



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 2: The Guardian Angels
Tue 3: Bl. Columbia Marmion, Priest
Wed 4: St Francis of Assisi
Thu 5: St Faustina Kowalska, Virgin
Sat 7: Our Lady of the Rosary



*"We should seek not so much to pray as to become prayer."
- St Francis of Assisi (1181-1226)*

CONTACT INFORMATION

Parish Clergy: Very Rev. Michael Spence PP, Rev. John O'Lavery CC & Rev. Deacon Brendan Dowd

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

As the Season of Creation 2023 draws to a close on the feast of St. Francis of Assisi (4th October), Pope Francis' words in *Laudato Si', On Care For Our Common Home* seem relevant: "When we can see God reflected in all that exists, our hearts are moved to praise the Lord for all his creatures and to worship him in union with them. This sentiment finds magnificent expression in the hymn of Saint Francis of Assisi:

Praised be you, my Lord, with all your creatures, especially Sir Brother Sun, who is the day and through whom you give us light. And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendour; and bears a likeness of you, Most High. Praised be you, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars, in heaven you formed them clear and precious and beautiful. Praised be you, my Lord, through Brother Wind, and through the air, cloudy and serene, and every kind of weather through whom you give sustenance to your creatures. Praised be you, my Lord, through Sister Water, who is very useful and humble and precious and chaste. Praised be you, my Lord, through Brother Fire, through whom you light the night, and he is beautiful and playful and robust and strong. (#87)



Let Justice and Peace Flow
Season of Creation 2023

Online Ecumenical Event: On Wednesday, October 4, as we celebrate the feast of St. Francis of Assisi and remember the first anniversary of the release of the film *The Letter*, the Season of Creation will close with an online ecumenical prayer service. See seasonofcreation.org or join through the YouTube channel.

FOOD DRIVE. As we come to the end of the Season of Creation, we celebrate the time of harvest. We will have our annual food donations week from Sept 30—08 October. Donations shared amongst local food kitchens. can be left in both churches, in the gathering space in Holy Family and at the sacristy in St. Therese.

A PRAYING, CARING COMMUNITY IN ACTION

A Parable on Teamwork

There are four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.



The Pastoral Council have organised a Volunteer Fair to showcase the work of our many parish voluntary groups. This will take place in Holy Family Church Gathering Space after all Masses this weekend. As we celebrate and highlight the work of our wonderful volunteers, this is a great opportunity for parishioners to meet some of our volunteers, and find out more about the services provided by our various ministries and groups within our parish, as well as the many volunteering opportunities available. We hope you can join us.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

WEEKLY OFFERING. The weekly collection on Sunday 24 September amounted to £2375.21. Donations can also be made by standing order, or via the Donate button on the website. In addition, contactless donation terminals are now functioning in both churches. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

PARISH 100 CLUB. Week 36 winners: Bernadette Keenan, Marion Doyle, Bernadette Duffy, Michael & Gerardine Leonard and Patricia Connolly (Promoter)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION ANNIVERSARY & DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS. Fri 13th October 10am-10pm with Eucharistic Adoration in the main body of St. Therese Church. Anniversary Mass @ 7.30pm; Day of Prayer closing with Rosary, Night Prayer and Benediction from 9.15pm. All welcome.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS. Holy Family Church on 07 Oct. 10am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession and Act of Consecration. 11am Mass.

NEWINGTON DAY CENTRE FREE TALKS FOR CARERS. Tues 03 Oct at 11am: Enduring Power of Attorney, registration and capacity to grant power & Fri 13 Oct: Preparation and execution of wills. Contact 90351947 with your details.

WEEKLY ADULT IRISH DANCE-FIT CLASSES (Ceili & Solo) Tuesdays 8pm-9.30pm in Parish Centre, 120 Cavehill Rd Contact Anne: 07714233298. Special ceili dance class Tues 03 Oct at 8.30pm. Learn the ceili dances and keep fit!

ORDER OF SECULAR FRANCISCANS, St. Joseph's Fraternity, Holy Family Parish. If interested in joining, please contact the Parish Office with your details.

ST. PADRE PIO MASS & BLESSING WITH HOLY RELIC. Friday 06 October at 7pm in St. Vincent de Paul Church, Ligoniel. "Pray, hope and don't worry".

SYNOD 2023 The Synod will open in Rome this week. Let us pray for all of the delegates from across the world, who will take part. May the Holy Spirit guide their work.



OCTOBER, THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY. Our Lady's Rosary Festival has started, and will end 08 October. www.legionofmarydc.co.uk/07955386288.

DEDICATION OF STUDIES MASS (QUB). Today (Sunday) 1 October at 8pm in the Great Hall of the Lanyon Building, presided by Dr N Coll, Bishop of Ossory.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 30 (6pm): Brian Hamill
Sun 1 (9am): Moira Young (1st)
Sun 1 (10.30am): Priest's Intention
Sun 1 (12Noon): Michael Birch
Mon 2: Rose & Michael O'Boyle
Tue 3: Priest's Intention
Wed 4: Priest's Intention
Thu 5: Philip McTaggart (1st)
Fri 6: Priest's intention
Sat 7 (10am): Teresa & Patrick Monaghan



For more information and resources:
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REST IN PEACE



Recently deceased: Eileen Wilson, Philomena McDonnell & Raymond McCullough (Edinburgh)
Month's Mind: Tommy John O'Kane
Anniversaries: Ciaran Carson, Mary Campbell Hann, Philomena O'Kane, John Mullin, Brian Hamill, Joe McNamee, Moira Young (1st), Michael Birch, John F. Mullan, Philip McTaggart (1st), Rose & Michael O'Boyle, Fr Jim McEvoy, Deirdre Roberts

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!