

## MASSES

**Saturday Vigil** 6.00pm

**Sunday** 9.30am 11.00am, 12.30pm

**Weekdays** Mon. Wed. Friday **10.00am**,  
Tuesday & Thursday **7.15pm**

## Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

every Tuesday 10.30am-7.15pm

## CONFESSIONS

Friday: 10.30am

Saturday 5.30pm-6.00pm

Tuesday and Thursday :before or  
after evening Mass

## BAPTISM COURSES

1st & 3rd Thurs of the month 8pm

**BAPTISMS:** 1st and 3rd Saturday  
of the month at 7.00pm

**MARRIAGES** Three months notice

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St. Eithne's School 71377077

## PARISH GROUPS

**11am Choir** practices Tuesday at  
7.45 . New members welcome

**Scripture Group** Thurs 7.45pm

New members always welcome!

**A.A.** Fridays and Sundays at 8.00pm  
in Upper Room.

## A LESSON FROM THE TREES

Not long ago the trees were loaded with  
golden leaves.

Though pretty to look at, they robbed me  
of the world beyond.

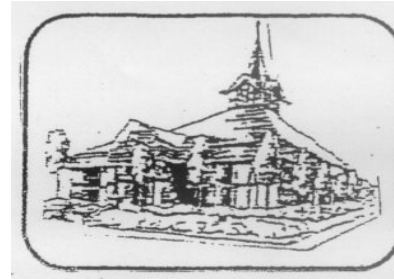
But now that the leaves have fallen I am  
able to look through the skeletal  
branches to the deep blue sky beyond.

*Teach us, Good Lord how to take care of  
our material needs without neglecting  
our spiritual needs;*

*How to take care of ourselves, without  
neglecting others and how to live joyfully  
in this world without losing sight of the  
world to come.*

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A few years ago Pope Francis  
issued a plea to all of us to engage  
in saving 'our common home'. He  
puts this responsibility at the very  
heart of being Christian. He asks  
that in all our consumer choices we  
consider "what kind of world we  
want to leave to children who are  
now growing up"



# HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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## ADVENT

This Sunday marks a new  
liturgical year in the Church,  
and also the beginning of  
Advent. The Church  
encourages us to prepare for  
the coming of Our Saviour  
by fostering an attitude of expectation:



Advent, like its cousin Lent, is a time of grace—a time  
for renewal. We, the people of God, are invited to  
begin again and redirect our journey to God's  
Kingdom. Throughout the season of Advent the  
Church encourages us to give of ourselves a little,  
through prayer, fasting and almsgiving so that we can  
become spiritually alive, and focus on the things that  
really matter. Advent, therefore affords us an  
opportunity for reflection and spiritual growth. The  
more deeply we live out the true spirit of Advent, the  
more Jesus will be born anew within us at Christmas

**SYMPATHY** We offer our sympathy to the families of Harry McMullan, Templegrove, and Liam Gallagher, Woodbrook who died during the week. May they rest in peace.

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Kathleen McCormick, Mary Quigley, Peter McDaid, Mary Breslin, Thomas McKinney

**SUNDAY COLLECTION 17th Nov** £1942.02 and €87.29 Standing Orders £375

**THE HOLY FAMILY PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP** will hold their monthly meeting on **Tuesday** starting with Mass at 7.15pm, There will be a 1<sup>st</sup> class relic there. All welcome.

**Matt Talbot Freedom from Drugs Mass** will take place on in St. Eugene's Cathedral tomorrow **Monday at 7:30pm**. The Cathedral is honoured to be hosting a relic of Matt Talbot at the Mass. People will be able to venerate the relic at the end of Mass. All welcome For further queries please email [emmett.mullan@deryydiocese.org](mailto:emmett.mullan@deryydiocese.org)

**A HALF DAY ADVENT RETREAT** will take place in Termonbacca on Sunday 8th December, Registration at 9.30 a.m. Cost is £10.00 For bookings and further details, contact 71 262512 no later than Wednesday 4th Dec.

