



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

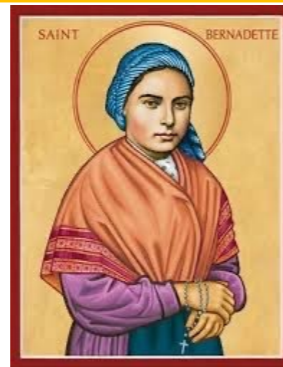
DEVOTIONS

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

Tues 16: St Bernadette Soubirous
Thur 18: St Laserian (or Molaise)

St Bernadette Soubirous:
"The Eucharist bathes the troubled soul in light and love. Then the soul appreciates these words: 'Come all you who are sick, and I will restore your health'"



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

3rd SUNDAY of EASTER

14 April 2024 ❖ Readings: B (I) ❖ Psalter: Week 3



POPE FRANCIS 15 April 2018

"Brothers and sisters, let us ask for the grace to believe that Christ is alive, is Risen! This is our faith, and if we believe this, other things are secondary. This is our life; this is our true youthfulness. Christ's victory over death, Christ's victory over sin. Christ is alive. "Yes, yes, now I will receive Communion...". But when you receive Communion, are you certain that Christ is alive, there; he is Risen? "Yes, it is a piece of blessed bread...". No, it is Jesus! Christ is alive; he is Risen among us, and if we do not believe this we will never be good Christians. We cannot be.



But "they still disbelieved for joy, and wondered". Let us ask the Lord for the grace that joy not hinder us from believing, the grace to touch the Risen Jesus: to touch him in the encounter through prayer; in the encounter through the sacraments; in the encounter with his forgiveness which is the renewed youthfulness of the Church; in the encounter with the sick, when we go to visit them, with the imprisoned, with those who are most needy, with children, with the elderly. If we feel the wish to do something good, it is the Risen Jesus who spurs us to this. It is always joy, the joy that makes us youthful.

Let us ask for the grace to be a joyful community, because each of us is certain, has faith, has encountered Jesus Christ."

INSTALLATION OF BISHOP ALAN MCGUCKIAN TODAY

Today (Sunday), Bishop Alan McGuckian will be formally installed as the Bishop of our Diocese, in St Peter's Cathedral. We pray that God will give him a spirit of courage, right judgement, knowledge and love, and help him to be a holy priest, and a wise administrator. May his words and example fill our hearts and minds with trust in the Gospel.



"I am really excited, if that is the right word. We believe Christ is present in the Eucharist, we believe Christ is present when the Word of God is proclaimed, and we believe Christ is present in our community, especially when the community gathers around their bishop. My hope is that, at the Installation, there will be lay and clerical representatives from every parish in the diocese, and so, in a real sense, the whole Church will be there represented, and so Jesus will be really present among us; and that is a great thing."

(Bishop Alan's installation can be viewed online at www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral)

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

WEEKLY OFFERING. The weekly collection on 07th April came to £2,934.95, and the monthly collection, for the support of our priests, was £2,580.77. 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.

PARISH 100 CLUB. Week 4 winners: Mrs Montgomery, Nicola White, Helen McAleer, Mrs M. Power & Evelyn Markey (Promoter). Cheques will be distributed next week.

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 is most welcome.

VISIT FROM THE COLUMBAN FATHERS, who at all Masses on 20th/21st April, will tell us about their work in the missions, and their Far East magazine.

VOCATIONS SUNDAY (21 APRIL). Diocesan Holy Hour in St Peter's Cathedral on 20 April at 6.30pm. The 5.30pm vigil Mass will be for Vocations Sunday.

ST. THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX P.S. 50TH ANNIVERSARY. Community Open Day on Wednesday 01st May, at 10am. Past pupils, staff, governors, parents and members of the local community are invited to take a tour of the school, and see the children's work, as well as photos from the past 50 years. To book your place, contact lmclean859@c2kni.net or 028 9077 0215.

JESUIT CENTRE (Donegall Street). For details of talks and retreats, including *First Belong to God: On Retreat with Pope Francis & Celebrating the Gifts of the Breath of Christ*, visit Latest News, or www.belfastjesuitcentre.org.

CEMETERY SUNDAY. In Milltown Cemetery, on Sunday 12th May at 3pm.

VISIT OF THE RELIC OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS. 13th & 14th May, in the parish of Dunsford & Ardglass. See Latest News for further details.

FIRST NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE FOR LIFE will be celebrated on Saturday 4th May, in Knock Shrine. Anointing of the Sick in the Basilica at 2.30pm, followed by Mass at 3pm, and Rosary Procession after Mass, weather permitting. Main celebrant and homilist will be Archbishop Francis Duffy.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 13 (6pm):	Robert Fryers
Sun 14 (9am):	Thomas Gavin
Sun 14 10.30am:	Vincent Meenehan
Sun 14 (12Noon):	Kitty Maguire
Mon 15:	Priest's Intention
Tue 16:	Josephine Marley
Wed 17:	Maisie McKenna & Deceased Family
Thu 18:	Vivienne Jackson MM
Fri 19:	Fr Martin O'Callaghan
Sat 20 (10am):	Marie McNally



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

REST IN PEACE

Recently Deceased: Ann Rooney, Bronagh Maguire & Maura McNeill

Month's Mind: Paddy McCoy & Vivienne Jackson
Anniversaries: Robert Fryers, Thomas Gavin, Vincent Meenehan, Kitty Maguire, Josephine Marley, Fr Martin O'Callaghan, Sadie O'Kane, Maisie McKenna

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!

