



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 Facebook

Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help: Wed 9:15am Mass

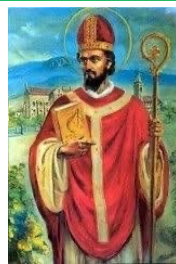
First Saturday: 10am (Holy Family)

Taizé Prayer: last Friday of the month 8-9pm (Holy Family)

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Mon 24: St Andrew Dũng-Lạc and his companions
Tue 25: St Colman of Cloyne
Thu 27: St Fergal

St Fergal, like many Irish monks of the time, set off on his 'pilgrimage of the love of Christ', in 723. St Fergal journeyed and preached through France and southern Germany. Eventually he became the Bishop of Salzburg in around 766. Salzburg Cathedral is dedicated to St Fergal.



CONTACT INFORMATION

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CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

23RD NOVEMBER 2025

Readings: C (I) ♦ Psalter: Week 2

IN NOVEMBER WE REMEMBER

We turn to you, Comforter and Sustainer of Hope. We remember the presence of those we knew. Once more we entrust them to your abiding love, praying for their peace and ours, too. We gather strength from kinship with those whose hearts also ache with the absence of their loved ones. Grant us freedom from our grief. With your grace, we will surrender as best we can to the mystery of death, and what lies beyond it. In you we place our trust. Amen. *(by Joyce Rupp)*

Many thanks to all those who assisted in any way with the Masses last week for parishioners who had died over the last year.

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR & CHRISTMAS BALLOT DRAW TODAY SUNDAY 23RD NOV. @ 2.15PM, IN BLESSED TRINITY COLLEGE SOMERTON SITE (FORMERLY LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL)

Stalls will include the rickety wheel, cakes, crafts, tombola, bottles & jewellery. Also face painting, toys & games and, of course, afternoon tea and the Ballot Draw. Sincere thanks to parishioners and local businesses for their generous donations. We look forward to seeing you there. **If you have purchased ballot tickets, but not yet returned them, please bring them to the Parish Fair. Don't put them on the collection plate or in the safe box in either church.**



ADVENT

JOURNEYING TOWARDS JESUS IN ADVENT

We are offering a parish programme, reflecting on the Sunday gospels, for the four weeks of Advent. It will run on Wednesday mornings (26th November & 3rd, 10th & 17th December) at 10.15am, in the meeting room in Holy Family Church. All welcome.

TRÓCAIRE GIFTS OF CHANGE. The full range of Trócaire Gifts will be on sale in both churches after all Masses next weekend, 29th & 30th November. Give comfort and hope this Christmas, with Trócaire Gifts of Change.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS CARDS. Still available. Holy Family Conference are also appealing for Gift Card donations for teenagers, eg Superdrug, Sports Direct or One4all. Donations can be given to the SVP members selling Christmas cards in Holy Family Church.

WAITING IN WONDER: LECTIO AND VISIO DIVINA FOR ADVENT. In Belfast Jesuit Centre, from 25th Nov. Registration at belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk / 07955282371.

NI HOSPICE CHRISTMAS EVENTS. Carol service in St Peter's Cathedral on Sunday 7th December at 3pm & Lights to Remember at Dominican College Fortwilliam on Thursday 18th December at 7pm.



CELEBRATING THE CENTENARY OF THE CANONISATION OF ST THÉRÈSE

In November, let us reflect on St Thérèse's approach to her own death:

Two years before she died, St Therese became increasingly conscious of the great place that she had been given in God's plan of redemption for the world. She said *I have asked for the grace to do good after my death, and now I am certain of being granted it.* Two months before she died she prophesied: *"I believe my mission is about to begin I want to spend my heaven doing good upon earth I will let fall a shower of roses after my death I will commence my mission. At the intercession of St Therese, miracles of every kind and description took place throughout the world."*

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

WEEKLY OFFERING. The weekly collection for Sunday 16th November amounted to £1,878.56, and the second collection, for the Bishops' Commissions came to £1,691.52, including £230 of standing order donations. Thank you for your continued generosity and support. For information on standing order and contactless methods of donation, please contact the parish office.

PARISH 100 CLUB. Week 32 winners: J. Hughes, A. Armstrong, Mr and Mrs Stephens & Patricia Connolly (Promoter). Congratulations to all the winners.

PERPETUAL ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. Adorers needed for Wednesdays 12noon - 1pm; Fridays 2pm-3pm and Saturdays 11am-12noon & 3pm-4pm. Please contact the parish office.

TAIZÉ PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS. You are warmly invited to Taizé Prayer Around The Cross on Friday 28th Nov, 8pm-9pm in Holy Family Church, as we begin to prepare for the Season of Advent. All welcome, refreshments will be served afterwards.

BELFAST JESUIT CENTRE. Faith & Film: *Romero*, final movie in the Jubilee Year of Hope series. Thurs 27th Nov at 7pm. Tea and coffee provided. Small donation welcome.

DOWN & CONNOR JOB VACANCY. Assistant Housekeeper (Job Share) for Bishop's residence and Curia Office. Visit Latest News/ www.downandconnor.org / nijobs.com.

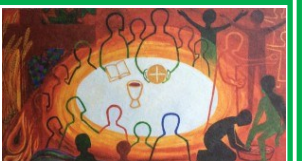
On this feast of St. Cecilia, patron saint of singers, musicians and composers, we thank all of those involved in the Ministry of Music in the parish.



PARISH ANNUAL REPORT. The Parish Pastoral Council will present the Annual Report for 2024-2025 at Masses this weekend. It is also available online. See parish website & Facebook.

NEWINGTON DAY CENTRE. Collection after Masses this weekend. We are a charity who receive only a third of our funding from the Belfast Trust. We struggle to raise £200,000 each year to provide services to our older community members, and unpaid family carers. Please help us continue to provide this vital service in our community.

HOLY FAMILY YOUTH MINISTRY will be celebrating our second Youth Ministry Mass on Saturday 13th December at 6pm. We will meet to plan for our Youth Ministry Mass on Sunday 30th November at 4pm, in Holy Family gathering space. Join us as we gather together in faith and friendship with fun and food.



REST IN PEACE

Recently Deceased: Betty McIlroy

Month's Mind: Victor Gormley

Anniversaries: John & Margaret Gilmore, Leo Gilmore, Marie Jeffers (25th), Matthew Manning, Pearl Gormley, Stephen Thomas, Justin Beagon (1st), Agnes McComb, James Henry Quinn, James & Mary Bermingham, Gerald Keaney

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!



For more information and resources:

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 22 (6pm):

Sun 23 (9am):

Sun 23 (10.30am):

Sun 23 (12 Noon):

Mon 24 :

Tue 25:

Wed 26:

Thu 27:

Fri 28 (10am):

Sat 29 (10am):

Victor Gormley MM & Pearl Gormley

For the People of the Parish

Stephen Thomas

Justin Beagon (1st)

Agnes McComb

November Dead Lists

James Henry Quinn

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James & Mary Bermingham

Sammy Keenan

