



# 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)

**Pilgrim Prayer:** Tuesday 8pm on Parish website & Facebook

**Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help:** Wed 9:15am Mass

**First Saturday:** 10am (Holy Family)

**Taizé Prayer:** last Friday of the month 8-9pm (Holy Family)



## REST IN PEACE

**Recently Deceased:** Sheila Callaghan & Brian Sands  
**Anniversaries:** Charles Savage, Brian Nolan (10th), Clare McCaughey, Norman O'Connor, Mary & Kay Doherty, Oliver Begley, Eileen Davey, Pat O'Neill, Nora McSherry, Thomas O'Kane, Joe O'Connor

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!*

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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

**Parish Telephone (Office hours):** 90743119

**Office hours:** Mon-Thu 9.30am-2.30pm, Fri 9.30am-1.30pm

**Address:** 226-228 Limestone Road, Belfast BT15 3AP

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**Society of St Vincent de Paul (Helpline):** 028 90351561

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**Website & Webcam:** www.holy-familyparish.com



# EASTER SUNDAY

31 March 2024

Readings: B (I) ❖ Psalter: Week 1



### 'Christ is risen, alleluia!'

This is the ancient Christian greeting on this day of great joy and happiness for all. Easter is not simply one feast among others, but the "Feast of feasts".

**Wishing you Easter Blessings and Joy!**



The women thought they would find a body to anoint; instead they found an empty tomb. They went to mourn the dead; instead they heard a proclamation of life. ...

This is the first Easter message that I would offer you: it is always possible to begin anew, because there is always a new life that God can awaken in us in spite of all our failures. ...

This, then, is the second message of Easter: faith is not an album of past memories; Jesus is not outdated. **He is alive here and now.** He walks beside you each day, in every situation you are experiencing, in every trial you have to endure, in your deepest hopes and dreams. He opens new doors when you least expect it, he urges you not to indulge in nostalgia for the past or cynicism about the present. Even if you feel that all is lost, please, let yourself be open to amazement at the newness Jesus brings: he will surely surprise you.

And this is the third message of Easter: Jesus, the Risen Lord, loves us without limits and is there at every moment of our lives. Having made himself present in the heart of our world, he invites us to overcome barriers, banish prejudices and draw near to those around us every day in order to rediscover the grace of everyday life. Let us recognize him here in our Galilees, in everyday life. With him, life will change. ...

Dear sister, dear brother: if on this night you are experiencing an hour of darkness, a day that has not yet dawned, a light dimmed or a dream shattered, go, open your heart with amazement to the message of Easter: "Do not be afraid, he has risen! He awaits you in Galilee". Your expectations will not remain unfulfilled, your tears will be dried, your fears will be replaced by hope. For the Lord always goes ahead of you, he always walks before you. And, with him, life always begins anew.

*Pope Francis, Easter Vigil, 2021*

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

**WEEKLY OFFERING.** The weekly offering on Palm Sunday came to £2,606.89. Thank you for your continued support. Donations can also be made by standing order, or the website Donate button, or the contactless donation terminals in both churches. Envelopes for the new financial year are currently being distributed. Please let us know if you don't receive your box of envelopes, or if you have changed address.

**TRÓCAIRE** boxes can be returned to either church, or online donations can be made at [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org). **Sincere thanks and appreciation to Holy Family Parish, for raising £531.12 (incl. Gift Aid) at the Lenten Lunch.** Your generosity has helped to create positive, lasting change all over the world. Thank You!

**PARISH 100 CLUB.** Week 2 winners: Francis Dowds, Martin Cromie, Mr & Mrs Donnelly, Mrs C Rolston & Brenda Mullan, (Promoter)

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION EASTER ARRANGEMENTS.** Adoration will be suspended at 6.45pm on Holy Thursday, resuming at 10am on Wed. 3rd April.

**NATIONAL EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK.** Sunday 14th April. Bus leaving Belfast. For details, ring 07963581543. [www.eucharisticadoration.ie](http://www.eucharisticadoration.ie)

**DIVINE MERCY.** For details of the novena, which started on Good Friday, and Divine Mercy Sunday on 07 April, (both in Sacred Heart), see Latest News.

**"YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN" BY ST AGNES' CHORAL SOCIETY.** The MAC, Tuesday 23rd - Saturday 27th April. Tickets at [themaclive.com](http://themaclive.com).

**The Parish Office** will close Easter Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday. Normal office hours will resume on Thursday 04th. The Churches will remain open as usual, during Easter week.

## HAPPY EASTER

Fr. Michael, Fr. John, Deacon Brendan and the Parish Pastoral Council would like to wish all our parishioners and visitors a very Happy Easter.

We wish to thank all those who helped to prepare and to celebrate our Holy Week and Easter liturgies.

Many thanks also to all parishioners who contribute to the life of the parish in so many ways - very often behind the scenes.

**May the truth of the Resurrection encourage our spirit, and enliven us with the gifts of faith, hope and love this Easter Season.**



## For more information and resources:

[www.holy-familyparish.com](http://www.holy-familyparish.com)

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon 01 :	Priest's intention
Tue 02:	Charles Savage
Wed 03:	Priest's intention
Thu 04:	Brian Nolan (10th)
Fri 05:	Clare McCaughey
Sat 06 (10am):	Brian Austin

