

## 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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## PARISH GROUPS

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

**Scripture Group** Thurs 7.45pm

New members always welcome!

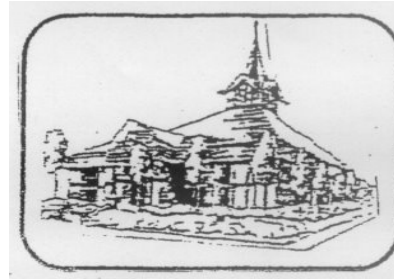
**A.A.** Fridays and Sundays at 8.00pm  
in Upper Room.

**A Night Of Hope:** Sunday 2nd February  
at 7pm In St. Mary's Church Bellaghy.  
Artists include St. Mary's Youth Choir,  
Also on the night we will have  
two Mental Health Guest  
Speakers. Admission by voluntary  
donation. All monies go to S.T.E.P.S,  
community rescue services and mental  
health charities.

**Holy Land Pilgrimage Retreat:** 24  
September – 8 October For more  
information or to book, please contact  
Thornhill Ministries, at 71351233  
thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org.  
Website [www.thornhillministries.co.uk](http://www.thornhillministries.co.uk)

NWRC in partnership with Hawthorn  
Heights CITB NI is offering a new skills  
course aimed at helping recent school  
leavers and those seeking a new career  
find employment locally. If interested  
come to Information Day Wed 5th  
February 11am Greystones Campus  
Limavady.

**GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS:** Is  
gambling affecting your life? Perhaps  
we can help. Tel: 028 7135 1329.



# HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Sun 2nd Feb 2020 Vol. 38 No 05

## UNEXPECTED MOMENTS

It was an important day for this little family, when Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. Did they expect everything to go smoothly or had they already had to let go of some of their dreams and plans? After all, the story of Jesus' birth had already been unusual, not to mention the shepherds turning up to visit the new born Messiah .

Still they could not have expected two elderly people to suddenly appear in the Temple with a message about their child—that he was going to do great things but also would be rejected and cause great pain to his mother. Was it at this moment that they realised life would never be the same again?

The most important messages can come from unexpected sources. Anna and Simeon were advanced in years, wise and devout people who had lived well and still hoped and trusted in God's plan. The encounter was unexpected for them too, taking place close to the end of their lives: but they were ready, willing and able to recognise its significance. Their call was to be among the first people to encounter the Messiah and to share the Good News.

What is our call? The story of Anna and Simeon show us the value of being open to an encounter with Jesus. Despite what we have been through, or what stage we are at in life, there are good things to come. Each of us has something unique to offer. We pray that we will recognise the unexpected opportunities to encounter God

## ANNIVERSARIES

Philip Coyle, Lily Nicell,  
James Curran

**SUNDAY COLLECTION 26th Jan.** £1932.82 and €103.25.  
Standing Orders £375

**SINCERE THANKS** from Sister Anne and Gerry Deeney to all who contributed in any way to the Christmas Missions Appeal in aid of the poor in Kenya, Sudan, India, Chile, Peru, Papua New Guinea and Zambia. Total amount raised this Christmas £18624 plus €550. May God reward and bless you all.

**BHCP LUNCH CLUB** Luncheon Club Every Friday 12noon Ballymagroarty Community Centre  
**Parent & Toddlers Group** Ballymagroarty Community Centre 9:30 – 12:00 every Wednesday. £1 per child. Refreshments available

**Marian Movement Of Priests** - There will a cenacle of The Marian Movement of Priests in St Columba's Church, Long Tower on Friday 7th February at 8:00 followed by refreshments. All welcome

**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES: Thornhill House,** – Open invitation for Prayer Intercession for the Sick on Tuesday 11 February (10:30am- 8:00 pm). Exposition and Rosary as well

as led prayers at 11:30 am 1:30, 3:30, 5:30 and 7:30 pm. All welcome.

**LOURDES HOSPITALITE COLLECTION** will be take up next weekend. As we do not have second collections here please put a little extra in the collection basket and it will be passed on to the Lourdes Hospitalite Committee.

**ARISE** event for young adults (18+) at Knock Shrine, Co Mayo: Catholic Youth Ministry Ireland (CYMI) invites young adults aged 18+ to join them for a faith event in Knock on Saturday 7 March. The event will involve workshops, fellowship, worship, speakers. If you are interested or would like to register please contact Yvonne in the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre tel 71264087

[yvonne.rooney@derrydiocese.org](mailto:yvonne.rooney@derrydiocese.org)

**THE IOSAS CENTRE** is running an eight week course led and facilitated by Bernie's Blooms culminating in a Easter Floral Display in St. Canice's Church. Total price of course (including all materials and tea/coffee) is £100 for the 8 weeks. Spaces are limited due to the nature of the course. or tele +353 74 9384866.

**ANAM CARA DONEGAL** the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on 13th February

at 7:00pm in the *Raddison Blu Hotel, Letterkenny*. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. As Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for teas, coffees, etc, please RSVP to [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)

**Accord Derry Marriage Preparation Workshops**

April 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> May 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>

June 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> in Thornhill Ministeries Culmore Road Booking now online at [www.accord-ni.co.uk](http://www.accord-ni.co.uk)

**SAFEGUARDING** Any concerns in regard to Safeguarding children or adults in need of protection within the Church contact: Noel O'Donnell, Diocesan Pastoral Centre,, 71362475, mobile 07596500793 or Celine McKenna, Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 71362475, mobile 07707311358 PSNI ( 101) or Social Services: Gateway Team 71314090,

**Sleep Out- Stay Awake for 15-18 year olds** We are inviting young people aged 15-18 to get involved in a Stay Awake/Sleep Out in solidarity with the homeless on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February from 9pm until Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February 7am. The event will take place in St. Eugene's Cathedral,. During the vigil there will be reflections, music, speakers from local charities, activities and time outside. Parental consent forms and sponsorship forms can be found on the website [www.derrydiocese.org](http://www.derrydiocese.org) All proceeds will go to De Paul, Damien House,

## HOLY FAMILY PILGRIMAGES 2020 MEDJUGORE

30th May –6th June  
Cost £589 Deposit £100

**LOURDES 3rd-8th July**  
Cost £699 Deposit £200

Tel Margaret 07732468511

for details

Savings Thurs: 8-9pm in

Methodist City Mission, Clarendon Night Shelter and the Simon Community. Registration for this event is compulsory before Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February. For more information or to book in please tel [lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org](mailto:lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org) 71264087

**SLIMMING WORLD** at Holy Family School every Thursday 5pm-7pm. Tel Valerie 07756455438

**Volunteers needed:** Sólás is a registered children's charity We are currently recruiting retired teachers and people with experience working in an educational setting to provide 1:1 or small group support to underachieving children in primary schools One morning/week. Induction and training provided. For more information, please contact Kate on 02890247600 or [progs@solasbt7.com](mailto:progs@solasbt7.com).

**LENTEN RETREAT DAYS** in SMA Retreat Centre, Dromantine: Sat 14 March, led by Fr Damian Bresnahan and Sat 28 March, led by