



# 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 21: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Wed 22: St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr  
Thu 23: St Columban, Abbot, Missionary  
Fri 24: St Andrew Dun-Lac & Companions, Martyrs

*"The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church."  
- Tertullian, Early Church Father (ca. 155-240)*



## CONTACT INFORMATION

**Parish Clergy:** Very Rev. Michael Spence PP, Rev. John O'Laverty CC & Rev. Deacon Brendan Dowd  
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**Office hours:** Mon-Thu 9.30am-2.30pm, Fri 9.30am-1.30pm  
**Address:** 226-228 Limestone Road, Belfast BT15 3AP  
**Emergency Sick Calls only (24hrs):** 07802458240  
**Society of St Vincent de Paul (Helpline):** 028 90351561  
**Email:** holyfamily@downandconnor.org  
**Website & Webcam:** www.holy-familyparish.com

## 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

### A REFLECTION FOR NOVEMBER – THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS

"We reckon paradise to be our home. A great throng awaits us there of those dear to us, parents, brothers, sisters, sons, daughters.

A packed and numerous throng longs for us, of those already free from anxiety for their own salvation, who are still concerned for our salvation.

What joy they share with us, when we come into their sight and embrace them!

What pleasure there is there in the heavenly kingdom, with no fear of death, and what supreme happiness, with the enjoyment of eternal life."

*St. Cyprian*



### PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE

A talent was a huge sum of money, thought to equate to the pay for 15 to 20 years' of work. The Master in today's Gospel reading has, therefore, placed great trust in his servants, giving them stewardship of such vast riches. God, Our Father, has placed the same trust in each one of us. At our baptism, He gave each one of us a unique set of gifts and charisms, "each in proportion to [our] ability". We received this lifetime of riches to equip us to continue God's work on earth, to build His Kingdom, to scatter on His behalf and to yield fruit for His harvest. Our lives as baptized Catholics are lives of service and mission, in our homes, our schools, our workplaces, and our parishes. We are called to use the baptismal gifts we have received, the talents we have been trusted to grow, in the service of God, the people we encounter in our daily lives, and the communities within which we live, work and study. Our faith is not passive or individual to us. Our faith is active and to be shared and grown. God is calling each one of us to renew His Church in Down and Connor using the talents He has entrusted us with. How will you use yours?

*"Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates." Proverbs 31:31*

### PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR NEXT WEEKEND, SUNDAY 26TH NOV. @ 2.30PM, IN THE PARISH CENTRE, CAVEHILL ROAD

Stalls will include the rickety wheel, tombola, cakes, hand-made crafts, toys, bric-a-brac and face painting and the **Grand Draw**. Cakes, breads and tray bakes would be very much appreciated, and may be left at the Parish Centre on Saturday 12pm-5pm, or on Sunday noon-2pm. Please label clearly if your baked goods contain nuts. Other items (especially bottles for the bottle stall, shampoo to champagne) may be left in the Parish Centre 9am – 1pm on Thurs 23rd, or 1pm-5pm on Fri 24th and 1pm-5pm on Sat 25th. Sincere thanks to parishioners and local businesses for their generous donations. **Reminder – please return all ballot tickets, sold or unsold, to the Parish Office by noon on Friday 24th.** If you can't make this deadline, please bring them to the Fair on Sunday 26th before 3pm. Do not put them in the secure boxes in the churches nor on the plate on Sat 25th/Sun 26th, as they cannot be accessed. We look forward to seeing you there.



## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

**WEEKLY OFFERING.** The weekly collection on Sunday 12 November amounted to £2,099.26. 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 43 winners: Margaret Dorothy, Sr. Annunciata Caffrey, Corinna Bennett, K & F Rogan and Anne Cromie (Promoter)

**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.

**TAIZÉ PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS** You are warmly invited to Taizé Prayer Around The Cross on Fri 24th Nov, 8pm-9pm in Holy Family Church. Everyone welcome, refreshments will be served afterwards in the Gathering Space.

**TRÓCAIRE GIFTS OF CHANGE.** On sale after Masses in Holy Family Church this weekend, and in St. Thérèse next weekend, 25th & 26th November. Payment by cash, cheque or card. If you are unable to come to the Church to buy a gift, please contact the parish office, or 07884248908. Thank you for your generosity..

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS CARDS.** On sale in both churches, from this weekend.

**VACANCY FOR YOUTH & PASTORAL MINISTRY CO-ORDINATOR.** In St. Columcille's Parish, Ballyhackamore. See Latest News for details.

**THE NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND.** Teacher training course in fertility awareness, starts January 2024. www.naturalfamilyplanningireland.ie. See Latest News for details.

**DRUMALIS IN ADVENT: Residential Advent Retreat,** 08-10 December; **Christmas Music with Voices Chamber Choir,** 17 & 22 December. **"Advent to Christmas" Afternoon of Reflection with Fr Perry Gildea,** Saturday, 2 December. Contact 02828272196 or drumalis@btconnect.com.

**SLOW DOWN FOR ADVENT.** Led by Breige O'Hare. 11am – 3pm, Sat 25 November, in Holy Rosary Parish Hall. Bring lunch. Tea/coffee provided. Donation £10. Booking is essential via breigohare@firststepwell.com or 07565502662.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 18 (6pm): Gerald Keaney  
Sun 19 (9am): Margaret (Rita) Stapleton  
Sun 19 (10.30am): Sarah Quinn & James Michael Quinn  
Sun 19 (12Noon): David Magill  
Mon 20: Collette Greene  
Tue 21: Dead lists  
Wed 22: Margaret Rose McAtamney  
Thu 23: Dead lists  
Fri 24: Seamus McMahan  
Sat 25 (10am): James Bermingham



**For more information and resources:**  
[www.holy-familyparish.com](http://www.holy-familyparish.com)

## REST IN PEACE

**Recently deceased:** Harry McGreevy, Brieger Rice, Gerard Quigley & Emma Fox  
**Anniversaries:** Gerald Keaney, Margaret (Rita) Stapleton, Sarah Quinn, James Michael Quinn, David Magill, Collette Greene, Margaret Rose McAtamney, Seamus McMahan, James Ferguson, Stephen Thomas, Sean Fullerton, Nichola Molloy (1st), Roger Laverty, Cormac Rice, Sr. Maureen McKinney, Richard, Anne, Catherine, John, Joseph, Bridget & Mary Campbell, John McCrudden, Marie Jeffers, Jim O'Donnell & Gerard Caher

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!*

