



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 15: St. Carthage, bishop
Tues. 16: St. Brendan, abbot
Thurs. 18: St. John 1, pope & martyr
Sat. 20: St. Bernardine of Siena, priest



"Let Mary never be far from your lips and from your heart. Following her, you will never lose your way". St. Bernardine

CONTACT INFORMATION

Parish Clergy: Very Rev. Michael Spence PP, Rev. Robert Sloan CC & Rev. Deacon Brendan Dowd

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6th SUNDAY of EASTER

14 May 2023 ❖ Readings: A (I) ❖ Psalter: Week 2

From Pope Francis

Today, by meditating on the words of Jesus, we perceive with the sense of faith that we are the People of God in communion with the Father and with Jesus through the Holy Spirit. The Church finds the inexhaustible source of her very mission, which is achieved through love, in this mystery of communion. Jesus says in today's Gospel: "He who has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me; and he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him" (v. 21). So, love introduces us to the knowledge of Jesus, thanks to the action of this "Advocate" that Jesus sent, that is, the Holy Spirit. Love for God and neighbour is the greatest commandment of the Gospel. The Lord today calls us to respond generously to the Gospel's call to love, placing God at the centre of our lives and dedicating ourselves to the service of our brothers and sisters, especially those most in need of support and consolation. f ever there is an attitude that is never easy, even for a Christian community, it is precisely how to love oneself, to love after the Lord's example and with his grace. A community of Christians should live in the charity of Christ. Every day we must forgive and look to Jesus, and do this with the help of this "Advocate", whom Jesus has sent to us that is the Holy Spirit. (Regina caeli address, May 21, 2017)



PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE

As a Church we are called to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ and share his love in the world. But we realise that our current way of doing things is getting more difficult to sustain. With smaller congregations and fewer priests we have to find new ways to ensure that the mission of the Church can be carried out in the future.



For this reason our Diocese of Down and Connor is undertaking a major programme of change called Pathways to the Future. It will look at the priorities and structures of the Church to see how we can best serve our 86 parishes and other ministries over the next twenty years.

A steering team of lay people and clergy has been preparing for this work in recent months and representatives of every parish have taken part in initial conversations. In the coming months we all have a chance to find out more and play our part. One important task is to collect accurate information and for that reason a census of Mass attendance across the diocese will be taken up next week.

This is a time of rebuilding and renewal for our diocese and we set off on the pathway confident that the Holy Spirit, sent to us by the Father, will guide us on our journey together. Please keep this project in your prayers!

PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE PRAYER

God of Love,

You are with us in every transition and change.

As we enter into this new era with excitement and even some anxiety, we recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love.

We thank you for the gifts, talents and skills with which you have blessed us.

We thank you for the work of others that gives breadth and depth to our own work.

Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another.

We ask this in your Holy Name. Amen.

AMEN

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

WEEKLY OFFERING. The weekly collection on Sunday 07 May amounted to £2,831.33. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

PARISH 100 CLUB. Week 16 winners: F. Pelan, Kitty McCann, Sarah Moffett, Elaine Doherty & Tara Cullinan (Promoter)

NOVENA TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP. Will commence in the parish on Wednesday 24th May, at the 9.15am Mass. The Novena prayers will be said each Wednesday at this Mass.

TROCAIRE. Thanks to the people of Holy Family Parish, for the amazing Lenten gift of £8,891.02, providing medical care, fresh water, and hope for the future.

CEMETERY SUNDAY. City Cemetery TODAY @ 3pm.

DOWN AND CONNOR LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2023. 11/12 – 17th July. 6 nights from £829, 5 nights from £769. 5 night for pilgrims requiring nursing and/or personal care, £719. Tel: 0289077 0162 or e: lourdes@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

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.

DROP-IN BEREAVEMENT CAFÉ AT NI HOSPICE. In the Old School House Café, on the first Wednesday of the month, 6pm—7.30pm. All welcome.

NOVENA FOR LIFE is an invitation to join thousands of people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life, Tues 23rd May to the Feast of the Visitation on Wed 31st May. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life in Ireland. Visit www.prayforlife.ie for the daily novena prayers, also on facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena and @ChooseLifeIRL on Twitter. This is an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon 15: Priest's Intention
Tue 16: Priest's Intention
Wed 17: Alex & Mollie McLoughlin
Thu 18: Priest's Intention
Fri 19: Priest's Intention
Sat 20 (10am): Priest's Intention
Sat 20 (6pm): Special intention
Sun 21 (9am): Priest's Intention
Sun 21 (10.30am): John Lagan
Sun 21 (12Noon): Annamma Chacko



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

REST IN PEACE



Recently deceased: Muriel Savage (Australia), Mark Steenson, Sarah Rooney

Month's Mind: Christine Huddleston & Jim McGarry
Anniversaries: Patrick O'Callaghan, Mona McConnell, Mairead Donnelly, Charlie O'Kane, Isaac Blackham, Sarah O'Kane, Alex & Mollie McLoughlin, Terry McDaid, Dan & Claire McKillop, Frank McGrath

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!