



# 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  
**Rosary:** 20mins before Mass on Wednesday & Saturday  
**First Saturday:** 10am (Holy Family)  
**Taizé Prayer:** last Friday of the month 8-9pm (Holy Family)

## SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Mon 3: St Thomas, Apostle, Feast  
Thu 6: St Maria Goretti, Virgin, Martyr

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- St Maria Goretti (1890-1902)



## CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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## 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 July 2023 ❖ Readings: A (I) ❖ Psalter: Week 1

### Pope Francis says...

This Sunday's Gospel (Mt 10:37-42) forcefully echoes the invitation to live out our union with the Lord completely and without hesitation. Jesus asks His disciples to take the demands of the Gospel seriously, even when that requires sacrifice and effort.

In so doing, we can experience God's generosity and gratitude. Jesus reminds us of this: "Whoever receives you receives me [...] Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones [...] will surely not lose his reward" (vv. 40-42). God's generous gratitude takes into account even the smallest gesture of love and service given to our brothers and sisters. Again in these days, I heard from a priest who was moved because in his parish a child came up to him and said, "Father, these are my savings; not very much. They are for the poor, for those who are in need because of the pandemic". A little thing, but a great thing. It is a contagious gratitude that helps every one of us to be grateful toward those who take care of our needs. When someone offers us some service, we should not think that we deserve everything. No. Many services are carried out freely. Think of volunteer work, ... they do it out of love, simply to serve. Gratitude, appreciation is, first of all, good manners, but it is also characteristic of a Christian. It is a simple but genuine sign of the kingdom of God which is the kingdom of gratuitous and grateful love.



(Sunday Angelus, 28.06.20)

## Parish Fun Day

Despite the weather, the Community Fun Day went ahead on Sunday 25th June from 11:30am-2:30pm; the rain did not dampen spirits! The children had fun on the inflatables, played target ball, had their faces painted and ate lots of goodies. The adults were well looked after too.

On behalf of the Parish Pastoral Council, we wish to thank the many people who made this event possible: The Parish Ministry of Hospitality and Welcome team, Parish staff and volunteers; Holy Family Youth Centre, and especially BJ, for accommodating events at such short notice with the inclement weather; and Margaret and all the volunteers from Newington Day Centre.

We also wish to acknowledge and thank all who helped to fund the day with donations of money or food: St Vincent De Paul (Holy Family Conference), Newington Credit Union, Newington Housing Association, and Tesco Yorkgate.

Finally, thanks to all our parishioners and all who supported the event and made it such a successful and memorable day.

We wish everyone a very happy and restful summer!

Thank you!

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

**WEEKLY OFFERING.** The weekly collection on Sunday 25 June amounted to £2086.54. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

**PARISH 100 CLUB.** Week 23 winners: Margo Morris, J.M. Hawkins, W. Waters, M.T. Morris & Angela Mullin (Promoter).

**PARISH OFFICE.** Will be closed Mon 10th - Friday 21 July incl. There will still be a bulletin 16th & 23rd July, so please forward to the Parish Office, any names or notices for the bulletin, by Tuesday 04th July.

**ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD.** Rev Robert McMahon, from West Belfast, will be ordained a priest TODAY at 3pm in St Peter's Cathedral by Bishop Michael Router, Auxiliary Bishop of Armagh. We thank God for Robert's generosity and assure him of our continued prayers as he begins his priestly ministry here in our Diocese of Down and Connor.

**HOSPITALITY.** The Wednesday teas and monthly hospitality is suspended for the summer. Sincere thanks to the Hospitality & Welcome Team for providing us with such tasty treats and for contributing so wonderfully to the life of our parish.

**SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER.** Thank you to all staff in our schools, for their hard work and dedication throughout the year; we wish them and the children well for an enjoyable summer break.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**...is suspended for the summer months, to recommence September. However worksheets will be available at Masses in both churches. Thank you to our Children's Liturgy leaders, for all their good work.

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

**SR. PATRICIA MARIA SPEIGHT: BRINGING GOD'S LOVE AND HOPE TO PEOPLE IN THE MARGINS, (by Aidan Donaldson)** Congratulations to Aidan on his very successful book launch. Copies are available to purchase from the Parish Office, at a cost of £9.99. All profits will go to support the *Love and Hope Centre*, in Nakuru, Kenya. To find out more: info@loveandhopecentre.or.ke

**JOB VACANCIES.** Dominican Sisters, Fortwilliam are seeking full & p/t care assistants. Contact Caitriona 02890370008. Closing date for applications 07 July.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 1 (6pm): Maisie & Frank Manning  
Sun 1 (9am): Special intention  
Sun 2 (10.30am): Marie Griffin MM  
Sun 2 (12Noon): Bridget McCaughey  
Mon 3: Priest's Intention  
Tue 4: N.U. Joseph  
Wed 5: Priest's Intention  
Thu 6: Priest's Intention  
Fri 7: Priest's Intention  
Sat 8 (10am): Priest's Intention



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## REST IN PEACE



**Recently deceased:** Michael Cassidy, Ethna Wilson & Pat McBride **Month's Mind:** Mark Steenson & Marie Griffin **Anniversaries:** Brigid & John Tohill, Mark Mooney, Maisie & Frank Manning, Bridget McCaughey, N.U. Joseph, Maurice Jordan, Michael McLaughlin, Fergus Fitzsimons, Charlie McCartan, Niall Boden, Mark Doherty

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!*