



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

Tue. 25: St Mark, Evangelist, Feast
Sat. 29: St Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor, Patroness of Europe, Feast

*"Be who God meant you to be
and you will set the world on fire."*

- St Catherine of Siena



CONTACT INFORMATION

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3rd SUNDAY of EASTER

23 April 2023 ❖ Readings: A (I) ❖ Psalter: Week 3

From Pope Francis

"Today's Gospel, set on the day of the Passover, tells the story of the two disciples of Emmaus (cf. Luke 24: 13-35). It's a story that starts and ends on the move... Meeting Jesus: the two of Emmaus first open their hearts to him; then they listen to him explain the scriptures; so they invite him home. These are three steps that we too can take in our homes:



first, open our heart to Jesus, entrust him with the burdens, the hardships, the disappointments of life, entrust him with the "ifs"; and then, second step, listen to Jesus, take the Gospel in hand, read this passage today, chapter twenty-four of Luke's Gospel; thirdly, pray to Jesus, in the same words as those disciples: "Lord, "stay with us" (v. 29). Lord, stay with me. Lord, stay with all of us, because we need you to find our way. And without you there is night.

Dear brothers and sisters, we are always on our way in life. And we become what we're going towards. Let us choose God's way, not that of the self; the way of yes, not the way of the if. We will find that there is no unexpected events, there is no uphill path, there is no night that cannot be faced with Jesus. May Our Lady Mother of the journey, who, by receiving the Word, has made her entire life a "yes" to God, show us the way.." (Homily, 26.04.20)

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

WEEKLY OFFERING. The weekly collection on Sunday 16 April amounted to £7,334.88 (this includes a yearly contribution of £5,000). Thank you for your continued generosity and support. Can the holders of envelope numbers 647 & 786 please contact the Parish Office?

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

PARISH 100 CLUB. Week 13 winners: Mr & Mrs Turner, Imelda Camplisson, Ailish Walls, Brenda Mullan & Pat Archer (Promoter).

TAIZÉ PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS You are warmly invited to Taizé Prayer Around The Cross on Friday 28th April, 8pm-9pm in Holy Family Church. Everyone welcome, refreshments will be served afterwards in the Gathering Space.

THE WEDNESDAY 'DROP IN' TEA MORNING IS BACK. Come along, meet new people, chat, and enjoy a cup of tea/coffee in the Gathering Space, every Wednesday, after the 9.15am Mass.

DOWN AND CONNOR LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2023. : 11/12 – 17th July. 5 nights in Accueil Notre-Dame for pilgrims requiring nursing and/or personal care. Pilgrimage Office (028) 9077 0162 or 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

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE. The loss of a partner through death, separation or divorce is devastating. Beginning Experience is offering a programme of bereavement support in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Avenue, on three Saturdays (April 29th; May 27th and June 24th 2023) Booking essential. To find out more, contact Phil: 02890 207645 or Marie 07896119669 or email belfastbe@yahoo.com.

QUB CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE. 8 nights, 9 February 2024. Email the Chaplaincy Director at catholicchaplaincy@qub.ac.uk.

FREE RELAXATION CLASS. Mondays 11.30am -12.30pm in Ashton Centre. Gentle tai chi movement, breathing exercises and relaxation techniques - suitable for people of all ages. For more information contact Joe on 07890087678.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon 24: Betty Rafferty MM
Tue 25: Jane McIlwee
Wed 26: Thomas Markey
Thu 27: Evelyn Brennan
Fri 28: Sr. Jacqueline O'Reilly MM
Sat 29 (10am): Mary McAree (1st)
Sat 29 (6pm): Jackie & Madge McHugh
Sun 30 (9am): Dolores O'Connor (1st)
Sun 30 (10.30am): Roland McGuinness
Sun 30 (12Noon): Seamus & Chantal McKeown



For more information and resources:

www.holy-familyparish.com

REST IN PEACE

Recently deceased: Vera Wilson, Anthony McGivern & Gemma O'Grady (USA) **Month's Mind:** Maureen Graves, Betty Rafferty & Sr. Jacqueline O'Reilly

Anniversaries: Barbara Carson, Dolores O'Connor (1st), Margaret Gilmore, Arthur Cunningham, Dominic Gilmore, Rose O'Connor, Robert Craig, Patricia O'Kane, Kevin Burns, Rita McLaughlin, Patrick McDermott, Willie Loughran (1st), Jane McIlwee, Thomas Markey, Kevin Mullan (1st), Marie McNally, Marie & Denny Gault, Evelyn Brennan, Gerry McCrudden, Pat Shannon

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!



PONDER THE FACT THAT
GOD HAS MADE YOU
gardener
TO ROOT
out vice
AND PLANT
virtue
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

