



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 21: St Pius X, Pope
Tue 22: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thu 24: St Bartholomew, Apostle, Feast

"Where is the road that leads to Jesus Christ? It is before our eyes: it is the Church"
- Pope St Pius X (1894-1941)

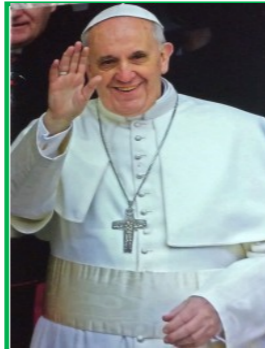


CONTACT INFORMATION

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

20 August 2023 ❖ Readings: A (I) ❖ Psalter: Week 4



As young people, you have great dreams, but often you may fear that they cannot come true. Sometimes you can think that you are not up to the challenge, and you may be tempted to lose heart, to think you fall short, or to disguise your pain with a smile. As young people, you want to change the world and work for justice and peace. You devote all your energy and creativity to this, yet it still seems insufficient. Yet the Church and the world need you, the young, as much as the earth needs rain. Jesus now speaks to you, dear young people, who are the present and the future of our world. To all of you he says: "Do not be afraid!"

Today, as much as ever, the words spoken by Saint John Paul II at one World Youth Day ring true: 'It is Jesus whom you seek whenever you dream of happiness. When you find little that brings you satisfaction, he is there, waiting for you. He is the beauty that you so greatly desire. He is the one who instils in you the thirst for fulfilment that does not allow you to settle for compromise. He is the one who urges you to set aside the masks that deceive. He is the one who enables you to understand the deepest desires of your heart, and to make the decisions that others may want to discourage you from taking. Jesus is the one who stirs within you the desire to do something great with your lives... Do not be afraid to entrust yourselves to him!' (Prayer Vigil, Rome, 19 August 2000).

Dear young people, I would like to look each of you in the eye and say: Do not be afraid! Now I will tell you something even more beautiful: Jesus himself is now looking at you. He knows you; he knows what is in your heart; he smiles at you and tells you once again that he loves you, always and infinitely. Always and infinitely. Go forth then, bringing God's radiant smile to everyone! Go and bear witness to the joy of faith, to the hope that warms your hearts, and to the love that you bring to everything you do. Shine with the light of Christ. Listen to him so that you, too, may become the light of the world. And do not be afraid, for the Lord loves you and walks at your side. With Jesus, life is born anew, always.

Extract from Pope Francis' Homily for World Youth Day, Portugal, 6th August 2023



Beloved Disciples

Spirituality for the Autumn of Life

A 4 week course for the over 60s, exploring and celebrating the gifts that older people bring to our Church community. Over a cup of tea/coffee there will be opportunities for talking and listening, and sharing what our faith means to us. Wednesday 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th September at 10.15am in Holy Family Church, Please contact the Parish Office to book. your place.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

WEEKLY OFFERING. The weekly collection on Sunday 13 August amounted to £2,128.45. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

PARISH 100 CLUB. Week 30 winners: Nikki Sullivan, Mr & Mrs McQuillan, David Weiniger, Catherine Scott & Brenda Killough (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.

DRUMALIS RETREAT CENTRE: *Growth in Prayer & Reflective Living*, via Zoom. 20 sessions, starts Monday 18 September. *Rooted in Love, (Integrating Ignatian Spirituality into Daily Life)*, via Zoom, monthly on Thursdays, starting September. For info on these and other courses/days of reflection, see Latest News on our parish website. For queries: drumalis@btconnect.com or 28272196/28276455.

CARNMONEY CEMETERY SUNDAY. 02 & 03 Sept. Masses in St. Mary's on the Hill Parish will be offered for all buried in Carnmoney Cemet:- St. Bernard's at 6pm Vigil, Sunday 9am, 11am & 12.30pm & St Mary's on the Hill on Sunday at 10am. Join online at stmarysonthehillonline. Further details on Latest News.

ONE DAY LOUGH DERG PILGRIMAGE. Sat 23rd Sept, cost £55, incl. coach. Contact Claire: 02890 690920 Email: livingchurch@downandconnor.org

CEILI DANCING CLASSES. In St. James' Parish Hall, Whiteabbey. 4 weeks starting 11 September, 7.30pm-9.00pm. Cost £20. Contact Bronagh on 90370845.

CONGRATULATIONS to the young people of the parish on your recent exam achievements. May the Holy Spirit guide you in your choices for the future.

PRAYER FOR STUDENTS WHO HAVE RECEIVED, OR WILL RECEIVE, EXAM RESULTS Lord, remind me that You hold me safe, You understand me, and you cherish me. I lay down my fears before You. I leave them at the foot of the cross, for You have overcome the world. I choose to give You all my concerns, worries and fears of failure. I trust that Your loving hand will hold me through these exam results, and lead into a bright future. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 19 (6pm): Priest's intention
Sun 20 (9am): Priest's intention
Sun 20 (10.30am): Mary Snow & Bridie May
Sun 20 (12Noon): Priest's intention
Mon 21: Priest's intention
Tue 22: Billy Tolan MM
Wed 23: Ellen Markey & Elizabeth McKee
Thu 24: Priest's intention
Fri 25: Priest's intention
Sat 26 (10am): Priest's intention



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

REST IN PEACE



Recently deceased: Eilish McGarrigan, Charlie McGarrity, Geraldine Petticrew, Martin McGirr, Catherine Doran & Albert Dolan
Month's Mind: Billy Tolan
Anniversaries: Mary Snow, Bridie May, Ellen Markey, Elizabeth McKee, Eddie & Colette Seaward, John McCambridge, Kevin Leonard, Frank & Sheila O'Connor

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!