

MASSES

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm

Sunday 9.30am 11.00am, 12.30pm

Weekdays 10.00am, 7.15pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 10.30am, and before evening Mass

Eve of Holydays & eve of First

Fridays:

10.30am. and before evening Mass

BAPTISMS DATES:

8th, 22nd & 29th December

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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Weekday Rota for December

Mon 10.00am	Paul Kyte Jackie Quigg
7.15pm	Danny Kivelehan Neill Barr
Tues 10.00am	Ella Mc Callion Sally Cassidy
7.15pm	Doreen Rice Wray Mark Mc Chrystal
Wed 10.00am	Bernie Crawford Maria Kivelehan
7.15pm	Bronagh Sharkey Gerry Sharkey
Thurs 10.00am	Michelle Mc Groan Alec Bradley
7.15pm	Matthew Woodcock Frank Keogh
Fri 10.00am	Brian McLaughlin Chris Mc Cullagh
7.15pm	John Garnon Myra Merrigan
Sat 10.00am	Brian Boyle Joe Doherty



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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THE VISIT OF GOD

Commercially Christmas comes earlier each year. In a devotional sense it only comes onto our horizon with the beginning of Advent and strictly speaking should only start on Christmas Eve. (Choirs, please note.)

Visiting family, friends and neighbours is a less practised art in today's 'we-surf-the-world-wide-web-but-don't-know-who-lives-next-door' type of world. Still, for any expected visit there is

preparation. A quick wipe, vacuum and clean and all is ready, at least from a man's perspective. (Women may disagree!)

It may seem a bit strange that we begin preparing for Christ's birth and a new Church year by meeting the adult Christ starkly reminding us of the second coming at the end of time. In terms of 'It's Good News' today's Gospel is not the happiest. And yet, the message to be alert is relevant.

Over the coming weeks, we carry out time-honoured traditions, customs that link us with our past and fellow Christians world wide. Today we listen to the voice of Christ telling us not to lose sight of what's ultimately important. It's an advent attitude of reverent waiting and spiritual renewal as we prepare to welcome again the gift of the Christ child into our hearts and into our world.



SYMPATHY We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of Lily Sweeney, 26 Woodbrook and Patrick McKeever, 5 Hawthorn Way who died during the week. May they rest in peace

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION on Saturday is a Holy day of obligation. Masses will be Vigil Mass on Friday 7.15pm Saturday 10am. 12.30pm and 6.00pm. The Vigil Mass on Saturday will satisfy the obligation for either the Feast Day or the Sunday but not both. There will be a collection for Retired Priests on Saturday. Please use the box in your envelope.

BAPTISMS We welcome into our Parish family
Rhyan Tierney, 12 Hawthorn Drive
Sophie Louise Healy, 13 Harty Court
Caitlin Rose Bowen Fisher, 17 Glendale Gardens
Caila Mairead Orr, 12 Cashmore Park
Maya Ellen Doherty, 116 Woodbrook
Rylan Alexander Hegarty, 20 Marianus
Lola Delgado, 3 Dunluce Court
Ieshia Maria Ramsey, 19 Sherrifs Glen
NEXT BAPTISM dates 8th, 22nd & 29th December

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP continues tomorrow (Monday) at 7.15pm Mass

FIRST FRIDAY Friday is the first Friday of December. The sick will be visited nearer Christmas. There will be a Holy Hour on Thursday 7.45-8.45pm

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT takes place on Tuesdays from 10.30am-7.15pm. During the winter months Exposition will take place in the Upper Room from 11am.-7.10 pm

OFFERTORY PROCESSION
6.00pm Colleen Moore & family

12.30pm John Paul II Group

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL
6.00pm Ben Wilson

12.30pm John Paul Youth Group

Anniversaries We pray for: Artie Barr, Florrie McCafferty, Chris Francis, Mary McConnell and Sadie Meenan

SUNDAY COLLECTION 18th November amounted to £1946.60 . and €66.43 Thank you for your generosity

ANNUAL COLLECTION for St Vincent De Paul will be taken up after all Masses next weekend.

SVDP Holy Family Conference Financial Report 1 Jan—31 Dec '11
Income from Church Collections, Donations and Bank Interest/ Dividends—£19,672.59

Expenditure, Cash Assistance, Food, Clothing/Furniture, Fuel, Outgoings £26,739.72..

£7,067.13 deficit funded by Derry Area Council. Thank you for your generosity and continuing support through out the year

PADRE PIO MASS will be celebrated in Nazareth House on Monday 3rd December at 7.45pm not 10th December as previously advertised

Special Candle-light Rosary Procession Sunday 9th Dec 4.30pm in Guildhall Square. Please come and pray for the protection of Ireland's unborn children. Candles will be supplied. For further information, contact **9027 8484**

All Night Vigil to mark the beginning of Advent on Monday 3rd December in St Eugene's Cathedral at 7.30pm. Young people from the parish schools of St Eugene's, St Columba's Longtower, Holy Family, and St Mary's have been invited to join with us in this celebration. Áine Mc Daid Youth Ministry on 02871262894/ 07592383949, for further information.

Marian Devotions will take place on Tuesday 4th December, in the Carmelite Retreat Centre Termonbacca, beginning at 7.30p.m. All welcome

Special Mass of Thanksgiving to celebrate our common faith in Jesus Christ on Thursday 6 Dec at 7.30pm in St Columb's Church, Longtower. Celebrant Fr Neal Carlin. All welcome.

Mass in honour of Blessed Alexandrina Termonbacca Sunday 9th December at 7:30 pm. All welcome.

HOLY FAMILY LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 16th- 21st July 2013 Cost £595 Deposit £150

Pilgrimage To Fatima/Estoril 2013 19th -26th September. **£599** if paid by December 14th.

Savings scheme on Thursdays 8-9pm in Parochial House. For details phone Margaret 07732468511.

LONG TOWER SOLEMN NOVENA Continues this evening Sunday at 6.00pm until 23rd December

ALTNAGELVIN HOSPITAL CHOIR present O Holy Night. In St Patrick's Church Pennyburn on Saturday 8th December at 8pm. Tickets £10 available at the door.

DIABETIC ASSOCIATION meeting, Wednesday 5 Dec at 7.30pm in Multi Disciplinary unit Altnagelvin Hospital

SANDS (Stillbirth and Neo-natal Death Charity) Christmas Remembrance Service in St. Augustine's Church, Derry, on Sunday 9th Dec at 7.30pm. . Contact Steven on 028 3839 2509

"Children in Crossfire's 2012 Advent Appeal collection boxes are still available to collect at the church doors after Mass. Donations to can be returned to the church after Christmas."