



# 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 28: St Augustine, Bishop, Doctor  
Tue 29: The Passion of St John the Baptist  
Wed 30: St. Fiacre  
Thurs 31: St. Aidan of Lindisfarne  
Fri 01: Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation



*"You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you." - St Augustine (354-430)*

## CONTACT INFORMATION

**Parish Clergy:** Very Rev. Michael Spence PP, Rev. John O'Lavery CC & Rev. Deacon Brendan Dowd  
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## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

27 August 2023 ❖ Readings: A (I) ❖ Psalter: Week 1



## SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation begins 1 September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology. During this season the Christian family unites for a worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. As followers of Christ from around the globe, we share a common call to care for creation. Our wellbeing is interwoven with the wellbeing of the earth.

This year, the theme for the season is 'Let Justice and Peace flow', with the symbol of A Mighty River. More information can be found at [seasonofcreation.org](http://seasonofcreation.org).



**Let Justice and Peace Flow**  
Season of Creation 2023

**Friday 1st September** is the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. An Online Ecumenical Prayer Service, led by faith leaders from around the globe will take place on this day at **2pm Irish** time and will be available on YouTube (see [seasonofcreation.org](http://seasonofcreation.org)). Christians are invited to join this online time of prayer and reflection as we celebrate the start of the Season of Creation.

### Extract from Pope Francis' 2015 Encyclical Letter *LAUDATO SI' ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME*:

*"LAUDATO SI', mi' Signore"* – "Praise be to you, my Lord". In the words of this beautiful canticle, Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. "Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs".



## 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 20 August amounted to £1,735.49, and the collection for the Diocesan Cathedral Fund was £902.55. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

**PARISH 100 CLUB.** Week 31 winners: Geraldine Connolly, Anne White, Vincent Leonard, Gerard Hodgkinson & Jean Privilege (Promoter).

**PARISH OFFICE** will be closed for the bank holiday, Monday 28th August.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY.** We look forward to the resumption of Children's Liturgy next Sunday 03rd September, at 10.30am Mass in Holy Family Church.

**FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS.** Holy Family Church 02 Sept. 10am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession, Act of Consecration, Mass at 11am.

**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](mailto:drumalis@btconnect.com) or 28272196/28276455.

**CARNMONEY CEMETERY SUNDAY.** 02 & 03 September. See Latest News.

**ACCORD MARRIAGE & RELATIONSHIP COUNSELLING.** For face to face or online support, contact 90233002 or email [info@accordni.com](mailto:info@accordni.com).

**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 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 me into a bright future. Amen.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 26 (6pm): Theresa O'Keefe MM  
Sun 27 (9am): Patrick McNamee  
Sun 27 (10.30am): Priest's intention  
Sun 27 (12Noon): Dermot McGarry  
Mon 28: Priest's intention  
Tue 29: Priest's intention  
Wed 30 (9.15am): Priest's intention  
Wed 30 (2pm): Marie Teresa Dowds de Mogollon (30th)  
Thu 31: Frankie Burns MM  
Fri 1: Priest's intention  
Sat 2 (10am): Margaret & Martin Hill



For more information and resources:  
[www.holy-familyparish.com](http://www.holy-familyparish.com)

## REST IN PEACE



**Recently deceased:** Catherine Doran, Albert Dolan, Thomas O'Kane, Bernard Keenan & Margaret Garvey (USA)  
**Month's Mind:** Theresa O'Keefe & Frankie Burns  
**Anniversaries:** Frankie & Margaret McCullough, Patrick McNamee, Dermot McGarry, Orlaith O'Kane, Philomena O'Neill, Edward Comerton, Mick McAleer, Colm Caughey, Ella Donaghy, Terry McGuinness, Fr. Jim McWilliams, Mary Rea & Marie Teresa Dowds de Mogollon (30th)  
*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!*