



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

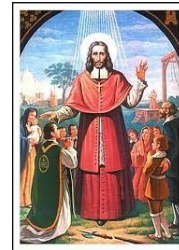
Pilgrim Prayer: Tuesday 8pm on Parish website & Facebook

First Saturday: 10am (Holy Family)

Taizé Prayer: last Friday of the month 8-9pm (Holy Family)

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Tue 27: St Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop, Doctor
Wed 28: St Irenaeus, Bishop, Doctor, Martyr
Thu 29: Sts Peter and Paul, Apostles, Solemnity
Sat 1: St Oliver Plunkett, Bishop, Martyr



"I die most willingly. And with God's grace, I shall give others the good example not to fear death."

- St Oliver Plunkett (1625-1681)

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

25 June 2023 ❖ Readings: A (I) ❖ Psalter: Week 4

Pope Francis says:

"In this Sunday's Gospel (cf. Mt 10:26-33) the invitation Jesus addresses to His disciples resonates: to have no fear, to be strong and confident in the face of life's challenges, as He forewarns them of the adversities that await them. Today's passage is part of the missionary discourse, with which the Teacher prepares the Apostles for their first experience of proclaiming the Kingdom of God. Jesus persistently exhorts them "not to be afraid", "do not be afraid", and Jesus describes three tangible situations that they will find themselves facing..."



Jesus exhorts them not to fear, because even while experiencing these and other pitfalls, the lives of the disciples rest firmly in the hands of God, who loves us and looks after us. They are like the three temptations: to sugar-coat the Gospel, to water it down; second, persecution; and third, the sensation that God has abandoned us. Even Jesus suffered this trial in the garden of olives and on the cross: "Father, why have you forsaken me?", says Jesus. At times one feels this spiritual aridness. We must not be afraid of it. The Father takes care of us, because we are greatly valued in His eyes. What is important is the frankness, the courage of our witness, of our witness of faith: "recognizing Jesus before others" and continuing to do good." (*Sunday Angelus, Rome, 21.06.20*)

PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE

This is a time of major change – politically, economically, socially, and within our Church. Change can be unsettling and even a little frightening, especially when it impacts on something that we love, cherish, and rely upon, like our parish communities and how we celebrate our faith. Over recent weeks, we have heard about changes that are coming to our parishes and Diocese. Changes in the number of priests in active ministry in years to come, changes in how our parishes will work together in new families of parishes, changes in the active role that lay people will play working alongside our clergy in new ministries, leadership roles and the management of our parishes. The Holy Spirit is moving within these changes, and Jesus is calling each one of us to renew and to rebuild His Church. As Bishop Donal McKeown said in his Pastoral Letter at Pentecost, "The Spirit which acted with such unexpected force and fulness in Pentecost is the same Spirit we can call upon and put our entire trust in today." The Pathways to the Future team is concluding its initial planning work. Further information about our new Families of Parishes, lay ministries, and new ways for our lay people and clergy to work together in the service of God and each other will be shared through a series of events across the Diocese in the autumn. This will be the start of ongoing conversations that will continue within parishes and across parishes as we start to build our new parish families. As Bishop McKeown said at Pentecost, "Together we can renew and rebuild the Church. Together, we can become part of God's amazing dream for ourselves and for the whole of creation. Like the disciples at Pentecost, let us embrace the future with confidence and hope." In doing so, let us hear Jesus' voice as He continues to tell each of us "Do not be afraid".



PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

WEEKLY OFFERING. The weekly collection on Sunday 18 June amounted to £1,855.84, and the collection for Peter's Pence, which supports the work of the Universal Church, including the charitable works of Pope Francis, was £950.39. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

PARISH 100 CLUB. Week 22 winners: Noel McCullough, Angela Armstrong, Tommy Herdman, Ethna Harding and E&F Eastwood (Promoter).

COMMUNITY FUN DAY TODAY 25TH JUNE 11:30am - 2:30pm. ADMISSION FREE! Fun inflatables, face painting, ice cream, hot food and more. Please come along and bring your friends. Under 12s must be accompanied by an adult.

ANNUAL APOSTOLIC COLLECTION. At all Masses this weekend. Sincere thanks for your continued, generous support for Apostolic work with Missionaries

TAIZÉ PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS You are warmly invited to Taizé Prayer Around The Cross on Friday 30th June from 8-9pm in Holy Family Church. Everyone very welcome. Refreshments served afterwards in the Gathering Space.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: If you could occasionally help cover an hour, during the summer holidays, please contact the Parish Office.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS. Holy Family Church 01 July. 10am: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession and Act of Consecration. 11am: Mass

SINCERE THANKS On behalf of our parish clergy team, we wish to thank all our staff and parishioners for making our seminarian, Damien Kirkpatrick, so welcome over the past three weeks. He has had such a positive experience of ministry here in our parish, one that will stay with him, as he continues his formation for the priesthood. Let us remember to support Damien, and all our seminarians, as we pray in this special year for vocations to the Diocesan priesthood.

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

JOB VACANCIES. Dominican Sisters, Fortwilliam are seeking full & p/t care assistants, and a p/t cleaning asst. Contact Caitriona 02890370008. Closes 07 July.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 24 (6pm):	Patrick McDermott
Sun 25 (9am):	Ciaran Campbell MM
Sun 25 (10.30am):	Billy Holmes (30th)
Sun 25 (12Noon):	Malachy Proctor
Mon 26:	Edilburgo, Timoteo & Rosalia Rodriguez
Tue 27:	Thomas Moreland
Wed 28:	Jacqueline Vaz
Thu 29:	Priest's Intention
Fri 30:	Sean Paul McCleave (1st)
Sat 1 (10am):	Mark Steenson MM



For more information and resources:

www.holy-familyparish.com

REST IN PEACE



Recently deceased: Marie-Thérèse Rubegni, Michael Seaward & Theresa O'Keefe, Robert Beattie & Gerry Davey

Month's Mind: Ciaran Campbell

Anniversaries: John Adair, Gareth Parker, Gerard McCool, Patrick McDermott, Malachy Proctor, Billy Holmes (30th), Edilburgo, Timoteo & Rosalia Rodriguez, Thomas Moreland, Jacqueline Vaz, Sean Paul McCleave (1st), Nancy Aldridge, Eddie Deery (Snr.)

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!