

# **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

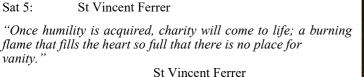
### **DEVOTIONS**

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Daily 10am-10pm (St Thérèse) Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help: Wed 9:15am Mass Pilgrim Prayer: Tuesday 8pm on Parish Facebook page Rosary: 20mins before Mass Wednesday & Saturday First Saturday: 10am (Holy Family)

### SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Tue 1: St Celsus (Celleach) of Armagh

Wed 2: St Francis of Paola Fri 4: St Isidore





# **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Parish Clergy: Very Rev. Michael Spence PP, Rev. John O'Laverty 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

Emergency Sick Calls only (24hrs): 07928968773 (new) Society of St Vincent de Paul (Helpline): 028 90351561

**Email:** holyfamily@downandconnor.org Website & Webcam: www.holy-familyparish.com

# **4**<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

30<sup>th</sup> March 2025 ❖ Readings: C (I) Psalter: Week IV





## **JUBILEE 2025** The Season of Lent

#### PARISH LENTEN DEVOTIONS

**Early Morning Mass:** Monday - Friday at 7.15am in Holy Family

**Morning Prayer:** 20 mins before Masses, Mon-Sat (i.e. 8.55am/9.40am)

**Stations of the Cross:** In St Thérèse after 10am Mass on Fridays & in Holy Family Church on Fridays at 7pm.

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April in Holy Family Church, 7pm-8pm **Guided Holy Hour:** 

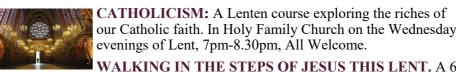
(eve of First Friday).

TRÓCAIRE Trócaire boxes are available to collect from both

churches.

#### LENTEN COURSES

We invite you to join us for our parish Lenten programmes.



week Lenten journey inspired by the Sunday gospels, and the lives of the Irish saints, whose lives remind us that holiness is lived in simple, everyday choices.

Held in Holy Family Church on the Wednesdays of Lent at 10.15am. It may also be helpful for families and individuals to use at home, and can be accessed on the parish website (Prayer Resources), or on the Diocesan website.

### **MOTHERING SUNDAY**

This Sunday, we celebrate and give thanks for the blessings of motherly love. To mark this special day, the Hospitality and Welcome Ministry have produced prayer cards which will be distributed after Mass. The card features the picture commonly known as the 'Madonna of the Streets' or 'Madonna of the Rest'. The original painting, created in the 1890s, was actually a portrait of an 11 year old Italian girl and her baby brother. The artist Roberto Feruzzi noticed them on the streets of Venice and was moved by how the girl held her little brother with such



care and maternal gentleness, sheltering him and protecting him like a mother. He entitled the painting, "La Madonnina" ("Little Mother") and although it was not originally intended to be a religious painting, people made the connection with Our Lady right away. Today the image is widely recognized and loved as a portrayal of the Virgin Mary tenderly holding her infant son.



CELEBRATING THE CENTENARY OF THE CANONISATION OF ST THÉRÈSE

Describing all mothers, St Thérèse

The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother.

St Thérèse of Lisieux pray for us.



SINCERE APOLOGIES. For the internet problems experienced this week, affecting the office telephone, webcam and parish website. These are issues beyond our control. Thank you for your patience and understanding, as we work with our providers to restore service.

WEEKLY OFFERING. The weekly collection on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March came to £2,371.02. Thank you for your continued generosity and support. Collection offerings can be made by standing order, or via the Donate button on the website. Apologies that the contactless donation terminals in both churches are temporarily out of order. This will be remedied as soon as possible. Boxes of envelopes for the new financial year are being distributed at present. NB some households may not have the same envelope number as before.

PARISH 100 CLUB: 3 WEEKS TO GO. The 2025/2026 draw starts 17th April. We hope you will continue to support us. Please keep an eye on the bulletin for details. If you have a standing order with the bank for the draw, please contact the parish office.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION. Adorer needed please for Fridays 11am - 12noon. Please contact the parish office.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS. In Holy Family Church on 5<sup>th</sup> April. 10am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession and Act of Consecration. Mass at 11am.

FIRST CONFESSION. Congratulations to the children from our local primary schools, who celebrated the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this past week.

BELFAST JESUIT CENTRE: FAITH & FILM. Of Gods and Men on Monday 7th April at 7pm, at BJC, 193-195 Donegall St, the story of a group of Trappist monks, who must confront their faith, humanity and courage amidst growing threats of violence. Also showing Even the Rain on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April, a stirring drama set in Bolivia, that interwines the struggles of indigenous peoples and the fight for justice. bjc@jesuit.ie or 077955282371.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK. Sunday 6th April, organised by the National Apostolate for Eucharistic Adoration. Bus details at www.eucharisticadoration.ie.

'SING FOR JOY!' A free day of music and ministry for those aged 18-35, involved in church music in parish, school, university etc. Sat. 26<sup>th</sup> April at Lough Derg. For further details, contact info@knightsofstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk / 00447759496677

CAPPELLA CAECILIANA'S WORLDS OF LIGHT. In Clonard Monastery on Sunday 6th April at 5.30pm. Tickets £20 at www.caeciliana.org/Clonard/Matchetts. Students & under 25s are free.

ST MALACHY'S COLLEGE SPRING CONCERT. Tuesday 8th April at 7.30pm in the College Hall. Admission Free. A retiring collection will be taken up.

ST. GEORGE'S SINGERS: Mozart Requiem. In St Peter's Cathedral on Wednesday 9th April at 7.45pm. Tickets £25 (£15 conc.), at the door or e: contactstgeorges@gmail.com.

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

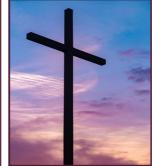
Colette McHenry MM Sat 29 (6pm): Sun 30 (9am): Priest's Intention Sun 30 (10.30am): Peter Mackey

Sun 30 (12Noon): Deceased members of the Cleary Family

Mon 31: Priest's Intention Tue 1: Priest's Intention Wed 2: Priest's Intention Thurs 3: Priest's Intention Fri 4: Clare McCaughey Priest's Intention Sat 5:



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



### **REST IN PEACE**

**Recently Deceased:** Malachy Heatley Month's Mind: Colette McHenry

Anniversaries: Peter Mackey, Clare McCaughey, Norman O'Connor, Gerald & Betty Cleary, Eugene, Mark & Louise Cleary, Mary Begley, Pat O'Neill, Joe O'Connor, Frank Murray, Michael Baker, Edward

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!