



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

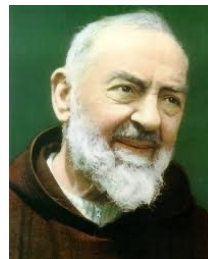
First Saturday: 10am (Holy Family)

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

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Mon 21: St Matthew, Apostle
Wed 23: St Padre Pio
Fri 25: St Finbarr
Sat 26: Ss Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

When people praised Padre Pio's great works, he simply responded: "I am a poor Franciscan who prays."



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

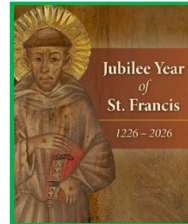
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Emergency Sick Calls only (24hrs): 07928968773

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

Email: holyfamily@downandconnor.org

Website & Webcam: www.holy-familyparish.com



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

20TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Readings: A (II) Psalter: Week I



Immersion in Living Water
EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

"... Saint Francis, faithful to Scripture, invites us to see nature as a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of his infinite beauty and goodness.

(Laudato Si, paragraph 12, Pope Francis)

BLESSING OF PETS & ANIMALS.

SATURDAY 3RD OCTOBER:-

11.00am in St Thérèse grounds

12.00noon in Holy Family grounds

St Colmcille's
Laudato Si' Group
in association with **trócaire**
invite you to join us for

Heroes for Humanity

A series of workshops exploring the principles of Catholic Social Teaching through the lives of four remarkable individuals.

Wednesday 9 September 2026 Saint Oscar Romero
Wednesday 16 September 2026 Sister Dorothy Stang
Wednesday 23 September 2026 Dorothy Day
Wednesday 30 September 2026 Martin Luther King Jr

Each event will be in St Colmcille's Parish Hall, 101A Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast, BT4 3JB

Beginning at 7.15 pm

Ending with a supper around 8.45 pm

All are welcome!

EVENTS MARKING THE SEASON OF CREATION

FOOD DRIVE

To mark the Season of Creation, and as we also celebrate the time of harvest, the parish is again organising a food drive, to support our local food banks. **NON-PERISHABLE FOODS** can be left in both churches, in the gathering space in Holy Family church, and at the sacristy in St Thérèse church, between now and 27th September. Your support for this initiative will be greatly appreciated by the many people who rely on food banks.

POETRY & PRESENCE

A seasonal contemplative arts programme at the Belfast Jesuit Centre, exploring the theme of water, and its profound significance for our lives and world. Begins 1st October at 7pm. All welcome. Register at www.belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk.

JUBILEE YEAR OF SAINT FRANCIS

"Be praised, my Lord, for our Brothers Wind and Air, and every kind of weather by which you, Lord, uphold life in all your creatures. Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Water, who is very useful to us, and humble and precious and pure.
(from The Canticle of Creation by Saint Francis of Assisi)

HOLY FAMILY PARISH PRESENTS
AN EVENING OF
MUSIC
IN HOLY FAMILY CHURCH
LIMESTONE ROAD
SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2026
7PM

FEATURING:
NEIL MARTIN
CAVEHILL COMMUNITY CHOIR
& FRIENDS

TICKETS
£10
available from the parish office
supporting the work of
Newington Day Centre

Join us for tea and coffee after. For your comfort bring a cushion.

SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER AT 7PM, our Parish Community will present an evening of music in Holy Family Church in support of the work of Newington Day Centre. Tickets £10, available from the parish office, and after week-end Masses. On the night you will have the opportunity to enjoy some of the wonderful talent our parish has to offer including Neil Martin, Cavehill Community Choir, Conor Caldwell, our Schools and other local talent.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

WEEKLY OFFERING. The weekly collection on Sunday 13th September came to £2,500.70. The Autumn collection this Sunday will be taken up after Communion, for the priests of the parish. 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 19 winners: Nikki Sullivan, Vincent Leonard, Fr Spence & Anne White (Promoter). Congratulations to all the winners.

TAIZÉ PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS. You are warmly invited to Taizé Prayer Around The Cross on Friday 25th September, 8-9pm in Holy Family Church. Everyone is very welcome, and refreshments will be served afterwards in the Gathering Space. (NB the October Taizé will be one week earlier, on Friday 23rd, due to the midterm break).

PIONEER ASSOCIATION IN DOWN & CONNOR. Meeting on 27th September at 3pm in Holy Family Gathering Space. Open to all Pioneers.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE. A peer ministry to the bereaved, separated and divorced. Support programme in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Ave. on 26th Sept., 24th Oct. & 21st Nov. Booking essential. T: Marie 07896119669 or email belfastbe@yahoo.com.

OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM SHRINE. Short video and Q&A in the Houben Centre at Holy Cross Monastery, on 25th September at 7.30pm. All welcome.

BELFAST JESUIT CENTRE. Conquest or Leaven: Reflections of a Catholic Priest in Palestine/Israel by Fr David Neuhaus SJ. Book launch on 19th October at 7pm. Fr Neuhaus will join via live video link. For both and all events at BJC, visit www.belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk.

CATHOLIC MOTHERS IRELAND. Retreat day in Benburb Priory on 03rd October, 10am—6pm. Cost £45. To book, visit www.catholicmothers.ie/retreats.

DOWN & CONNOR JOB VACANCY. Housekeeper for St Matthew's Parish, BT5, 12 hours pw. www.downandconnor.org or the Community NI website. Closes noon, 28 Sept.

ST MALACHY'S COLLEGE Concert on 3rd Oct. at 7pm in the College Hall. Distinguished past pupils will perform, to honour former teachers Frs Kevin & Brendan McMul-lan and Mrs Mary Mallon. Admission free, registration at alumni@stmalachyscollege.com.

MUSIC FOR THE MIND. Dementia Friendly 4 week music programme. Starts 24th Sept, 11am—12.30pm at 151 Cliftonville Rd. T: 07761868481/ niamh@reachoutni.org.

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR – SUNDAY 22ND NOVEMBER @ 2.00pm, in the Somerton Road Site of Blessed Trinity College. Details and arrangements to follow. If you have any unwanted gifts, please hold on to them for us. If you volunteered in the past, or would like to volunteer this year, please contact the parish office as soon as you can, to facilitate planning. And if you have any hampers that you no longer have use for, we would be very grateful for them. Thank you.



REST IN PEACE

Recently Deceased: Kathleen Cullen, Sr Marie-Joseph Catney, Breege McElowney, Margaret Henry, Richard Fox
Anniversaries: John, Muriel & David Austin, Fiona McCloskey (30th), Patrick Cassidy, Patrick Camplisson, John Nicholas Taylor, Sr Teresa Pender (1st), Maeve McGinley, Rosemary & John McWhirter, Margaret & Martin Hill, Terry & Clare McGuinness, Joan & Sean Murphy, Baby Pádraig Hyland, Alfie Dowd, Brian Hamill, Denis O'Hagan, Gerald & Doreen Gilfedder
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!

For more information and resources:

www.holy-familyparish.com

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 19 (6pm):	Brian Hamill
Sun 20 (9am):	Denis O'Hagan
Sun 20 (10.30am):	For the People of the Parish
Sun 20 (12 Noon):	Gerald & Doreen Gilfedder
Mon 21:	John Nicholas Taylor
Tue 22:	Sr Teresa Pender (1 st) & Family
Wed 23:	Margaret & Martin Hill
Thu 24:	Terry & Clare McGuinness
Fri 25:	Joan & Sean Murphy
Sat 26 (10am):	James Kerr

