



Holy Family Parish

A praying, caring community, centred in Christ

Holy Family Parish is a member of a Family of Parishes, comprising the parishes of St Patrick's, Holy Family and St Gerard's.

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

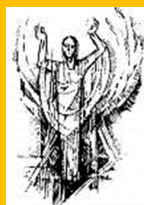
Eucharistic Adoration: Daily 10am-10pm (St Thérèse)

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)



EASTER SUNDAY

20 April 2025

Readings: C (I) ♦ Psalter: Week 1



THE JUBILEE OF TEENAGERS

At different stages of this Jubilee Year 2025, various groups of people are remembered, celebrated and prayed for. Next weekend (April 25 -27th 2025) will be the Jubilee of Teenagers. This is dedicated to young people aged 12-17. Special events will take place in Rome. Pope Francis also chose this time for the canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis. Carlo Acutis will be the first millennial saint. He died of leukaemia at the age of 15 in 2006. He grew up in a home where there was no practice of faith. But this "ordinary child", as his mother described him, discovered the hidden treasure of faith, deeply drawn as he was to the Risen Lord present in the Eucharist. His life, like the life of St Thérèse, speaks of holiness – holiness to be found in the ordinary not the extraordinary.



A READ FOR THE EASTER SEASON

Amid all the stresses, concerns, and fears that affect us today, Pope Francis has spoken widely and often about the virtue of hope. A small booklet of 30 reflections considers things Pope Francis has said about hope how to find it, how to nurture it, how to give it to others. Copies are available at £1.

CELEBRATING THE CENTENARY OF THE CANONIZATION OF ST THÉRÈSE

1925—2025

The renowned Irish Dominican poet, writer and professor, Fr Paul Murray OP, will deliver a talk in the parish, on the life and wisdom of St Thérèse of Lisieux, and the relevance of her message for today.



Thursday 22nd May 2025

7.00pm

Holy Family Church

Save the date. All welcome!

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

WEEKLY OFFERING. The weekly offering on Palm Sunday came to £2,644.03. The second collection this Easter Sunday will be taken up after Communion, for the support of our priests. 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.

TRÓCAIRE boxes can be returned to either church, or online donations can be made at www.trocaire.org. Sincere thanks and appreciation to Holy Family Parish, for raising £695.45 at the Lenten Supper / Brunch. Your generosity has helped to create positive, lasting change. Thank You!

PARISH 100 CLUB. Week 1 winners: Fr Spence, Nigel McCann, Mr & Mrs Konrad & Brenda Mullan (Promoter)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION EASTER ARRANGEMENTS. Adoration will resume at 10am on Wed. 23rd April.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY. There will be Children's Liturgy on Easter Sunday, but none on Sunday 27th April. Liturgy will resume Sunday 4th May.

YOUTH MINISTRY MASS. The first Mass will be on Saturday 10th May at 6pm. There will be a **planning meeting on Sunday 27th April at 4pm in Holy Family Gathering Space.** Join us as we celebrate the jubilee for teenagers with faith, friendship, fun and food. Are you of post primary age or do you know someone who is, and would be interested? If so please contact the parish office.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE. Programme will run 26 Apr, 24 May & 21 June. Booking essential. T: 07519289185 / 07896119669 or E: belfastbe@yahoo.com.

The Parish Office will close Easter Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday. Normal office hours will resume on Thursday 24th. The Churches will remain open, and Mass will be 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

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon 21 :	Marie McNally
Tue 22:	Anthony & Gerald Walsh
Wed 23:	Jane McIlwee
Thu 24:	Philomena McGowan (1st)
Fri 25:	Frances McAleese
Sat 26 (10am):	Special intention



REST IN PEACE

Recently Deceased: Frankie Loughran, Helen McCloskey, Desmond Heading, Catherine Gillen & Bernadette Horner
Anniversaries: Marie McNally, Anthony & Gerald Walsh, Jane McIlwee, Philomena McGowan (1st), Frances McAleese, Marie Lowry, Arthur Cunningham, Rose O'Connor, Dominic Gilmore, Carmel McBride, Paddy Kearney, Sadie O'Kane, Geraldine Trainor, Rita McLaughlin, Gary Kelly, Gemma O'Grady Nohilly, Dolores O'Connor

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!

CONTACT INFORMATION

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