



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)

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Sun 21: St Maelrubba of Derry
Sun 21: St Anselm of Canterbury
Tues 23: St George
Thur 25: St Mark the Evangelist
Sat 27: St Asicus of Elphin



St Anselm of Canterbury:
"God does not delay to answer our prayers because He has no mind to give; but that, by increasing our desires, He may grant us even more than we dared to ask."

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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Website & Webcam: www.holy-familyparish.com

4th SUNDAY of EASTER

21 April 2024 ❖ Readings: B (I) ❖ Psalter: Week 4



MESSAGE of POPE FRANCIS FOR THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS [21 April 2024]

Called to sow seeds of hope and to build peace

Dear brothers and sisters!

Each year, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations invites us to reflect on the precious gift of the Lord's call to each of us, as members of his faithful pilgrim people, to participate in his loving plan and to embody the beauty of the Gospel in different states of life. Hearing that divine call, which is far from being an imposed duty ... is the surest way for us to fulfil our deepest desire for happiness. Our life finds fulfilment when we discover who we are, what our gifts are, where we can make them bear fruit, and what path we can follow in order to become signs and instruments of love, generous acceptance, beauty and peace, wherever we find ourselves.



This Day, then, is always a good occasion to recall with gratitude to the Lord the faithful, persevering and frequently hidden efforts of all those who have responded to a call that embraces their entire existence. I think of mothers and fathers who do not think first of themselves or follow fleeting fads of the moment, but shape their lives through relationships marked by love and graciousness, openness to the gift of life and commitment to their children and their growth in maturity. I think of all those who carry out their work in a spirit of cooperation with others, and those who strive in various ways to build a more just world, a more solidary economy, a more equitable social policy and a more humane society. In a word, of all those men and women of good will who devote their lives to working for the common good. I think too of all those consecrated men and women who offer their lives to the Lord in the silence of prayer and in apostolic activity, sometimes on the fringes of society, tirelessly and creatively exercising their charism by serving those around them. And I think of all those who have accepted God's call to the ordained priesthood, devoting themselves to the preaching of the Gospel, breaking open their own lives, together with the bread of the Eucharist, for their brothers and sisters, sowing seeds of hope and revealing to all the beauty of God's kingdom.

To young people, and especially those who feel distant or uncertain about the Church, I want to say this: Let Jesus draw you to himself; bring him your important questions by reading the Gospels; let him challenge you by his presence, which always provokes in us a healthy crisis. More than anyone else, Jesus respects our freedom. He does not impose, but proposes. Make room for him and you will find the way to happiness by following him. And, should he ask it of you, by giving yourself completely to him.

(see www.vatican.va for full text)

WELCOME TO THE COLUMBAN MISSIONARIES

We extend a warm welcome this weekend to Fr. Paul McMahon. *Heavenly Father, through the intercession of your servant St. Columban, we the friends and members of the Columban community, spread throughout the world, unite our prayer to his, asking You for peace, unity and charity, in a world of growing conflict, division and war. In times of great peril, Columban was heard to pray, "O God, come to my aid, O Lord, make haste to help me." We ask you, Father, through the merits of your Son, Jesus Christ, to come to our aid today, through the Spirit, and grant us the gift of peace. Amen.*

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

WEEKLY OFFERING. The weekly collection on 14th April came to £2,082.81. Thank you for your continued generosity and support. Donations can also be made by standing order, or the website Donate button, or the contactless donation terminals in both churches.

PARISH 100 CLUB. Week 5 winners: Dr Neeson, Martina O'Connor, Marion Gallagher, Mr & Mrs B. Lundy & Pauline Moreland (Promoter).

ANNUAL PARISH CENSUS, 27th & 28th APRIL. We thank you for your support at Masses next weekend, as we carry out the annual parish census.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. Volunteers sought please for Sundays 6pm -7pm & Wednesdays 4pm -5pm. Please contact the parish office.

PARISH YOUTH MASS. Will take place at the 10.30am Mass in Holy Family Church, on Sunday 28th April. Everyone welcome, especially our young people.

TAIZÉ PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS. You are warmly invited to Taizé Prayer Around The Cross on Friday 26th April, 8pm-9pm in Holy Family Church. Everyone is welcome, refreshments served afterwards in the Gathering Space.

MASS FOR THE SICK. Mass with the Sacrament of the Sick will take place in Holy Family Church, on Sunday 12th May at 3pm. Everyone is most welcome. Should you need a lift, please contact the parish office.

ST. THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX P.S. 50TH ANNIVERSARY. Community Open Day Wed 01st May, at 10am. To book:- lmclean859@c2kni.net or 02890770215.

CEMETERY SUNDAY. In Milltown Cemetery, on Sunday 12th May, at 3pm, and in the City Cemetery on Sunday 19th May, at 3pm

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE. The loss of a partner through death, separation or divorce is devastating. Beginning Experience is offering a programme of bereavement support in St Bride's Parish Hall on 27th April, 25th May and 29th June. Booking essential. Contact 07519289185/07896119669 or belfastbe@yahoo.com.

DOWN AND CONNOR PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK. Sunday 9th June. To book, contact Claire at 02890690920, or livingchurch@downandconnor.org.

LOUGH DERG ONE DAY RETREATS. Starting 05 May. Booking essential at www.loughderg.ie. Three day retreats run 31st May - 15th August.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 20 (6pm): Mary Hale MM
Sun 21 (9am): Isabella Semple
Sun 21 10.30am: Willie Loughran
Sun 21 (12Noon): Eamon McEntee MM
Mon 22: Frances McAleese (1st)
Tue 23: Mary & Joseph Fitzsimons
Wed 24: Priest's Intention
Thu 25: Priest's Intention
Fri 26: Jane McIlwee (10th)
Sat 27 (10am): Margaret Magill



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

REST IN PEACE



Recently Deceased: Philomena McGowan & Teresa McIvor
Month's Mind: Mary Hale, Eamon McEntee & Sheila Mullan
Anniversaries: Carmel McBride, Dolores O'Connor, Margaret Gilmore, Arthur Cunningham, Dominic Gilmore, Rose O'Connor, Gary Kelly 5th, Geraldine Trainor, Marie McNally, Willie Loughran, Isabella Semple, Frances McAleese (1st), Mary & Joseph Fitzsimons, Jane McIlwee (10th) & Gerry McCrudden

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!