



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 08: The Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wed 09: St Ciaran of Clonmacnoise

Sat 12: St Ailbe of Munster

"The Birthday of Our Lady – the hope of the entire world and the dawn of salvation."

Pope St Paul VI



CONTACT INFORMATION

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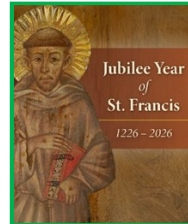
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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Readings: A (II) Psalter: Week III



Immersion in Living Water
EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

The Season of Creation is celebrated each year from September 1 (the World Day of Prayer for Creation) to October 4 (the feast of St. Francis of Assisi).

The Biblical text for this year is drawn from Ezekiel 47: 1- 12, which portrays God's life-giving water flowing from the temple of God. The river grows deeper and deeper restoring barren land, reviving waters, and sustaining flourishing eco-systems. The vision invites human responsibility: recognising ecological damage, embracing interconnectedness, we are called to immerse ourselves in the water, and actively safeguarding and working for the renewal of creation so that environmental healing and human well-being may flourish together.

For more information visit www.seasonofcreation.org or www.laudatosimovement.org

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
191a Upper Newtownards Road,
Belfast, BT4 3JB

Beginning at
7.15 pm

Ending with a cuppa
around **8.45 pm**

All are welcome! ♥

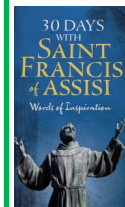
6PM MASS ON SUNDAY, 6TH SEPT. IN ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, DONEGALL STREET.

Will celebrate the beginning of the Season of Creation, a time when Christians worldwide commit to prayer and action for our common home under the theme "Living Water". Celebrant: Fr Piaras Jackson SJ, with interfaith contributions.

JUBILEE YEAR OF SAINT FRANCIS

Remember Reverence: "Praised be you, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars; in heaven you formed them clear and precious and beautiful."

(St Francis of Assisi)



A Prayer Resource

30 DAYS WITH ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI. To mark this anniversary year, and to prepare for the feast day of St Francis' on 04th October, this booklet is available from the parish office, price £3. Using the words of St Francis himself, it offers Scripture and short prayers. This simple resource can help us to reflect on the wisdom of St Francis, for today.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

WEEKLY OFFERING. The weekly collection on Sunday 30th August came to £2,307.50. 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 17 winners: Marie-Thérèse Morris, Tara Cullinan, Adelaide Moreland & Brenda Killough (Promoter). Congratulations to all the winners.

WEEKDAYS MONDAY 14TH, TUESDAY 15TH & WEDNESDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER:

There will be a Gathering for the Priests of Down & Connor in Dromantine for these days. As a result, there will be **No** 9.15am Mass on these mornings. However, Deacon Brendan will be leading a Eucharistic Adoration Prayer Service at 9.15am on each morning. The normal Mass schedule will resume on Thursday 17th September. Apologies for the inconvenience.

NEW LODGE GROTTO 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS. Monday 7th September. Rosary at the Grotto at 6.30pm, followed by Mass at 7pm. All welcome.

PUBLIC MEETING ON BUILDING A PRO-LIFE IRELAND. In the Lansdowne Hotel on Thursday 10th September at 7.30pm. Featuring key speakers including Aontú Party Leader Peadar Kirby TD, and Bernadette Smyth of Precious Life.

NEWINGTON CREDIT UNION SEEKS VOLUNTEERS, for the Board of Directors & Supervisory Committee. No previous experience is required. Full training and support will be provided. Contact 028 9035 1040 or E: info@newingtoncreditunion.co.uk.

DAY RETREAT TO LOUGH DERG. 19th September. Leaving St Paul's at 6.30am, returning to St Paul's at 7.30pm. Retreat £45, bus separate. T: 02890325034 (St Paul's).

BELFAST JESUIT CENTRE. A Year of Ignatian Prayer. Starts 26th September; Suggested donation: £200-£280. Bursaries available. Registration required. *The Chosen – Season 2.* Weekly screenings on Fridays at 10.45am, which started 4th September. And job vacancy for *Pastoral Ministry Co-Ordinator.* For all, visit belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk.

THE OLD PAROCHIAL HOUSE AT ST THÉRÈSE CHURCH. Sincere thanks to all those who organised and supported Dom Polski, to make last Sunday's garden party such a great success.



EXCITING PARISH EVENT COMING UP.

Please save the date.

Sunday 4th October at 7pm

Details to follow.



REST IN PEACE

Recently Deceased: Jordan Flannery

Month's Mind: Jim O'Connor

Anniversaries: James Richard Hann, Anne Rogan, David Parker (20th), Patricia O'Hare, Barney Deery, Maureen McGrath, Joe Magee (1st), Mary Snow, Bridie May, Joanne Morgan, William Madden (1st), Eoin Loughran, Bernadette Gillen, John & Sally Murphy, Frank McGoldrick, Mary Collins

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!

For more information and resources:

www.holy-familyparish.com

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 5 (6pm):	For the People of the Parish
Sun 6 (9am):	Priest's Intention
Sun 6 (10.30am):	Mary Snow & Bridie May
Sun 6 (12 Noon):	Joanne Morgan
Mon 7:	William Madden (1 st)
Tue 8:	Bernadette Gillen
Wed 9:	Jim O'Connor MM
Thu 10:	John & Sally Murphy
Fri 11:	Priest's Intention
Sat 12 (10am):	Geraldine Hart

