



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

Wed 1: All Saints, Solemnity
Thu 2: All Souls Day
Fri 3: St Malachy, Bishop, Feast
Sat 4: St Charles Borromeo, Bishop



"There are the saints of every day, the 'hidden saints', a sort of 'middle class of holiness'.. to which we all belong." - Pope Francis

CONTACT INFORMATION

Parish Clergy: Very Rev. Michael Spence PP, Rev. John O'Lavery CC & Rev. Deacon Brendan Dowd
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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN OUR TIME

O God, author and giver of peace, in whose image and likeness each of us has been created with a human dignity worthy of respect on earth and destined for eternal glory, Listen to the cry that rises from every corner of this fragile earth, from our human family torn by violent conflict:

Give peace in our time, O good and gracious God, that peace which, as your Son Jesus Christ told us and as we have experienced in these days, is a peace which the world cannot give. To world leaders grant the wisdom to see beyond the boundaries of race, religion, and nation to that common humanity that makes us all your children and brothers and sisters to one another.

To those who have taken up arms in anger or revenge or even in the cause of justice grant the grace of conversion to the path of peaceful dialogue and constructive collaboration.

To the innocent who live in the shadow of war and terror, especially the frightened children, be a shelter and strength, their haven and hope. And to those who have already lost their lives as victims of human cruelty and chemical warfare, open wide your arms and enfold them all in the embrace of your compassion, healing, and everlasting life.

Grant this through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Mary, Mother of all and Queen of peace, pray for us.
(Peter J. Scagnelli)

PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE



In today's Gospel, Christ gives us the simple yet challenging instruction on how to live as Christians – with complete, all-consuming love for God, loving others as we love ourselves. The need to follow and to loudly proclaim this great commandment is needed now more than ever. We are living in turbulent times, where the love of God can seem absent and disregard for others can sadly be manifest in the threat or reality of war in many parts of the world, including the Holy Land. God's Spirit is calling us, each one of us, to be that voice proclaiming His commandment to love. He is calling us to be the light of hope and the message of love in the world, to renew and to grow His Church, creating new disciples for Christ. New disciples who will live their lives loving and serving God and others in His parishes and in our communities. Through Pathways to the Future, as we work to renew and grow God's Church in love in Down and Connor, we ask for your prayers that God may send His Spirit to guide us, and that we may discern His wishes as we make plans for our future.



NOVEMBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

ALL SAINTS' DAY (WED 01ST NOV) HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
Holy Family @ 9.15am St Thérèse @ 7pm Vigil (31/10) & 10am

NOVEMBER DEAD LISTS

For those who wish to have their deceased loved ones prayed for at Masses in November, dead lists are available in both churches. Please return them to the wall safe in either Church, or to the Parish Office.

MEMORIAM CARDS

You are invited to place Memoriam Cards on the special notice boards in both churches, and to pray for all who have gone before us into eternal life.

ANNUAL MASS FOR THE DECEASED AND BEREAVED

Mass will be celebrated in Holy Family Church on Tuesday 21st & Wednesday 22nd November at 7.30pm. Those families and friends who have lost a loved one during the past year are especially welcome.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

WEEKLY OFFERING. The weekly collection on Sunday 22 October amounted to £1,974.55. 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.

OCTOBER, MISSION MONTH. On behalf of Pope Francis, thank you for supporting World Mission Sunday, with a generous £1,366.65. www.missio.ie

LISBREEN APOSTOLIC. Sincere thanks to all who contributed to the fundraiser on 7th October, raising a generous £1,375 for the missions.

PARISH 100 CLUB. Week 40 winners: Mr & Mrs Glackin, Susan Gallagher, Mrs Montgomery, Kevin Quinn & Mary Shannon (Promoter).

PARISH OFFICE Will be closed on Monday 30th Oct & Thursday 02 Nov.

"C'EST LA CONFIANCE" On the 15th Oct 2023, Pope Francis published an Apostolic Exhortation on confidence in the merciful love of God, to mark the 150th anniversary of the birth of St Thérèse. Text is available at www.vatican.va.

FOOD DRIVE. A massive thank you to all who donated to our annual food drive. Donations have been delivered to our local food banks, who are very grateful. Our parish continues to show tremendous generosity, especially in these difficult times.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS. Holy Family Church on 04 Nov. 10am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession and Act of Consecration. 11am Mass.

NEWINGTON DAY CENTRE. Carers Programme, RSVP 90351947 by 02 Nov.

ST THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX PS. Cleaner sought for 2 hours per week day, (afternoons). Please contact the school office on 90770215.

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR (in aid of parish funds) on Sunday 26 November @ 2.30pm in the Parish Centre, Cavehill Road. **PLEASE LEAVE, ASAP, YOUR STUBS AND MONEY IN THE WALL SAFE INSIDE EITHER CHURCH, OR IN THE COLLECTION, OR WITH THE PARISH OFFICE. PLEASE RETURN ANY UNWANTED BALLOTS TO THE PARISH OFFICE ASAP.** We would be grateful for donations:- toys new & used, bottles (shampoo to champagne), Christmas goodies for hampers, cakes and any unwanted gifts. Please leave donations into the parish office, or phone the office to arrange collection.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 28 (6pm): Bernadette McTasney
Sun 29 (9am): Arthur Steele
Sun 29 (10.30am): Bridie & Stevie Myers
Sun 29 (12Noon): Marie, Billy & Brian Cunningham
Mon 30: Leonard Nelson
Tue 31: Canon Brendan Murray (1st)
Wed 1: All Saints
Thu 2: All Souls
Fri 3: Eileen Wilson MM
Sat 4 (10am): Priest's Intention



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

REST IN PEACE



Recently deceased: Edmund McMahon & Robert Doyle
Month's Mind: Eileen Wilson
Anniversaries: Anne Scott, Bernadette McTasney, Arthur Steele, Bridie & Stevie Myers, Marie, Billy & Brian Cunningham, Canon Brendan Murray (1st), Archie Matthews, Leonard Nelson, Tom Brady, Gertrude and Alex, Desmond, Peter, Patricia & Maria Hann

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!