



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)

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

Mon. 8:	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tues. 9:	St Juan Diego
Wed. 10:	Our Lady of Loreto
Thurs. 11:	St. Damasus I, Pope
Fri. 12:	Our Lady of Guadalupe & St Finnian, bishop
Sat. 13:	St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr



St Finnian established a famous school in Clonard, Co Meath, with Ss Canice, Brendan and Colum Cille among his pupils. He is remembered as the tutor of the saints of Ireland.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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Website & Webcam: www.holy-familyparish.com



Second Sunday of Advent

7th December 2025

Readings: A ♦ Psalter: Week 2



ST.VINCENT DE PAUL

CHRISTMAS ANNUAL APPEAL/COLLECTION.

Will be taken up at all Masses this weekend. With growing demand for financial assistance, any support you can give will be greatly appreciated. Those who are in need of financial assistance can contact the Society on 028 90351561.

JOURNEYING TOWARDS JESUS IN ADVENT

Our parish programme, reflecting on the Advent Sunday gospels, will continue on Wednesday mornings (10^h & 17th December), at 10.15am, in the meeting room in Holy Family Church. All welcome.



ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Sunday 21st December at 4pm in Holy Family Church. A number of priests will be available for individual confession.



TRÓCAIRE GIFTS OF CHANGE



The Developing World Group thanks parishioners for so generously supporting the Trócaire Gifts campaign last weekend. There will be a further opportunity to purchase Trócaire Gifts next weekend - 13/14 December after all Masses in the parish. If you are unable to come to the church, please phone 07884248908 or the parish office, to arrange delivery of your Gift.

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY, 14TH DECEMBER

We ask families to bring the figurine of the Baby Jesus next weekend, the Third Sunday of Advent, to be blessed at Mass. It is to be taken home, placed under the Christmas tree, and the first gift unwrapped on Christmas morning. NB Some small figurines of the Baby Jesus will be available before Mass next Sunday, should you wish to purchase a 'Bambinello'.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Monday 8th December (Holy Day of Obligation)

Mass at 9.15am in Holy Family and 10am & 7pm in St. Thérèse

THERE IS NO FEAST DAY VIGIL MASS TODAY, SUNDAY

O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.



CELEBRATING THE CENTENARY OF THE CANONISATION OF ST THÉRÈSE

Doctor of the Church

A day of great joy for all those devoted to St Thérèse was World Mission 19th October 1997, when Saint John Paul II proclaimed her a Doctor of the Church. St Thérèse, who once said, "I would like to enlighten souls as did the doctors", became the third female Doctor of the Church. Saint John Paul stated, "Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face is the youngest, but her spiritual path is so mature and ardent, the intuitions of faith present in her writings are so vast and profound, as to have earned her a place among the great masters of the Spirit".

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

WEEKLY OFFERING. The weekly collection on Sunday 30th November was £3,061.43. Thank you for your continued generosity and support. The second collection this Sunday will be taken up after Communion, for the priests of the parish. For information on standing order and contactless methods of donation, please contact the parish office.

PARISH 100 CLUB. Week 34 winners: B Keenan, B Watters, B&R McParland & A Moreland (Promoter). Special Christmas prizes: A Armstrong & R McParland (Promoter). Congratulations to all the winners.

PARISH OFFICE. Will be closed on the Wednesdays in December.

PERPETUAL ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. Adorers needed for Wednesdays 11am—12noon & 12noon - 1pm; Fridays 2pm-3pm, Saturdays 3pm-4pm & Sundays 7pm—8pm. Please contact the parish office.

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION DOORS. Many of you may know that the bronze doors in the Church of the Resurrection, designed by Carolyn Mulholland, were severely vandalised some time ago. Following negotiation with the Insurance Company, a discretionary payment was made to cover the cost of repair and restoration of the doors. This work has just been completed, and the doors, depicting the moment the Risen Christ invited Thomas to touch his wound, have been positioned in the Gathering Space of Holy Family Church.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS WITH OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS. A **Merry BTC Christmas** on Wednesday 10th December at 6pm in the Somerton Site of Blessed Trinity College; **Holy Family PS's p3 Christmas pageant** on Tuesday 16th December at 11am & **St Thérèse P5-P7 Carol Service** in St Thérèse Church on Thursday 18th December at 1.30pm.

JUNIOR SCHOOL OPEN DAYS FOR 2026 INTAKE. Victoria Nursery School (90744247) on Tues 9th December at 2pm; Holy Family PS (90351023) on Wed 10th December at 10am & Holy Family Nursery Unit (90351023) on Thurs 11th December at 2pm; St Thérèse PS (90770215) on Thurs 11th December at 10am & New Lodge Nursery School (90743073) on Tues 16th Dec. at 2pm.

DOWN & CONNOR JOB VACANCY. Parish Maintenance Operative for St Mary's on the Hill Parish, Glengormley. Visit Latest News or www.downandconnor.org or nijobs.com.

ST GEORGE'S SINGERS. Bach's Christmas Oratorio in St George's Church, High St, on Wednesday 10th December at 7.30pm. Tickets £25 (students £15). E: contactstgeorges@gmail.com.

HOLY FAMILY YOUTH MINISTRY MASS. Come and experience our warm, vibrant parish community at our second Youth Ministry Mass led by our young people, on **Saturday 13th December at 6pm, in Holy Family Church.** Whether you're part of our Youth Ministry group, thinking about joining, or simply want to support our amazing young parishioners, everyone is welcome. Bring a friend, bring your family, let's fill the church! Don't miss it — God is doing great things among our young people!



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 6 (6pm):	Margaret Walsh MM
Sun 7 (9am):	For the People of the Parish
Sun 7 (10.30am):	Stanley O'Kane
Sun 7 (12noon):	Tom & Ronan Brady
Mon 8 (9.15am)	Sandra Khursetjee
Mon 8 (10am):	Philip Smyth
Mon 8 (7pm):	Martin Lorimer
Tue 9:	Sophia Kevin
Wed 10:	Joe D'Arcy
Thurs 11:	Orla Melaugh
Fri 12:	Pauline Burns RIP
Sat 13 (10am):	Michael & Pauline Flanagan



For more information and resources:
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REST IN PEACE

Recently deceased: Hélène Bradley, Eileen McCullough, Anne Wright, Pauline Burns

Month's Mind: Margaret Walsh, Fearghal Morgan (Galway)

Anniversaries: May Adair, Jack Ferran, Patrick Ferran, Estelle & Peter Comerton, Eilis White, Daniel McCaughey, Nuala Steel, Nan Blackham, Joe D'Arcy, Caoimhe & Deirdre McCullough, Stanley O'Kane, Tom & Ronan Brady, Sandra Khursetjee, Philip Smyth, Martin Lorimer, Sophia Kevin, Orla Melaugh

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!

