



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. 5 St Charles of St Andrew
Tues. 6 Feast of the Epiphany
Wed. 7 St Raymond of Penyafort

The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah, Son of God and Saviour of the world.



CONTACT INFORMATION

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Second Sunday of Christmas

4 January 2026 ❖ Readings: A (I) ❖

Psalter: Week II



THE CLOSE OF THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025

The Jubilee Year will be officially closed by Pope Leo on January 6th, the Feast of the Epiphany.

Bishop Alan McGuckian will celebrate the Rite of the Closing of the Jubilee Year with Mass at 3.00pm in St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast on Sunday 4th January 2026. He would like to invite as many as possible, from across the Diocese, to join him for the Mass and some refreshments afterwards in St Comgall's Centre. While the Jubilee Year of Hope will formally close, the task ahead will be to carry its Message of Hope with us into the New Year 2026.

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 been completed, and the doors, depicting the moment the Risen Christ invited Thomas to touch his wounds, have been positioned in the Gathering Space of Holy Family Church.



To mark their installation, Bishop Alan will celebrate the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 11th January 2026, and bless the doors. It will be a fitting end to our Jubilee 2025 celebrations, with its emphasis on the theme of Hope, as the Lord's Resurrection is the basis of Christian hope.



FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Tuesday 6th January

Mass Times for Holy Day of Obligation

9.15am (Holy Family)

7pm Vigil & 10am (St Thérèse)

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY BLESSING OF HOMES (Tuesday 6th January) In memory of the Magi entering the house where Jesus was, there is an ancient tradition of praying for blessings on our homes on the Feast of the Epiphany. You are invited to ask God's blessing on your home and family - a pack with chalk and a prayer leaflet will be available after all the Masses on the 6th January.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

WEEKLY OFFERING. The Christmas collection came to £7,547.40, & on Sunday 28th December, the collection was £2,382.42. We would like to especially thank parishioners for your very generous contributions to the various collections over the Christmas and New Year period. The second collection this Sunday will be taken up after Communion, for the priests of the parish. For info. on standing order and contactless methods of donation, please contact the parish office.

PARISH 100 CLUB. Week 38 winners: S. Gormley, E. Markey, D. Cooke & Brenda Mullan (Promoter). Congratulations to all the winners.

BAPTISMAL CELEBRATION EVENT. All families who had a child baptised in our parish from December 2024 to November 2025 are invited to join us for a special celebration of your child's baptism. The event will take place in Holy Family Church at 3pm next Sunday, 11th January.

ST MALACHY'S COLLEGE'S OPEN EVENING. Wednesday 14th & Thursday 15th January 2026, 7.30pm - 9.00pm. Principal's address at 8pm.

BISHOP ALAN'S NEW YEAR'S DAY MESSAGE. "Christ calls us to be people of undying hope for peace". Copies of Bishop's message are available in both churches, and can also be viewed in Latest News, on the parish website.

POPE LEO'S INTENTION FOR JANUARY: For prayer with the word of God. *Let us pray, that praying with the word of God be nourishment for our Lives, and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.*

DEVELOPING WORLD GROUP - THANKS AND APPRECIATION. The Developing World Group would like to say sincere thanks and appreciation for the very generous support received in response to our two recent appeals. **£5298.17 was raised for Holy Family Parish, Gaza** who have sent their heartfelt thanks and gratitude for the outstanding generosity which they very gratefully receive as a sign of Christian solidarity. **The Trócaire Gift campaign raised £7044 together with £1207 Gift Aid, totalling £8,251.**

Your generous support for Holy Family Parish, Gaza and the Trócaire Gift campaign is changing lives, it's getting to people who desperately need it and really is making a difference. Thank You!

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Sat 3 (6pm): | Teresa McNamee Gallagher |
| Sun 4 (9am): | For the People of the Parish |
| Sun 4 (10.30am): | Isobel McMullan |
| Sun 4 (12Noon): | Daniel McCaughey |
| Mon 5 (9.15am): | Special intention |
| Mon 5 (7pm): | Priest's Intention |
| Tue 6 (9.15am): | Special intention |
| Tue 6 (10am): | Paul Curran |
| Wed 7: | Theresa Sheppard RIP |
| Thurs 8: | Barney Devenny |
| Fri 9: | Greer Parker |
| Sat 10: | Frank Kerr |



For more information and resources:
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REST IN PEACE

Recently Deceased: Pauline McCarthy, Anne Fitzsimons, Bernadette Keenan, Maureen, Mulvenna, Margaret Doherty, Christina Mooney & Geoff Cuthbert
Anniversaries: Angela Fitzpatrick, Denis & Pearl Moloney, Pearce McGrath, Deirdre McCann, Teresa McNamee Gallagher, Isobel McMullan, Daniel McCaughey, Barney Devenny, Greer Parker, Pat Quail, Kieran Dowd (1st), Nuala Murphy, Francis Augustine Eastwood

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!