



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

Tue 29: Ss Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels
Wed 30: St Jerome
Thu 01: St Thérèse of Lisieux
Fri 02: The Holy Guardian Angels
Sat 03: Bl. Columba Marmion

"I want to spend my heaven doing good on earth"
St Thérèse of Lisieux



CONTACT INFORMATION

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

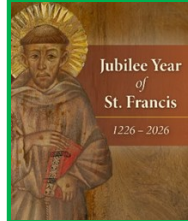
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26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

27TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Readings: A (II) Psalter: Week II



Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water
EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

"Through the greatness and the beauty of creatures one comes to know by analogy their maker (Wis 13:5); indeed, 'his eternal power and divinity have been made known through his works since the creation of the world' (Rom 1:20). For this reason, Saint Francis asked that part of the friary garden always be left untouched, so that wild flowers and herbs could grow there....Rather than a problem to be solved, the world is a joyful mystery to be contemplated with gladness and praise."

(Laudato Si, paragraph 12, Pope Francis)

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 at St Colmcille's Parish Hall, 1914 Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast, BT4 3JD

Beginning at 7.15 pm

Ending with a supper around 8.45 pm

All are welcome!

BLESSING OF PETS & ANIMALS. SATURDAY 3RD OCTOBER

11am in St Thérèse grounds & 12noon in Holy Family grounds



EVENTS MARKING THE SEASON OF CREATION FOOD DRIVE

Sincere thanks to all those who have contributed to our annual food drive, supporting our local food banks, to mark the Season of Creation, and celebrate the time of harvest. NON-PERISHABLE FOODS can still be left in both churches, in the gathering space in Holy Family church, and at the sacristy in St Thérèse church. 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.

LAUDATO SI' CLOSING MASS FOR THE SEASON OF CREATION

In St Peter's Cathedral on Sunday October 4th at 11am. The Mass will be celebrated by the Diocesan Chancellor, Fr Eugene O' Hagan.

JUBILEE YEAR OF SAINT FRANCIS

Be praised, my Lord, for Brother Fire, through whom you give us light in the darkness: he is bright and lively and strong. Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Earth, our Mother, who nourishes us and sustains us, bringing forth fruits and vegetables of many kinds and flowers of many colours."

(from The Canticle of Creation by Saint Francis of Assisi)



SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER AT 7PM

The last few tickets will be sold after Masses this weekend.

Please note that parking in the grounds of the church on the night of the concert is for artists and wheelchair users only. Thank you for your cooperation.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

WEEKLY OFFERING. The weekly collection on Sunday 20th September came to £2,131.52, and the Autumn collection, for the priests of the parish, amounted to £1,575.04, plus £315 in standing orders. Thank you for your continued generosity and support. For info on standing order and contactless methods of donation, contact the parish office.

PARISH 100 CLUB. Week 20 winners: E. Kelly, F. Pelan, Mary Craig & Frances Kerr (Promoter). Congratulations to all the winners.

THURSDAY TEAS IN ST THÉRÈSE. From October, tea and coffee will be made available each Thursday morning after the 10am Mass in St Thérèse's Church, unless another liturgical event is taking place e.g. a funeral.

FIRST SUNDAY TEAS. Please note that, owing to the concert that evening, there will be no First Sunday Teas on 04th October,

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION. Please contact the parish office if your child is in p3, p4 or p7 in a non-parish school, and wishes to receive the sacrament of First Confession, First Holy Communion, or Confirmation, in 2027.

ATLANTIC AVENUE PARKING. We ask you please to be mindful of residents, when parking in Atlantic Avenue for Mass.

OUR LADY'S ROSARY FESTIVAL. 12th-18th October. A week of events, ending with the annual Belfast Rosary Procession on 18th. Leaving St Malachy's Church at 2.30pm, finishing at St Peter's Cathedral. www.belfastroaryfestival.com

PATHWAYS ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME. Begins 10 October in Drumalis, 10am-4pm, continuing monthly, until June. Contact 02828276455/28272196, or email drumalis@btconnect.com. www.drumalis.org.

CHOOSE LIFE WITNESS. Join Precious Life on Monday 28th September at 6.15pm at Primark Bank Buildings, as we walk together to Belfast City Hall, opposing the planned illumination for so-called "International Safe Abortion Day." Info at 07592280522.

NONSPEAKING AWARENESS DAY. Wed. 30th September. Please say a prayer on this day, for those who are nonspeaking and nonverbal, as a sign of inclusion and compassion.

STRENGTH & BALANCE WORKSHOP. 1st October, 11.15am-1.15pm, in the Maureen Sheehan Centre, Albert Street. For over 55s, who want to feel stronger and move easier. Register at <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/WEdBrVkgwE> or T: 02890745588.

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: Rena Maguire, Danny O'Brien
Anniversaries: Michael Birch, Marc Amos, James Kerr, Mary Campbell Hann, Baby Domhnall Kelly, Archie and Peggy Devlin, Brendan Vernon, Thomas Kutty Abraham, Joe McNamee, James Larkin, Margaret & Frankie McCullough, Alannah Crawford, Richard Millar, Teresa & Patrick Monaghan, Winifred Smyth

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 26 (6pm):	Brendan Vernon
Sun 27 (9am):	For the People of the Parish
Sun 27 (10.30am):	Joe McNamee
Sun 27 (12 Noon):	Thomas Kutty Abraham
Mon 28:	Special Intention
Tue 29:	James Larkin
Wed 30:	Margaret & Frankie McCullough
Thu 1:	Alannah Crawford & Richard Millar
Fri 2:	Teresa & Patrick Monaghan
Sat 3 (10am):	Aine O'Hara

