



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

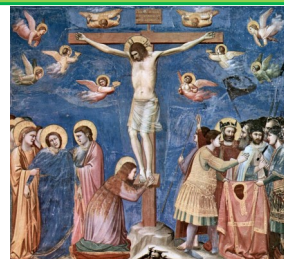
DEVOTIONS

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

Tue 12: The Most Holy Name of Mary
Wed 13: St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor
Thu 14: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Feast
Fri 15: Our Lady of Sorrows
Sat 16: Ss Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop

"We adore you o Christ and we bless you, for by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world."



CONTACT INFORMATION

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10 September 2023 ❖ Readings: A (I) ❖ Psalter: Week 3



SEASON OF CREATION

What a wonderful universe! What a wonderful world! The universe is a pretty amazing place, from the unimaginably large, right down to the incredibly small. There's an awful lot going on in this field we call "existence." The more scientists investigate, the more we discover just how amazing this universe and our Earth are.

The writer of Psalm 18 (19), reflecting on this wonderful universe and earth wrote: "The heavens proclaim the glory of God ..." Other Psalms express similar wonder and gratitude to God. Psalm 8 expresses it this way: "When I see the heaven, the work of your hands, the moon and the stars which you arranged, what is man that you should keep him in mind, mortal man that you care for him?" (Psalm 8).



Other people have expressed their wonder and amazement at the universe and our world in painting, photography, poetry and music. Louis Armstrong's famous 1967 song, "What a Wonderful World", expresses this sense of wonder. Pope Francis, in his encyclical letter Laudato Si', On Care For Our Common Home, reminds us that St. Francis of Assisi, "faithful to Scripture, invites us to see nature as

a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of his infinite beauty and goodness. ... Rather than a problem to be solved, the world is a joyful mystery to be contemplated with gladness and praise." (#12)

Creation is a gift from God, yet it can so easily and so often be taken for granted.

Prayer

God our Father, we thank you for the gift of life, and all the gifts of nature; our senses and faculties, our talents and abilities. We thank you for creating us in your image and likeness, and for giving us this earth to use and develop, to respect and cherish. Amen.

THE EARTH AND ALL THE PEOPLE, PLANTS AND ANIMALS ARE GIFTS FROM GOD.



GOD WANTS US TO TAKE CARE OF THESE GIFTS.



Beloved Disciples

Spirituality for the Autumn of Life

It's not too late to join us for the next 3 Wednesdays, exploring and celebrating, the gifts that older people bring to our Church community. 10.15am in Holy Family Church on 13th, 20th & 27th September. Starts with tea and coffee at 10am.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

WEEKLY OFFERING. The weekly collection on Sunday 03 September amounted to £2,336.02, and the monthly collection, for the support of the priests in our parish, was £2,744.86. Thank you for your continued generosity and support. We would remind you that envelope contributions can be paid by Standing Order (contact the Parish Office for details). Donations can also be made via the Donate button on the parish website.

PARISH 100 CLUB. Week 33 winners: Mr & Mrs Shields, M. Sheppard, Mr & Mrs Konrad, Tom Taggart & Ethna Harding (Promoter).

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR – SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER @ 2.30PM Details and arrangements to follow. If you have any unwanted gifts, please hold on to them for us. If you volunteered in the past, or would like to volunteer this year, please contact the Parish Office as soon as you can, to facilitate planning. And if you have any hampers that you no longer have use for, we would be very grateful for them.

ADULT DANCE-FIT CLASSES resume in Holy Family Parish Centre, 120 Cavehill Rd. Special Ceili Dance Class on Tuesday 12th September 8.00pm-9.30pm. Learn the Ceili dances while keeping fit. Contact Anne 07714233298.

NEWINGTON DAY CENTRE. Free drop-in carers support information morning, Thurs 28 Sept, 11am-1pm. Organisations present include Alzheimer's Society, Tar Isteach and Belfast Trust's Dementia Navigator. Please ring 90351947, if you intend to come along. Also, free dementia course for carers starting November.

WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY. Ecumenical service on Sunday 10th September at 7pm, in St John's Church, Falls Road. All welcome.

A MORNING PRAYER (William Barclay)

O God, Lord of all good life, help me to use today well. Help me to use today to know you a little better; to do my work a little more diligently; to serve my fellow human beings a little more lovingly; to make myself, by your help, a little more like Jesus. Help me make today a day of progress in my life, and to become a little more like what you want me to be. This I ask for Jesus' sake. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 9 (6pm): Gemma McNally (1st)
Sun 10 (9am): Eilish McGarrigan MM
Sun 10 (10.30am): Jim Keegan
Sun 10 (12Noon): Paul O'Neill
Mon 11: Barney Butcher
Tue 12: Mary Collins
Wed 13: Priest's Intention
Thu 14: Priest's Intention
Fri 15: Geraldine Hart
Sat 16 (10am): Oliver Magill



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REST IN PEACE



Recently deceased: Sheila McKay, Kieran Dunphy & Patrick Burns
Month's Mind: Eilish McGarrigan
Anniversaries: Alannah Crawford, Richard Millar, Gemma McNally, Jim Keegan, Paul O'Neill, Barney Butcher, Mary Collins, Geraldine Hart, Frank McGoldrick, Eoin Loughran, David Parker, Barney Deery, Sheila O'Brien, Mark Varini, Robert Monahan, Vera Duffy
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!