

## 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 at The Races**  
**in aid of Holy Family**  
**Church**  
**at Molly Malone's Bar,**  
**Northland Road,**  
**on Thursday 6th June.**  
**Starts at 9.pm followed**  
**by live music**  
**by Bracken Folk Group.**

Then there is the support from so many in the community, whether making donations, or offering to clear up the mess, or calling to express their sympathy or organising church fundraisers [see 'Night at the Races' below] . Emails and texts of support from churches as far way as Lagos, Nigeria and Tampa , Florida. It's amazing how quickly the images of the fire went global within a few minutes, reflecting how social media has linked us all together as never before. It is good to know you are not alone at a time like this, that so many care. It has been very affirming to experience such heartfelt compassion from so many.

Once the insurance people have given permission and all the damage is assessed we can start the repair work. It will take time but we will get there. We must move on and put this behind us. I am trying hard to see the silver lining in this cloud of smoke.

Many people know that I have some beehives in that area. Thankfully they escaped unharmed although some of my bee keeping equipment has gone.

Finally would the 'Good Samaritan' who happened to be passing, raised the alarm with the staff here last Friday and called the fire brigade, please come forward so I can shake his hand and thank him? The good people of this parish and I, owe you our sincerest gratitude.



# HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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## Father Forgive Them...'

Returning home from a wedding reception last Friday evening I could not believe my eyes when I saw the dark rising smoke, the flashing blue lights of several fire brigades and the large crowd that had gathered. My heart began to race. When I got out of my car and ran to the scene a firefighter approached and spoke these reassuring words 'I think we have it under control!' You can imagine my relief.

The people of the parish and wider community have been hurt and saddened by this arson attack- as revealed by our security cameras- because this Church of the Holy Family is a sacred space where so many have celebrated key moments in their lives together with those who come here to pray and worship. But as the saying goes 'hurt people, hurt people'. What is the hurt in the hearts of the arsonists who did this to their people? What parenting did they have or lack? What joy could they get from causing such pain? We prayed for the perpetrators at Mass last weekend. We have forgiven them. While I have heard much understandable anger it is important to forgive and let go, in order to know that peace to which Christ refers in last Sunday's Gospel. Another important lesson for me in all of this is that of detachment from things of this world and not letting these things we think we own -or more properly 'have on loan for a while'- possess us. What freedom we enjoy when we can say, in the spirit of St. Francis, 'I claim possession of nothing.' In any tragedy - and let us remember it is a tragedy with a small 't' - it is good to look at the hidden positives. Firstly, that no one was killed or injured. Also that the church and parochial house, though damaged, were saved thanks to the swift actions of the fire service under the excellent leadership of parishioner and fire chief Adrian Cooper. (I remember baptising his children in this same church and writing his reference when he first applied for that fireman's job many years ago!).

**SYMPATHY** We offer our sympathy to the family of Johnny Curran Collon Lane and Tom Stellfox Northland Rd. who died during the week. May they rest in peace.

**FIRST FRIDAY** Friday is the first Friday of June. The sick will be attended. They will be contacted by phone during the week.

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**  
**6.00pm** Keila McFarland

**12.30pm** Conor Parke

**OFFERTORY PROCESSION**  
**6.00pm & family**

**12.30pm Lila Conaghan & Family**

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Billy Stewart, Martha Holmes,  
Anna Walker Angela Gorman  
Fr. Patrick McGoldrick

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** 19th  
May £1719.56 and €138.51  
Standing Orders £332

**HOLY FAMILY PADRE PIO  
PRAYER GROUP** will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday 4th June, starting with Mass at 7.15pm, There will be a 1<sup>st</sup> class relic at the meeting. All are welcome.

**HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS** - Fr Declan Boland will lead a Holy Hour to pray for an increase to vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life in St Eugene's Cathedral on Thurs. 6th June at 8:00. All welcome.

**Marian Devotions** In Termonbacca on Tuesday 4th June, beginning at 7.30 p.m. All welcome

**Day retreat for senior citizens and their friends** In Termonbacca on Thursday 6th June. For bookings - tel: 71 262512.

**SILVER JUBILEE** - Parishioners are invited to join in a Mass of Thanksgiving to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Ordination to the Priesthood of Fr Edward Gallagher in St. Brigid's Church, Carnhill, Derry on Thursday 13 June at 7.30pm. Refreshments and entertainment will follow in St. Brigid's Centre, Carnhill.

**Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lough Derg** Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June - Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Spiritual Director: Bishop Donal McKeown. £80 per person (including bus) or £65 for students (ages 16 - 18) including bus. For those not using bus to Lough Derg the cost is £65 / €75. To book a place on the bus, tel:71264087 or email [padraig.delargy@derrydiocese.org](mailto:padraig.delargy@derrydiocese.org)

**DERRY SEARCH YOUTH GROUP** is taking part in a 24-hour sponsored fast on Friday the 21 June to raise money for young people to go to Medjugorje for the Youth Festival in July. If you would like to provide sponsorship, please contact Search through Facebook: Derry Search Youth Group, or contact Caoimhe : 07950326838.

**Running with the Father's Heart** - 32 Marathons because *Every County Counts* A scroll filled with Father God's love is being carried the length of a marathon in each of the 32 counties. In week 18, on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June, the scroll is carried through County Derry. Locals are invited to help carry the scroll (like the Olympic torch), walking, running or cycling, as short or long as they like. The weekend begins with a message on Father God's love by American missionary Alan Bender on Friday 7 June, 7 p.m. in **Columba House**, 11 Queen Street, Derry.

**CURSILLO DERRY** will hold two renewal weekends in Termonbacca, *Women's Weekend*: 20 -23 June and *Men's Weekend*: 4 - 7 July. Please note: there are no places left on the Women's Weekend but women can now book ahead for a place on the October/November weekend. Places are available on the July weekend for men. Men can also book in advance for the October/November weekend. Contact numbers: 07708066939 or 07841100174.

**The North West Rheumatoid Arthritis Group** meeting Tues 4 June from 7pm -8.30 pm in Lecture Theatre 1 MDEC Unit at Altnagelvin Hospital. Guest speaker is Mrs Eithne Boyle, Principal Physiotherapist

**HOLY FAMILY  
PILGRIMAGES 2019  
LOURDES**

11-16 July .

Savings and Deposits Thursday  
8-9pm in Parochial House  
Tel 07732468511 for details

**PILGRIMAGE TO  
MEDJUGORJE** Bookings now being taken for a Pilgrimage to Medjugorje Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> — 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Total cost £579 per person sharing. There is an additional charge for single room occupancy. The Pilgrimage is organised through Marian Pilgrimages in Dublin £100 deposit required. For more details contact John Murray on 0780 1105575 or 82 841265 after 6pm

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

**Age Concern Annual Gardening Competition** £2 per category to enter. Closing date Friday June 28<sup>th</sup>. For entry forms call into Malvern House, Chapel Road, or ring 71347478

**OLDER PEOPLE NORTH WEST** are starting a walking group for older people beginning Tuesday May 28. First walk will be to Prehen Woods. Bus leaving Malvern House, Chapel Road at 1.30pm and returning there for 3pm. To book a tel 71347478 or email [development@olderpeoplenorthwest.org](mailto:development@olderpeoplenorthwest.org) or ring 71 347 478.