain indifferent. Let us not live a one-way faith, a faith that receives but does not give, a faith that accepts the gift but does not give it in return. Having received mercy, let us now become merciful. For if love is only about us, faith becomes arid, barren and sentimental. Without others, faith becomes disembodied. Without works of mercy, it dies (cf. James 2:17).



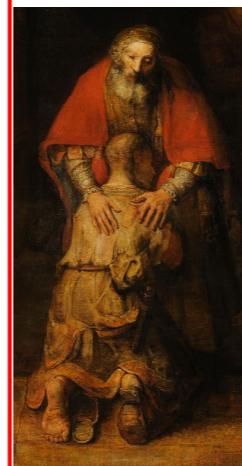
Dear brothers and sisters, let us be renewed by the peace, forgiveness and wounds of the merciful Jesus. Let us ask for the grace to become witnesses of mercy. Only in this way will our faith be alive and our lives unified. Only in this way will we proclaim the Gospel of God, which is the Gospel of mercy." (Homily, 11.04.21)

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

St Faustina Kowalska was a Polish nun who received mystical revelations in which Jesus showed her his heart, the source of mercy, and expressed his wish that this feast be celebrated. Therefore, she is known as the Messenger of Divine Mercy.



The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments issued, on 23 May 2000, a decree (at the suggestion of St John Paul II) in which the feast of Divine Mercy would be celebrated each year on the Second Sunday of Easter.



In order to celebrate this day, it is recommended to pray the Chaplet and the Novena of Divine Mercy, go to confession (after a deep examination of conscience) and receive Holy Communion on the day of the feast of Divine Mercy.

The main purpose of the feast of Divine Mercy is to send the entire world an important message: God is merciful and he loves us all.

(www.catholic-link.org)

For the sake of his sorrowful passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

WEEKLY OFFERING. Holy Thursday collection for the poor totalled £652.46. Good Friday collection for the Catholics in the Holy Land came to £1246.02. The white envelope for Easter Sunday totalled £3668.81. The Easter Sunday collection amounted to £2815.00. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

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

PARISH 100 CLUB. Week 12 winners: Mrs. Coleman, Phil Duffy, A. McLoughlin, A. Lavery & Frances Privilege (Promoter)

PARISH YOUTH MASS. Will take place at the 10.30am Mass in Holy Family Church on Sunday 23rd April.

DOWN AND CONNOR LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2023. : 11/12 – 17th July. 6 nights from £829, 5 nights from £769. 5 night in Accueil Notre-Dame for pilgrims requiring nursing and/or personal care, £719. Contact the Pilgrimage Office (028) 9077 0162 or email: lourdes@downandconnor.org.

LIVING CHURCH PILGRIMAGE TO LOUGH DERG. Led by Jim Deeds, Friday 30th June – Sunday 2nd July. Cost £90 includes luxury coach transfers. Early booking recommended. Claire at 90690920 / livingchurch@downandconnor.org

QUB CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE. 8 nights, departing 9 February 2024. Spiritual Director Fr. Dominic McGrattan. For details email Chaplaincy Director, Shannon Campbell, at catholicchaplaincy@qub.ac.uk

BEGINNINGS. Bereavement support on 29/04, 27/05 & 24/06 in St. Bride's Hall. Contact Phil: 02890 207645 or Marie 07896119669 or e: belfastbe@yahoo.com

EVERY BLESSING FOR THE SUMMER TERM

We wish the children & young people, who return to school this week, God's blessing for the summer term. To the children preparing for First Holy Communion, we will pray for you. To the young people, especially those completing coursework assignments and preparing for exams, we wish you well and we will pray for you too.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon 17: Priest's Intention
Tue 18: Priest's Intention
Wed 19: William Ferguson
Thu 20: Fr. Martin O'Callaghan
Fri 21: Malachy Finnegan
Sat 22 (10am): Kevin Mullan (1st)
Sat 22 (6pm): Patrick McDermott
Sun 23 (9am): Marie McNally
Sun 23 (10.30am): Willie Loughran (1st)
Sun 23 (12Noon): Marie & Danny Gault



For more information and resources:

www.holy-familyparish.com

REST IN PEACE



Recently deceased: Brian Austin, Mary Gowdy, James McGarry, Liam Gallagher (USA) & Hugh Connolly
Month's Mind: Peter McNicholl **Anniversaries:** Callum Fitzsimons (1st), Josephine Marley, Isabella Semple, Maureen McMenamin, Kitty Maguire, William Ferguson, Fr. Martin O'Callaghan, Malachy Finnegan, Gary Eaton, Sadie O'Kane, Celia & Paddy Kearney, Moira Blacker (1st)

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!