



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 14: St Laurence O'Toole, Bishop
Wed 15: St Albert the Great, Bishop, Doctor
Fri 17: St Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

*"How could I bear a crown of gold when the Lord bears a crown of thorns? And bears it for me!"
- St Elizabeth of Hungary (1207-1231)*

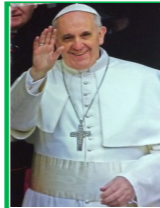


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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

12 November 2023 ❖ Readings: A (I) ❖ Psalter: Week 4



POPE FRANCIS' ANGELUS' ADDRESS, 5TH NOV. 2023

Dear brothers and sisters!
I continue to think about the serious situation in Palestine and in Israel where many, many people have lost their lives. In God's name, I beg you to stop: cease using weapons! I hope that avenues will be pursued so that an escalation of the conflict might be absolutely avoided, so that the wounded can be rescued and help might get to the population of Gaza where the humanitarian situation is extremely serious. May the hostages be freed immediately. There are also many children among them – may they return to their families! Yes, let's think of the children, of all the children affected by this war, as well as in Ukraine and by other conflicts: this is how their future is being killed. Let us pray that there might be the strength to say, "enough".

I am near to the population of Nepal who is suffering because of an earthquake, as well as the Afghan refugees who have found refuge in Pakistan but now do not know where to go. I pray also for the victims of the storms and floods in Italy and other countries.

I hope you all have a good Sunday. Please, do not forget to pray for me. Enjoy your meal and arrivederci!

PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE

In his Pastoral Letter "Voices of Hope", our Apostolic Administrator, Bishop Donal McKeown said that "this is an exciting time to be Church in Down and Connor and in the world". This is an exciting time because this is a time of change and of opportunity when Jesus is calling us to renew and rebuild His Church. Like the wise bridesmaids in today's Gospel, we must stand ready to respond to that call. God will send His Spirit to prompt and to guide us. His Spirit is the oil to light our lamps of faith and service so that they may shine brightly for all to see. Lamps of faith that burn brightly, drawing others to the warmth and comfort of God's love, guiding them to a personal relationship with Christ. We each have a part to play, we each have a lamp to light the way. Respond to Christ's call to renew His Church in Down and Connor and in our parishes. Play your part in building our new Families of Parishes and communities of faith. Let the lamp of your faith and your love of God and neighbour shine brightly as we journey on our Pathways to the Future, guiding others along the paths with us with hearts on fire and feet on the move.



A meeting on Pathways to the Future will be held on **Monday 27 November in the St James Pastoral Centre, Shore Road, Whiteabbey at 7pm. To register, please contact the parish office on 90743119 or at holy-familyparish.com.** This is your opportunity to join the conversation about the future of our Church in Down and Connor and to be a voice of hope for the future.

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR (in aid of parish funds) on Sunday 26 November @ 2.30pm in the Parish Centre, Cavehill Road. **A limited number of ballots are still available. Please return to the parish office asap, your ballot tickets, sold or unsold.** We would be grateful for donations:- toys new & used, bottles (shampoo to champagne), Christmas goodies for hampers, cakes & traybakes, and any unwanted gifts. Please leave donations into the parish office, or phone the office to arrange collection. Sincere thanks for your support.



PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

WEEKLY OFFERING. The weekly collection on Sunday 05 November amounted to £2,284.74, and the monthly collection for the support of our priests was £2,522.00. 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 42 winners: Dr & Mrs Donnelly, B Magee, B Gillespie, Catherine Holbrook & Conor McLoughlin (Promoter).

TRÓCAIRE GIFTS OF CHANGE. The Developing World Group will sell the range of Trócaire Gifts of Change after Masses in Holy Family Church next weekend - 18th & 19th November. Payment can be made by cash, cheque or card. If you are unable to come to the Church, and wish to purchase a Trócaire Gift, please contact the parish office, or telephone 07884248908. Thank you for your generosity.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL. This year's annual appeal will be launched at An Evening of Seasonal Songs in Clonard Monastery on 19 November. Tickets are available via www.svp.ie/an-evening-of-seasonal-songs.

ST CLEMENTS JOURNEY OF FAITH GROUP. Pre Advent Reflection- Sat 18th Nov. @ 10am in St Gerards Church. All welcome for coffee and discussion.

KNOCK ALL-NIGHT VIGIL. Thursday 07th December, leaving Clonard Monastery at 1.30pm. £60, incl. dinner & breakfast. Contact Brendan on 90665211.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR. This weekend, 10am – 4pm. Over 50 stalls, offering unique handcrafted items, and gift ideas. Shop handmade, support local!

ANAM CARA. Free monthly evening for bereaved parents on Monday 13th November at 7:30pm in the Balmoral Hotel. All bereaved parents welcome.

CAPPELLA CAECILIANA BY CANDLELIGHT. Beautiful and reflective choral music in St. Patrick's Church at 7.45pm on Sun 26th Nov. Tickets (£15). Info at www.caeciliana.org & Matchetts. Free entry for students and under 25s.

NOVEMBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

The Annual Mass for the Deceased and Bereaved. In Holy Family Church on Tuesday 21 & Wednesday 22 November at 7.30pm. Those families and friends who have lost a loved one during the past year are especially welcome.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 11 (6pm):	Eilish Lowry
Sun 12 (9am):	Theresa McNally (10th)
Sun 12 (10.30am):	Mary Philip
Sun 12 (12Noon):	Elaine Sullivan
Mon 13:	Tommy Marley
Tue 14:	Dead lists
Wed 15:	John & Josie Matthews
Thu 16:	Dead lists
Fri 17:	Declan Kennedy (1st)
Sat 18 (10am):	Thomas Kutty Abraham



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

REST IN PEACE



Recently deceased: Juliana Doyle, Bernie Burke, Jean McGrillen, Mary Burton, Mary Philip & Eilish Mellon
Anniversaries: Carol McCartan, Eilish Lowry, Theresa McNally (10th), Elaine Sullivan, Tommy Marley, John & Josie Matthews, Declan Kennedy (1st), Patrick McKenna, Kevin Hart, Fr Brian Hart, Terry Mercer, Fr Paddy O'Neill, Fr Bernard O'Neill SJ, Eileen McLaughlin, Frances Cormican & Jennifer Kearney

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!