



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 the Parish Facebook page

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

Fri 19: St Romauld
Sat 20: The Irish Martyrs and St Alban

'To the Irish Martyrs' intercession, I commend the whole people of Ireland: their hopes and joys, their needs and difficulties. God sustained the Irish Martyrs in their trials. God comforted them and granted them the crown of victory. May he also sustain those who work for reconciliation and peace in Ireland today! Blessed Irish Martyrs, intercede for the beloved Irish people!'

St John Paul II



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

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

14TH JUNE 2026

Readings: A (II) Psalter: Week III



Statement by Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ in Response to the Attack on Stephen Ogilvie, and Recent Social Disorder

11th June 2026

My thoughts and prayers are firstly with Stephen Ogilvie, who sustained life-changing devastating injuries in a brutal and horrific attack on Monday evening. I also pray for his family and pay tribute to their appeal for calm as they support Stephen. The quick response of the local community and the statutory authorities coming to his assistance undoubtedly saved his life.

Over recent days, the streets of Northern Ireland and beyond have been marred by riotous behaviour and social disorder targeting family homes and businesses of migrants. People who have lived among us for years as good neighbours, friends and co-workers are now living in terror, for themselves and for their children. So many newcomers make an outstanding contribution to our communities, including our parishes. They are our friends. As a community we must stand in solidarity with them. Co-ordinated acts of senseless violence and destruction seek only to heighten tension across the community and must be condemned.

Shame on all those who have sought to mobilise, agitate, weaponise and politicise the fear and concerns of others over the last few days. All of us have a responsibility to de-escalate societal tension rather than stoke the flames of racism.

As a society, we also have a responsibility to address the real and tangible community concerns regarding safety and accountability, fears that demand honest, respectful attention. However, the destruction on our streets and the attacks on homes will not resolve any underlying issues, and violence will have to give way to dialogue and engagement. Into this space of meaningful conversation, politicians, community leaders and statutory agencies need to listen and act. In appealing for calm, I also call for support for the police and for community leaders.

As a society, we in Northern Ireland have journeyed too far on the road to reconciliation and paid too high a price in a legacy of suffering to risk retreating into conflict and racial oppression.

I ask that in all our parishes this weekend we pray for healing and peace and that the sacred dignity of each human person be upheld by all.

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Day Trip to Powerscourt House & Gardens Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow

Tuesday 30th June 2026

Coach departing from church gates, Limestone Road at 9am, returning at 8.30pm. Comfort stops at Lusk Service Station on outward and return journeys

Cost: £30

to cover travel and entrance fee to Powerscourt House and Gardens [not lunch or snacks]

Booking with full payment (non refundable) through the Parish Office before Monday 22nd June 2026



AWARDED BY SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL IRELAND CRITERIA RECOMMENDED BY UN GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE TOURISM COUNCIL (GSTC)

17th - 25th June 2026 Clonard Solemn Novena

In honour of our Mother of Perpetual Help

WEEKDAYS

6:45am, 9:30am, 11:30am, 4:00pm, 6:00pm, 8:00pm.

SATURDAY and SUNDAY

6:45am, 9:30am, 11:30am, 1:30pm, 4:00pm, 6:00pm, 8:00pm.

Sacrament of the Sick

Saturday, 20th June at 9:30am, 11:30am and 6:00pm

Procession in Thanksgiving to Our Mother of Perpetual Help After the final 8:00pm Mass on Thursday, 25th June



PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

WEEKLY OFFERING. The weekly collection on Sunday 7th June came to £4,384.16, and the second collection, for the priests of the parish, was £3,579.14. Standing order contributions to the white and blue envelopes during May were £1,900 & £620 respectively. Contactless and website donations in May amounted to £463. 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 5 winners: B & R McParland, Ronan Gormley, Patricia Connolly & James O'Hare (Promoter) Congratulations to all the winners.

ADORER NEEDED. For Mondays 2pm—3pm. Please contact the Parish Office.

WEDNESDAY TEAS. Wednesday 17th June marks the last post-Mass cuppa in Holy Family church, before the summer break. Teas will resume Wednesday 2nd September. Sincere thanks to the Hospitality & Welcome team, for all their hard work during the year.

DOWN & CONNOR DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOUGH DERG. 19th-21st June, £100 incl. transport & island admission. Contact 02890690920, or E: pathwaytothefuture@downandconnor.org. For details of the 1 & 3 day retreats, visit www.loughderg.



A TASTE OF SUMMER MADNESS. Sat. 27th June, 9am -10pm, in Our Lady of Bethlehem Abbey, Portglenone. A day of fun, faith and friendship for 11-17 year olds. Cost £15, lunch & dinner included. Contact Br Darren - 07752154369 / darren@koinonia.ie.

BELFAST JESUIT CENTRE, FAITH AND FILM. Showing Barbie on Thursday 25th June at 7pm. A thoughtful reflection on truth, dignity, and the journey toward becoming who God created us to be. All are welcome. Small donation suggested.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA. 14th-21st August, £845pps full board. Spiritual Director Fr Andrew McMahon PP. For further details, contact Joe 07776425631.

NORTH BELFAST DEMENTIA CARERS SUPPORT GROUP Starting on Tuesday 16th June 1.15pm - 2.30pm at Chichester Library. Take part in self-care activities and sharing information. Email niamh@reachoutni.org for details, or visit Latest News.

THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN LOURDES ASSOCIATE PILGRIMS CHURCH DOOR COLLECTION

will be taken up after Masses THIS WEEKEND. These donations are used to bring sick pilgrims to Lourdes for the Diocesan Pilgrimage, and to care for them there.



REST IN PEACE

Recently deceased: Conor McCarthy, Kitty Brady, Darren Gaylor, Dympna McElkerney, Thomas Barry, Emmanuel O'Rourke, Billy Savage, Kevin McGlennon, Kathleen Laverty (Canada)
Anniversaries: Eileen Eastwood, Thomas Pulickal, Mary Camplisson (40th), Patricia Faherty, Agnes O'Neill, Brian O'Neill, Gerry & Brigid McConnell, Paul Smith (1st), Harry Magee, Sheila Devenny, Frank Rafferty (1st), Angelina McCafferty (1st), Eileen Byrne, Desmond Michael & Susan Patricia McConvey, John Crangle

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!



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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 13 (6pm): People of the Parish
Sun 14 (9am): Sheila Devenny
Sun 14 (10.30am): Harry Magee
Sun 14 (12 Noon): Frank Rafferty (1st)
Mon 15 : Angelina McCafferty (1st)
Tue 16: Special Intention
Wed 17: Special Intention
Thu 18: Eileen Byrne
Fri 19: Desmond Michael & Susan Patricia McConvey and John Crangle
Sat 20 (10am): Bridget O'Hagan

