



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 23: St John of Capistrano, Priest
Tue 24: St Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
Sat 28: Ss Simon and Jude, Apostles, Feast

"Our Lord has created persons for all states in life, and in all of them we see people who achieved sanctity by fulfilling their obligations well."

- St Anthony Mary Claret (1807-1870)



CONTACT INFORMATION

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

APPEAL OF POPE FRANCIS

Today too, dear brothers and sisters, our thoughts turn to Palestine and Israel. The number of victims is rising and the situation in Gaza is desperate. Please, let everything possible be done to avoid a humanitarian disaster. The possible widening of the conflict is disturbing, while so many war fronts are already open in the world. May weapons be silenced, and let us heed the cry for peace of the poor, the people, the children... Brothers and sisters, war does not solve any problem: it sows only death and destruction, foments hate, proliferates revenge. War cancels out the future, it cancels out the future. I urge believers to take just one side in this conflict: that of peace. But not in words – in prayer, with total dedication. With this in mind, I have decided to call for **a day of fasting and prayer on Friday 27 October**, a day of penance to which I invite sisters and brothers of the various Christian denominations, those belonging to other religions and all those who have at heart the cause of peace in the world, to join in as they see fit. That evening, at 18.00 at Saint Peter's, we will spend an hour of prayer in a spirit of penance to implore peace in our time, peace in this world. I ask all the particular Churches to participate by arranging similar activities involving the People of God.

General Audience, Rome, 18th October 2023

PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE

"... give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God."

In 1959, Pope Saint John XXIII called for an ecumenical council with the purpose of bringing the Church "up to date". The Council, Vatican II, concluded its work in 1965 having produced 16 documents, one of which was on the role and participation of the laity in the life of the Church. It said "As sharers in the role of Christ the Priest, the Prophet, and the King, the laity have an active part to play in the life and activity of the Church" and that "as far as possible, the laity ought to collaborate energetically in every apostolic and missionary undertaking sponsored by their local parish". There is a strong resonance in these statements with our Gospel passage today, where Jesus challenges us to give back "to God what belongs to God". Through our baptism, we are citizens of God's Kingdom and we have been given the gifts of the Holy Spirit to serve our King and our fellow citizens. This is Mission Sunday, however our missionary duty is not limited to one Sunday in the Church's year and to the work of others in distant lands only. Our missionary role continues day by day in our parishes and communities using the gifts that God has given us.. We find ourselves again at a moment of bringing the Church "up to date". As we plan for the renewal of our Church in Down and Connor through Pathways to the Future, and as the Church worldwide journeys together in the Synod, let us ask ourselves what part we play in the life and activity of the Church. Today's Gospel challenges us to consider how we are paying our dues to our King in our daily lives and within our communities of faith. May the Holy Spirit guide and encourage us, and may God arm us "that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from Me, all is nothing" (Isaiah 45:6)

To find out more go to www.pathwaystothefuture.org



PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR Sunday 25 November @ 2.30pm in the Parish Centre. A limited number of ballot tickets are still available. **Please leave your stubs and money in the walled safe inside either church, or in the collection, or with the Parish Office. If you have ballots that you no longer want, please return them to the Parish Office asap** If you have any unwanted gifts at home, please hold on to them for us. Thank you for your support.



PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

WEEKLY OFFERING. The weekly collection on Sunday 15 October amounted to £2,000.01. Thank you for your continued generosity and support. Donations can also be made by standing order, or via the Donate button on the website. In addition, contactless donation terminals are in operation in both churches.

PARISH 100 CLUB. Week 39 winners: P Donaldson, M Marquess, Mrs McGowan, Bridgeen Barbour & Bernadette Keenan (Promoter).

SACRAMENTAL ENROLMENT. Congratulations to the Ps 3,4 & 7 pupils in Holy Family PS, who enrolled for First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

LAY FUNERAL MINISTRY. Congratulations to Susan, Nuala, Gerard & Brian, who were commissioned as Lay Funeral Ministers last weekend.

TAIZÉ PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS In response to Pope Francis's request for special prayers for peace, you are warmly invited to Taizé Prayer Around The Cross on Friday 27th October, 8pm - 9pm, in Holy Family Church. Everyone is very welcome. Refreshments will be afterwards in the Gathering Space.

OCTOBER, MISSION MONTH. This weekend, we celebrate World Mission Sunday, and the annual collection to support the Missions is taken up today. Thank you for your support, in prayer or by donation. Further info at www.missio.ie. In addition, sincere thanks from The Holy Ghost Missions, for the £2,162.60, donated in July, by our parish.

LECTIO DIVINA. In the Belfast Jesuit Centre (beside St Patrick's Church), on Tuesdays at 7.30pm. Details/booking at 07706316319. Everyone welcome.

NOVEMBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS. November dead lists and envelopes are now available in both churches.

CANDLELIT FUND-RAISING CONCERT. In Star of The Sea, Whitehouse, Sat 30 Oct @ 7.30pm, in aid of church repairs. Admission by ticket only (suggested donation is £15.) Tickets available from the sacristan in each of the four Loughshore Parish churches.

MONASTIC EXPERIENCE WEEKEND. With the Cistercian monks of Our Lady of Bethlehem Abbey, Portglenone. 3rd - 5th Nov. Contact Fr Aelred: frmagee@yahoo.co.uk.

LEGION OF MARY ROSARY AT THE GROTTA in the New Lodge, every Thursday at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR. Sat 11 & Sun 12 Nov 10am -4pm. If you are interested in exhibiting/selling your craft goods, contact patchworkgoose@gmail.com.

THE FRIENDS OF ST MALACHY'S COLLEGE GALA DINNER. Sat 02nd Dec. in the College Hall. Tickets (£60) at fosmgaladinner@gmail.com or [Paypal.me/](https://www.paypal.com)

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 21 (6pm): Theresa Duffy (1st)
Sun 22 (9am): Roisin Rafferty
Sun 22 (10.30am): Noreen Downey
Sun 22 (12Noon): Noel Mulryan
Mon 23: Robert Webb
Tue 24: Elizabeth & Patrick Walsh
Wed 25: Priest's Intention
Thu 26: Priest's Intention
Fri 27: Priest's Intention
Sat 28 (10am): Anne Scott



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

REST IN PEACE

Recently deceased: Hugh Russell, James Browne
Anniversaries: Matthew McCann, Theresa Duffy (1st), Noreen Downey, Roisin Rafferty, Noel Mulryan, Robert Webb, Elizabeth & Patrick Walsh, Arthur Steele, Patrick & Agnes Fox, Brian, Peter, Sean & Gerald Hann, Kevin, Patrick & Joseph McCall, Anne Moreland, Harry Davey, Nancie Birch & Michael Blair

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!

