



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 16: St Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
Tue 17: St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr
Wed 18: St Luke, Evangelist, Feast

"Nothing unites us so closely to the Sacred Heart of our Lord Jesus Christ as the cross which is the most precious pledge of His love."

- St Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690)



CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

15 October 2023 ❖ Readings: A (I) ❖ Psalter: Week 4

APPEALS OF POPE FRANCIS

I continue to follow what is happening in Israel and Palestine with tears and apprehension: many people killed, others injured. I pray for those families who have seen a feast day transformed into a day of mourning, and I ask that the hostages be released immediately. It is the right of those who are attacked to defend themselves, but I am very concerned about the total siege under which the Palestinians are living in Gaza, where there have also been many innocent victims. Terrorism and extremism do not help reach a solution to the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians, but fuel hatred, violence, revenge, and only cause each other to suffer. The Middle East does not need war, but peace, a peace built on dialogue and the courage of fraternity.

I address a special thought to the population of Afghanistan, suffering following the devastating earthquake that struck, claiming thousands of victims, including many women and children, and displaced persons. I invite all people of good will to help this people, already sorely tried, contributing in a spirit of fraternity to alleviating the sufferings of the people and supporting the necessary reconstruction.

Words of Pope Francis at the General Audience, Wednesday, 11 October 2023

PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE

"Go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding."

Like the king in today's Gospel, God sends us out as his servants to the towns and the crossroads of our daily lives to invite guests to His wedding feast. We share His invitation to join Him in our communities, our workplaces, our schools, and wherever we meet and engage with others. Through the witness of our lives, our faith, and our love, we draw and attract others to the banquet feast and to a personal relationship with God and with Christ, His son. A few months ago, every Parish counted the number of people attending Mass as part of a Diocesan Census. It recorded that almost 37,000 people gather each week to celebrate the Eucharist and be in the presence of Christ in the parishes across our Diocese. We should be thankful for that, but we want more people to join us and to experience the love of Christ. Each one of us has a part to play in building the Church of today and tomorrow in Down and Connor. We are God's church. May we work with our clergy and with each other to make our faith communities vibrant, welcoming, and joyful. Through the invitation of the witness of our lives, may we attract others to join us each weekend as we gather in the presence of Christ to celebrate Mass and clothe ourselves in His love and mercy for the week ahead.

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"See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation ... We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us" Isaiah 25:9

Pathways to the Future Prayer

God of Love, You are with us in every transition and change. As we enter into this new era with excitement and even some anxiety, we recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love. We thank you for the gifts, talents, and skills with which you have blessed us. We thank you for the work of others that gives breadth and depth to our own work. Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another. We ask this in your Holy Name. Amen.

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PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

WEEKLY OFFERING. The weekly collection on Sunday 08 October amounted to £2,237.99. 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 38 winners: Mary Todd, Mrs Bigger, Mrs Kane, Ann Shannon & Ann Miskelly (Promoter).

CHILDREN'S LITURGY. Takes place each Sunday during the 10.30am Mass in Holy Family Church. P1—P7 children are very welcome.

NEWINGTON DAY CENTRE. Alzheimers Society are running a 4 week free Carers Information & Support Programme for people who provide unpaid care to someone living with dementia. 08, 15, 22 & 28 Nov, 10.30am-12.30pm. Contact the Day Centre at 90351947 to book a place. RSVP before 2nd November.

DRUMALIS RETREAT CENTRE. *Listening for God in All Things:* 10am – 4pm on Saturday, 11 Nov. *Understanding Yourself and Understanding Others* (Enneagram residential). 24-26 Nov. E: drumalis@btconnect.com / 02828272196.

OCTOBER, MISSION MONTH. World Mission Sunday, 22 Oct: the Holy Father's annual appeal to support overseas mission. Learn more at www.missio.ie.

PAUSE FOR HOPE. In Clonard Monastery on Sun 22 October at 3.30pm:- an ecumenical prayer service for all those whose lives have been touched by cancer.

DAY PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK. 2 November, leaving St Agnes's at 7.30am, returning approx. 10 pm. Bring a packed lunch. Price £22. Contact 07946917354.

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR Sunday 25 November @ 2.30pm in the Parish Centre. Ballot tickets will be distributed **AFTER MASSES THIS WEEKEND.** Top prizes as follows:- **1. A 2 night Classic Manor Break (includes 1 dinner) in Manor House Hotel 2. £300 cash 3. £200 cash 4. 20" child's bicycle & helmet 5. £100 toy voucher,** plus loads more fantastic prizes, including vouchers for family activities, pampering and dining out. We also have a fabulous range of hampers, including turkey & other foods, toys and wine/spirits. **Please leave your stubs and money in the walled safe in either church, or in the collection, or with the Parish Office.** If you have any unwanted gifts at home, please hold on to them for us. Thank you for your support.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 14 (6pm): Kevin McKenna & Edna Donnelly
Sun 15 (9am): Dermot Houston
Sun 15 (10.30am): Joe Benson
Sun 15 (12Noon): Kathleen Gilchrist
Mon 16: Maura Quinn
Tue 17: Alethea Archer
Wed 18: T.V. Paul
Thu 19: Special intention
Fri 20: Gerry Rogan (20th)
Sat 21 (10am): Matthew McCann



For more information and resources:
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REST IN PEACE



Recently deceased: Seán Fitzpatrick & Hugh Russell
Anniversaries: Kevin McKenna, Edna Donnelly, Kathleen Fearon, Dermot Houston, Joe Benson, Kathleen Gilchrist, Maura Quinn, T.V. Paul, Gerry Rogan (20th), Josephine Ferguson, Rebecca McEntee, Kathleen McLaughlin, Anne McCausland, Alethea Archer & Seamus Brennan (Galway)
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!