



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)

Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help: Wed 9:15am Mass

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 20: The Irish Martyrs
Wed 21: St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious
Sat 24: The Nativity of St John the Baptist, Solemnity



"We admire them for their personal courage...a fidelity which is more than an example: it is a heritage of the Irish people and a responsibility to be lived up to in every age."

- St John Paul II, Homily, Beatification of the Irish Martyrs, 22.09.92

CONTACT INFORMATION

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11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

18 June 2023 ❖ Readings: A (I) ❖ Psalter: Week 3

To all Fathers, in our Parish, or those soon to be, we wish you a Happy Father's Day!

Prayer for Fathers

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father. Bless all fathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience; support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation, through Jesus Christ our rock and defender. Amen.



PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE

In St Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells His disciples that "the harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to the harvest". We must continue to ask God for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life, but we must also recognise that we all have a calling from God and through our Baptism, we have received the gifts or charisms of the Holy Spirit to equip us to fulfil it.

In the coming months, we will begin to establish our new Families of Parishes across the Diocese. These are not simply parish structures, but are communities of faith where all, lay and ordained, work together to serve God and to serve, love, and care for each other. The new Families will be asking people to come forward to be trained and commissioned in a range of ministries such as catechesis, youth ministry and funeral ministry. Volunteers will be needed to help with management and administration. Liturgy teams will be needed to plan and organise prayer services and celebrations. Parish Families will need Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, altar servers, musicians, and so much more.

As we begin the process of renewal that Bishop McKeown spoke of at Pentecost, and as we plan for the practical changes that this will entail, we invite you to take time to pray and reflect on what this will mean for you personally. What role could you play? How will you use your Baptismal gifts for the glory of God and the love of others? How will you respond to God's call for you?

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 17 (6pm): John Sullivan
Sun 17 (9am): Priest's Intention
Sun 18 (10.30am): Patricia & Edward (50th) Bell
Sun 18 (12Noon): Eamon Donnelly (1st)
Mon 19: No intention
Tue 20: Priest's Intention
Wed 21: Terry Hale (5th)
Thu 22: Charlie McCormick
Fri 23: Eileen Byrne
Sat 24 (10am): Priest's Intention



PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

WEEKLY OFFERING. The weekly collection on Sunday 11 June amounted to £1,751.13. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

PARISH 100 CLUB. Week 21 winners: Anne McIvor, JA O'Hare, Dympna Eastwood, Mrs Masterson & Brenda Mullan (Promoter)

PARISH FINANCIAL STATEMENT, for the years ending December 2021 & December 2022, is being presented this weekend. It can be viewed in the Latest News section of our parish website, and hard copies are available in both churches or from the Parish Office.

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE. On Mon 19 June, our priests will be attending a clergy conference in Dromantine, so there will be no morning Mass in the parish that day. A Holy Communion service (readings and distribution of Holy Communion) will be led by Damien Kirkpatrick, our clerical student, at 9.15am (as usual), in Holy Family Church.

COMMUNITY FUN DAY 25TH JUNE 11:30am - 2:30pm. ADMISSION FREE! Fun inflatables, face painting, ice cream, hot food and lots more. Please come along and bring your friends. Children under 12 years must be accompanied by an adult. If you would be willing to lend a hand on the day, please contact the Parish Office.

ANNUAL APOSTOLIC COLLECTION will take place next weekend, 24 & 25 June. Sincere thanks for your continued, generous support for Apostolic work with Missionaries.

LOURDES ASSOCIATE PILGRIMS COLLECTION. An impressive £752.31 was raised to help with subsidised fares, equipment and supplies. Sincere thanks to all.

DAY FOR LIFE 2023 Sunday 18 June. The theme is 'Listen to Her', and focuses on the experience of one Catholic woman, in the aftermath of abortion. See Latest News.

SR. PATRICIA MARIA SPEIGHT: BRINGING GOD'S LOVE AND HOPE TO PEOPLE IN THE MARGINS. Publication will be celebrated in Holy Family Church on Wednesday 28 June at 6pm. Keynote speaker: Bishop Donal McKeown. See Latest News.

PATHWAYS CENSUS RESULTS

The results of the census of Mass Attendance in our Parish over the weekend of Pentecost (27/28 May), as requested by the Pathways to the Future Steering Committee, were as follows: **667 parishioners attended Mass.**

AGE	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL (%)
0-3	4	4	8 (1.2)
4-7	19	18	37 (5.5)
8-10	11	17	28 (4.2)
11-17	24	22	46 (6.9)
18-25	5	12	17 (2.5)
26-35	12	16	28 (4.2)
36-50	27	58	85 (12.7)
51-65	48	78	126 (18.9)
66-75	53	95	148 (22.2)
75+	51	93	144 (21.6)

The total parishioners attending each Mass were: 6pm Vigil Mass - 190; 9am Mass - 63; 10.30am Mass - 224 & 12noon Mass - 190.

For more information and resources:

www.holy-familyparish.com



REST IN PEACE

Recently deceased: Marie-Thérèse Rubegni, Michael Seaward, Theresa O'Keefe & Fergus MacManus (Australia)

Anniversaries: Rosemary and Laurence Cleary, Kay Gallagher, Aideen Kennedy (1st), John Sullivan, Bridget Cullen, Thomas Pulickal, Eamon Donnelly (1st), Terry Hale, Charlie McCormick, Eileen Byrne, Marian O'Reilly, Patrick & Gerard Mc Cullough

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!