



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 5: Bl. Edmund Rice
Wed 8: Bl. John Sullivan of Dublin
Fri 10: St Comgall of Bangor
Fri 10: St John of Avila



“Up with you and start again. Be always beginning again. Let the past go. The saints were always beginning; that is how they became saints.”
Bl. John Sullivan

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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6th SUNDAY of EASTER

5th May 2024 ❖ Readings: B (I) ❖ Psalter: Week 2



MONTH OF MAY & THE SOLEMN NOVENA TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP (13TH – 22ND MAY 2024)



Each year, St. Gerard's Parish hosts its annual novena. This year, Holy Family Parish has been invited to host the novena, for seven of the nine days. Everyone is warmly invited. The word “Novena” simply refers to prayer for nine consecutive days. The nine is significant. It recalls the period of time between The Lord's Ascension and Pentecost—a period of time in which, according to the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 1:14), the apostles were joined by Mary in the upper room, and they constantly devoted themselves to prayer.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH CHURCH LIMESTONE ROAD

Monday 13th May - Friday 17th May
9.30am and 7.30pm

Monday 20th May & Tuesday 21st May
9.30am and 7.30pm

ST GERARD'S PARISH CHURCH, ANTRIM ROAD

Saturday 18th 9.30am and 6.30pm
Sunday 19th 9.30am, 11.30am and 7.30pm

The theme of the Novena will be “*Creating a Culture of Care*”, reflecting on the love of our compassionate God - a love that knows no bounds.

Please note, for health and safety reasons, there will be **no** parking available within the grounds of Holy Family Church, during the Novena, for 9.30am Mass.



ANNUAL PARISH CENSUS

Sincere thanks to parishioners, for your co-operation in last weekend's annual parish census. Special thanks also to those volunteers who helped make it happen. You may be interested in the results, as follows:-

AGE GROUP	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
0-11	47	76	123
12-19	22	36	58
20-29	8	15	23
30-39	20	32	52
40-49	26	59	85
50-59	46	59	105
60-69	49	67	116
70-79	62	95	157
80-89+	29	62	91
TOTAL MASS ATTENDANCE			810

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

WEEKLY OFFERING. The weekly collection on 28th April came to £2,572.45 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 OFFICE. Will be closed on bank holiday Monday, 06th May.

PARISH 100 CLUB. Week 7 winners: Mrs P Gillen, Olivia McParland, James O'Hare, Margo Morris & Frances Kerr (Promoter).

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

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.

DOWN AND CONNOR PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK. Sunday 9th June. To book a place on the bus, T: 02890690920 or E:livingchurch@downandconnor.org.

DOWN AND CONNOR DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA. Led by Bishop Alan McGuckian. Contact Joe Catney on 07776425631 or 02890714001.

MARCH FOR LIFE. Stand up for Life on bank holiday Monday, 06th May. In Dublin, from St Stephen's Green to Leinster House. www.marchforlife.ie.

ROSARY FOR IRELAND. Led by The Legion of Mary, at the grotto at Duncairn Gardens, on Saturday 11th May at 4pm, in honour of Our Lady of Fatima.

THE ALL-IRELAND ROSARY RALLY. At Knock Shrine on Saturday 1st June, starting at 1pm. Visit www.allirelandrosaryrally, for information on buses.

SINGLES FOR CHRIST. Programme for single men & women aged 21-40. May 04th, 18th & 19th, in the former Poor Clares Convent. See Latest News for details.



PARISH ANNUAL YOUTH MASS. Sincere thanks to all the groups and individuals involved in making last weekend's Youth Mass such a great parish occasion. We were privileged to have Bishop Alan celebrate the Mass. He was delighted to be here, and wishes to pass on his thanks for the warm welcome.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 04 (6pm): Michael Gribben
Sun 05 (9am): Ciara McGuigan MM
Sun 05 10.30am: May Feighan
Sun 05 (12Noon): Joy Mathew
Mon 06: Priest's Intention
Tue 07: Special Intention
Wed 08: Frank & Leo McCaughey
Thu 09: Marie Savage
Fri 10: Dan & Claire McKillop
Sat 11 (10am): Terry McDaid



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



REST IN PEACE

Recently Deceased: John Campbell, Canon Brendan Beagon & Philomena Lagan
Month's Mind: Ciara McGuigan & Maura McNeill
Anniversaries: Michael Gribben, Joe Heaney, May Feighan, Joy Mathew, Frank & Leo McCaughey, Marie Savage, Margaret Martin, Mary Haughey, Mary O'Connor, Hugh McGrath, Dan & Claire McKillop

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!