**MARIAN DEVOTIONS** take place

in Termonbacca on Tuesday 3rd December, at 7.30 p.m.

**ADVENT EXTRA MAGAZINE** on sale this weekend Cost £1.95

**SAINT EITHNE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL** invites all parents of children wishing to start school in September 2020 to their Open Afternoon on Wednesday 4th December from 1 to 3pm.

**BHCP Winter Health Free Event** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 6-8pm in St. Eithne's P.S offering – Refreshments, Health Checks, Complimentary Therapies, Barber & information and advice from groups and organisations

**Senior Christmas Lunch** (Free Event) Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 12-2pm Ballymagroarty Community Centre 3 Course Christmas Lunch with entertainment from local choirs

**THE OUTER WEST FAMILY** support Hub at the Dunluce Family Centre, is collecting for their Christmas Hamper appeal. There is a box at side door of the Church and we would be grateful for donations.

**Thornhill Ministries, 121 Culmore Road, Derry: Crib Festival:** Fri 29 Nov - Sun 1 Dec (10:30 am to 6:00 pm) Hundreds of nativities from all over the world create a wonderful display of the Christmas Story.

**Advent: Wed 4, 11 & 18 Dec**

**Reflection Mornings (9:30 am to 12:00 pm)** Includes Mass & lunch.

**Meditation Hour 6:30 -7:00pm**

**Décor Workshops:** *Tues 10 (7:30 pm)* (Christmas Wreath) /*Thu 19 Dec (7:30 pm)* (Table Centrepiece). For more info Please Contact 7135 233

**Bunscoil Cholmcille, Steelstown** Road Open Evening and Christmas Fair on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 4.30 pm – 7.00 pm. Arts and Crafts and Christmas goods for sale, Face painting, Santa Claus, All welcome,

**ST JOSEPH'S BOYS' SCHOOL** will host their Annual Wheel of Fortune in the school on Thursday 5 December, at 7pm Admission £2.00.

**Christmas Craft Fair** on Saturday 7 December from 1pm – 5pm If you would like a stall at £20 please contact the school 71262923 All welcome.

**ST MARYS COLLEGE 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Concert** Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec/ at 7pm Staring past pupil Bronagh Gallagher Tickets on Sale Now Child £2 Adult £4

**SPUC (the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children)** will hold an Information Evening on Tuesday 3 December at 7.30pm, in the Drummond Hotel, Ballykelly, on the steps pro-life promoters can take regarding the unjust imposition of abortion on Northern Ireland, focussing on the Government's consultation process. All welcome. For further information tel 028 9077 8018 or 07730330028."

**Share Your Memories of St Columb's Hall** St Columb's Hall is being reawakened. Play your part and

**HOLY FAMILY  
PILGRIMAGES 2020  
MEDJUGORE** 31st May -  
7th June  
**LOURDES 3rd-8th July**  
Tel Margaret 07732468511  
for details  
Savings Thurs: 8-9pm in

help record your memories of this special building Join us at St Columb's Hall on Sat 7th Dec from 11am for a tea or coffee and a chance to share your memories of the hall. [saintcolumbshall.com](http://saintcolumbshall.com)

**NEW SCHOOL OF MUSIC** Would you like to learn a new instrument or continue learning an instrument There are some places available for lessons in Guitar, Clarinet, Flute and Violin at 1 St. Columb's Court Bishop St. £15 per lesson (30mins). If interested Tel School of Music 07366602407

**BACK ON TRACK** is a programme within SOLAS, a charity which supports children with additional educational needs We are looking for retired teachers or people who have an interest, experience and/or expertise in the field of education to provide 1:1/ small group support specifically in literacy and numeracy on a voluntary basis in a local primary school. One morning per week (2/3 hours) is required and full induction and training will be provided. Tel Kate at Sólás 90247600, or email [progs@solasbt7.com](mailto:progs@solasbt7.com) for further info.