



# 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. 1: St Joseph the Worker  
Tue. 2: St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor  
Wed. 3: Sts Philip and James, Apostles, Feast  
Fri. 5: Bl. Edmund Rice, Religious



*"Have courage; the good seed will grow up in the children's hearts later on". - Bl. Edmund Rice*

## 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

**Emergency Sick Calls only (24hrs):** 07802458240  
**Society of St Vincent de Paul (Helpline):** 028 90351561

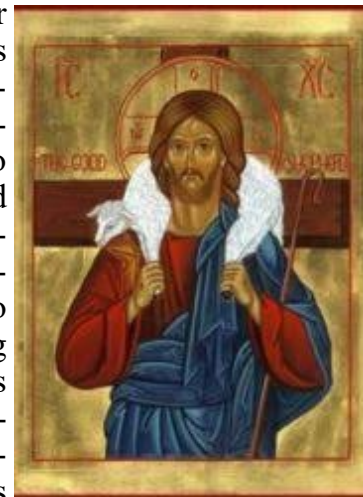
**Email:** holyfamily@downandconnor.org  
**Website & Webcam:** www.holy-familyparish.com

## 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY of EASTER

30 April 2023 ❖ Readings: A (I) ❖ Psalter: Week 4

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

The purpose of World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfil the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity), secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life. 2023 marks the 60th Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.



### VOCATION PRAYER

Lord, make me a better person, more considerate towards others, more honest with myself, more faithful to you. Make me generous enough to want to do your will, whatever it may be.

Help me find my true vocation in life and grant that through it, I may find happiness myself and bring happiness to others. Amen.

### DOWN & CONNOR VOCATIONS DIRECTOR

Fr. Conor McGrath

c.mcgrath@downandconnor.org

Tel: 028 90654157

www.vocationsdownandconnor.org

### DIOCESAN VOCATIONS PRAYER



God our Father, at the very beginning of your Church your Son Jesus chose twelve apostles to continue the work he had begun. By the power of your Holy Spirit, they continued to bring the Good News of your love to our world. Send that same Holy Spirit into the hearts of those you are calling to serve as priests for your people in our diocese.

Fill them with your gifts of wisdom, understanding, piety and knowledge as they discern your will. Give them the gifts of right judgment and courage in following their call. Through the outpouring of your grace may many come to the joy of knowing and responding to the invitations of Jesus to "Come, follow me!" Amen.

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

**WEEKLY OFFERING.** The weekly collection on Sunday 23rd April amounted to £2,096.56. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

**PARISH 100 CLUB.** Week 14 winners: Sheila McGovern, Maire McDermott, Joe Connolly, Owen O'Neill & Anne O'Kane (Promoter).

**PARISH YOUTH MASS.** Many thanks to everyone involved in making last Sunday's Youth Mass such a special occasion.

**FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS** Holy Family Church on 06 May. 10am: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession and Act of Consecration. 11am: Mass.

**PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK.** 17-18 June 2023. Staying in the Knock House Hotel. £180 all in. If you are interested, contact Sally Elliott on 02890247587.

**APOSTOLIC WORK, DOWN & CONNOR CENTENARY CELEBRATION 1923 - 2023.** Bishop Donal McKeown will celebrate Mass on Saturday 17 June at 12 Noon in St Malachy's Church. All welcome. E: apostolic.work@btinternet.com

**ORGAN RECITAL IN SAINT PETER'S CATHEDRAL.** On Sunday 7 May at 3pm. Aaron Voderholzer (Germany) and Ivan-Bogdan Reincke, Admission free.

**NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP.** In St. Gerards Church, Monday 15th May-Tuesday 23rd May, 9:30am and 7:30pm. Everyone welcome.

**MAY, THE MONTH OF MARY.** The May Altar is an expression of our devotion to Our Lady, and we encourage you to set one up at home. You just need a small statue or image of Mary, maybe rosary beads, a candle and perhaps a flower.

**CEMETERY SUNDAY** will be held on the following dates: Milltown 07 May @ 3pm; City Cemetery 14 May @ 3pm; Hannahstown 28 May @ 3pm; Tullyrusk 04 June @ 1.30pm & St Peter's the Rock 04 June @ 3pm.

## MAY DEVOTIONS



During the month of May, we will pray the Rosary 15mins before morning Mass on weekdays and Saturdays. All are welcome.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon 1: John Lowry  
Tue 2: Stephen Moss RIP (Australia)  
Wed 3: Peggy Holmes (1st)  
Thu 4: Joe Heaney  
Fri 5: Joy Mathew  
Sat 6 (10am): Brian Austin MM  
Sat 6 (6pm): Michael Gribben  
Sun 7 (9am): Priest's intention  
Sun 7 (10.30am): May Feighan  
Sun 7 (12Noon): Maura Fitzpatrick



For more information and resources:  
[www.holy-familyparish.com](http://www.holy-familyparish.com)

## REST IN PEACE



**Recently deceased:** Margaret Magill, Frances McAleese & Stephen Moss (Australia)  
**Anniversaries:** Baby Fintan Heading, Mary O'Connor (1st), Jackie & Madge McHugh, Mary McAree (1st), Dolores O'Connor (1st), Seamus & Chantal McKeown, John Lowry, Peggy Holmes (1st), Joe Heaney, Joy Mathew, Hugh McGrath, Roland McGuinness

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!*