



# 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

Mon 29:	Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles
Tue 30:	The First Martyrs of the Church of Rome
Wed 01:	St Oliver Plunkett, Irish Martyr
Fri 03:	St Thomas, Apostle
Sat 04:	St Elizabeth of Portugal



*"Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." (John 6:68)*  
The profession of faith by St Peter

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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

**Parish Telephone (Office hours):** 90743119  
**Office hours:** Mon-Thu 9.30am-2.30pm, Fri 9.30am-1.30pm  
**Address:** 226-228 Limestone Road, Belfast BT15 3AP

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**Society of St Vincent de Paul (Helpline):** 028 90351561

**Email:** holyfamily@downandconnor.org  
**Website & Webcam:** www.holy-familyparish.com

## 13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2026

Readings: A (II) Psalter: Week I



### FAREWELL TO MISS SIOBHAN MCQUAID.

After 36 years of teaching service, including nine years as vice-principal and eleven as principal, Miss Siobhán McQuaid is retiring from Holy Family Primary School. It is truly the end of an era. On behalf of all the children and families that she accompanied and taught over the years, we say thank you. On behalf of this Parish community, for all her work in handing on faith, we say thank you. We also give thanks to God for her loving service and faithful witness. We ask God's blessing on Siobhán, as she begins a new phase on her own life journey.

### STATEMENT ON THE OLD PAROCHIAL HOUSE AT ST THÉRÈSE CHURCH

At the end of May, the Parish Financial Statement for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025 was presented. With such a statement, the focus tends to be on looking back. By way of looking forward, there was a reference to the sale of Parish properties on the Cavehill Road. There is nothing further to add about this. However, it is good at this stage to give an update on another property owned by the Parish.

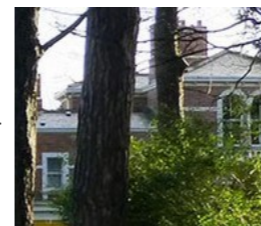
In the grounds of St. Thérèse church, there is the old parochial house. The building has been unoccupied for some time. It is in a very poor state of repair, but it is also a listed building. Over many years, there has been much discussion about what to do with this property. There are no simple solutions. To repair the building, in line with its listed status, would be prohibitively expensive for the Parish.

A possible way forward has begun to emerge. It follows on from a conversation between our late Bishop Noel Treanor, and members of the Polish community.

A group called Dom Polski, which means Polish House/Home, has expressed an interest in acquiring the old presbytery. This group is keen to establish a Polish Cultural Hub for their community in Belfast, and across Northern Ireland. This Polish group is backed by the Honorary Polish Consul, Jerome Mullen, and the current Polish Consul General in Belfast. Much depends on this group being successful in any future application for funds to the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Such a grant application is a complicated process. It will require a very detailed and professionally prepared document concerning the preservation, restoration, and conservation of the building itself. So, the application will take considerable time to complete and, if that were to be successfully achieved, the presbytery could then be leased to the Dom Polski group on a long-term basis.

Things are at an early stage, but it is important to keep parishioners informed that something is happening about this property, which will hopefully be beneficial to the Parish and the wider community. We will wait and see how things develop and, in the meantime, we would like to encourage the Dom Polski group in all their work, and wish them well.



## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

**WEEKLY OFFERING.** The weekly collection on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June came to £1,865.00, and the second collection for Peter's Pence, for charitable purposes throughout the world was £1,808.98, including £307 in standing order donations. Thank you for your continued generosity and support. For information on standing order and contactless methods of donation, contact the parish office.

**PARISH 100 CLUB.** Week 7 winners: Eithne McClean, Ruby Vaz, Rosemary Jordan & Anne O'Kane (Promoter). Congratulations to all the winners.

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

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY.** Last session today (Sunday), before the summer break, recommencing September. However the weekly worksheet will continue to be available in both churches. Thank you to our Children's Liturgy leaders, for all their great work.

**LOUGH DERG THREE DAY PILGRIMAGE.** Runs until 15<sup>th</sup> August. Booking at [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org), or 00353719861518. [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org).

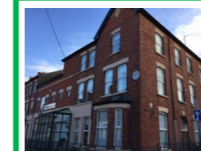


**BELFAST JESUIT CENTRE. A Year of Ignatian Prayer:** Starts Sept. Suggested donation: £200 -£280. Bursaries available. <https://belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk/a-year-of-ignatian-prayer-2026-2027/>

**ALL-IRELAND RALLY FOR LIFE.** In Belfast on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July, making a stand to protect Ireland's unborn babies. E: [info@preciouslife.com](mailto:info@preciouslife.com).

**TRADITIONAL MUSIC WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN.** During July, and musicians will be given a chance to perform at the Fleadh in August. See Latest News, or ring Niall on 07960072218.

**SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER.** Thank you to all staff in our schools, for their hard work and dedication throughout the year; we wish them and all the children & young people well, for an enjoyable summer break.



**NEWINGTON DAY CENTRE ANNUAL CHURCH DOOR COLLECTION. THIS WEEKEND.** The Day Centre is experiencing the most difficult financial times of our 48 years of serving the community. The centre is a lifeline to many older people and family carers. We have reached out to many for support to save vital services. Sadly, without urgent help, we are in grave danger of closure. We thank all the parishioners, individuals, families and community organisations for their continued support of the Centre. Every penny given at the collection will go directly to the Centre. We thank you in advance.  
Margaret Mc Crudden (Manager)

**THE ORDINATION OF REV. THOMAS HAMPTON.** Please pray for Deacon Thomas, who will be ordained a priest this weekend, in Downpatrick. Fr Thomas' First Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00 pm, in St Patrick's church, Saul. All are welcome. Both ceremonies will be livestreamed:- <https://stpatrikdownpatrick.com/webcam/> & <https://www.saulandballeeparish.com/live-webcam/>



### REST IN PEACE

**Month's Mind:** Frankie McVeigh, Deirdre McErlean  
**Anniversaries:** Gareth Parker (30<sup>th</sup>), Bridie McBride, Mark Mooney, Sean & Sean Paul McCleave, Jacqueline Vaz, Maurice Jordan, Eugene & Isobel (1<sup>st</sup>) Mulryan, Frankie Campbell (40<sup>th</sup>),

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!*

**For more information and resources:**  
[www.holy-familyparish.com](http://www.holy-familyparish.com)

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 27 (6pm):	Mark Mooney
Sun 28 (9am):	Priest's Intention
Sun 28 (10.30am):	For the People of the Parish
Sun 28 (12 Noon):	Sean & Sean Paul McCleave
Mon 29 :	Jacqueline Vaz
Tue 30:	Eugene & Isobel (1 <sup>st</sup> ) Mulryan
Wed 1:	Deirdre McErlean
Thu 2:	Priest's Intention
Fri 3:	Maurice Jordan
Sat 4 (10am):	Bridget McCaughey

