



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 Wednesday & Saturday
First Saturday: 10am (Holy Family)
Taizé Prayer: last Friday of the month 8-9pm (Holy Family)

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Mon 14: St Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr
Tue 15: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thu 17: Our Lady of Knock

"Be a Catholic: When you kneel before an altar, do it in such a way that others may be able to recognize that you know before whom you kneel."

- St Maximilian Kolbe (1894-1941)



CONTACT INFORMATION

Parish Clergy: Very Rev. Michael Spence PP,
Rev. John O'Laverty CC & Rev. Deacon Brendan Dowd
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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

13 August 2023 ❖ Readings: A (I) ❖ Psalter: Week 3

Dear Parishioners,

God's Will has called me to minister to the souls of Kircubbin (Ardkeen) on the Ards Peninsula; a mission I embrace wholeheartedly. Although my ministry in Holy Family was short-lived, I will take with me the remembrance of a welcoming, prayerful and vibrant parish community from which I have learned so much and, hopefully, I have been able to contribute my small part to its spiritual legacy.

I am particularly grateful to Fr Michael, Deacon Brendan and all the parish staff who have supported and guided me with their wisdom and experience throughout the year; they are a wonderful team and the parish is blessed to have them. Also, to all the many parish groups, committees and volunteers, my heartfelt appreciation for the testimony of your dedicated service to the parish family.

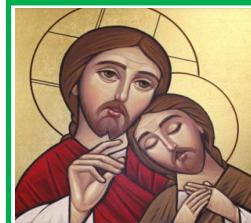
I am delighted that Fr John O'Laverty, known to many of you already, has been appointed Curate of Holy Family. He is a fine young priest who will bring his own distinct talents and energy. He will undoubtedly be a little nervous but I have assured him of the welcome, kindness and support he will receive from all of you.

Please remember me from time to time in your prayers, as I will you, that together we look to the future with the hope that the Lord Jesus will continue to bless all the dedicated efforts made to spread the Good News in North Belfast and throughout our Diocese.

Gratefully yours in Christ, Fr Robert Sloan.



Fr John O'Laverty



Beloved Disciples

Spirituality for the Autumn of Life

Why not take some time this September to join us for the Beloved Disciples Programme which explores and celebrates the gifts that older people bring to our Church community. It reminds us that there is no such thing as retirement from the Kingdom of God and that we are called to discipleship at every age in our lives. The programme, designed for the over 60's runs for 4 weeks. Over a cup of tea/coffee there will be opportunities for talking and listening and sharing what our faith means to us as we continue our journey seeking to grow in the love of Christ and others.

The four-week programme will begin on Wednesday 6th September at 10.15am in Holy Family Church, and will conclude on Wednesday 27th September. Each session will be approximately one hour long and will be facilitated by Fr Paul Byrne from the Living Church Office. We look forward to welcoming you! Please contact the Parish Office to book your place.

"Old age is where wisdom is woven, which in turn illuminates the lives of younger generations and the entire community." - Pope Francis

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

WEEKLY OFFERING. The weekly collection on Sunday 06 August amounted to £4,245.34, and the monthly collection, for the support of our priests, was £2,567.67. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

PARISH 100 CLUB. Week 29 winners: Murray Family, Nuala Prince, Patricia Heaney, Frances Privilege & Bernie Konrad (Promoter)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY. Whilst Children's Liturgy is suspended over the summer, worksheets are still available in both churches. Please take a copy home.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION needs people please for Mondays, 7pm-8pm.

NATIONAL NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF KNOCK takes place each year at Knock Shrine, 14th - 22nd August. For those who cannot be present, the Novena may be made at home or in the local church. Prayer leaflets available in both churches. For information, or to join services online: www.knockshrine.ie.

ONE DAY LOUGH DERG PILGRIMAGE Sat 23rd Sept, cost £55 incl. coach, tea/coffee & scones on arrival & light lunch. Bus leaves St Patrick's Church at 7am. Contact Claire: 02890 690920 Email: livingchurch@downandconnor.org

FAREWELL TO FR. ROBERT. On behalf of the Parish Community, we extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to Fr Robert Sloan, for his generous service over the past year, and wish him every blessing, as he takes up his new assignment in the Parish of Ardkeen. We are delighted to welcome Fr John O'Laverty to the parish, and assure him of our prayers and support. *The Pastoral Council*

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Mass Times for Holy Day of Obligation

Monday 14th August 7pm (Vigil) St. Thérèse
Tuesday 15th August 9.15am Holy Family; 10.00am St Thérèse

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 12 (6pm):	Mary Gribben
Sun 13 (9am):	Priest's intention
Sun 13 (10.30am):	Ben Cullinan
Sun 13 (12Noon):	Priest's intention
Mon 14 (9.15am):	Priest's intention
Mon 14 (7pm):	Oona Laverty
Tue 15: (9.15am)	Paul Holbrook
Tue 15(10am)	Paddy & Tony O'Hara
Wed 16:	Priest's intention
Thu 17:	Priest's intention
Fri 18:	Priest's intention
Sat 19 (10am):	Priest's intention



For more information and resources:
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REST IN PEACE

Recently deceased: Eugene Rogan, Eimear McGinley, Charles McGarrity & Angela Smyth

Anniversaries: Mary Gribben, Peggy Connelly (10th), Ben Cullinan, Oona Laverty, Paul Holbrook, Paddy O'Hara, Tony O'Hara, Ita Goan, Christopher Whitson, Patrick Wills, Gerard Rea, Thomas & Jane Moreland

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!