

MASSES

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm
Sunday 9.30am 11.00am, 12.30pm
Weekdays 10.00am, 7.15pm

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
every Tuesday 10.30am-7.15pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 10.30am, and before evening Mass
Eve of Holydays & eve of First Fridays: 10.30am. and before evening Mass

BAPTISM COURSES

1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 8pm

BAPTISMS: One month's notice

Every Saturday at 7.00pm

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PARISH GROUPS

Tues: 8pm Choir Practice
Thurs 7.45pm Scripture Group
New members welcome!

Like those rays of sunlight we can sometimes see, breaking through the clouds on a dull day on Lough Swilly or Lough Foyle may I discover goodness at unexpected moments. May a kind word, a reassuring touch and a warm smile be mine every day of this coming year and may I give these gifts as well as receive them. Help me to remember that life is not a race but to slow down and to cherish every step on the journey. Lord, may I find time each day to see your beauty and love in this amazing world you have given us and praise you for it. Let me not take for granted my family and friends and those close to my heart. This New Year is full of possibilities-an adventure into the unknown- so let me travel forward with the confidence that comes from knowing you are by my side and I need neither to worry nor be afraid, for indeed you are with me always , The Way, The Truth and The Life. Amen."



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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Our Parish Pastoral Council is an important help in the running of our wonderful parish as I said on the Feast of the Holy Family. One of the ministries it has initiated is our Baptism preparation programme which takes place on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. All the city parishes expect couples to do such a course. I take this opportunity to thank all involved.

All those who have had babies baptised since the course began last year are invited to a special Mass next Saturday 9th January at 6.00pm. The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Please bring the baby for a special blessing and if he/she cries do not worry.

A Miraculous Medal will be given for each child

Prayer for New Year

"Dear Lord, help me during the coming year to find serenity in a world I may not always understand. May my resilience from the pains I have known and the wounds I have suffered give me the strength each day to face every situation with courage and hope. May I see graced moments in everything I experience, both good and bad and always know that there are those whose love and understanding will always be there, even when I feel most alone. Do not let my life slip through my fingers by carrying burdens from the past or fears for the future. May I savour every second of everyday, living them one at a time. Aware of my own blessings, may I bless everyone who comes into my presence Let me remember the rainbow when the storm seems unending. Give me the strength to offer love to those who hate me- even if it is rejected.

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Priests of the Parish wish you all a holy and happy New Year

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Wednesday is the Feast of The Epiphany and is a holyday of obligation. Masses will be Vigil Mass Tuesday at 7.15pm and Wednesday 10.00am, 12.30pm and 7.15pm



SYMPATHY We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of James McDevitt 17 Inchview and Cissie Mullan Kenmare park who died during the week May they rest in peace.

BAPTISMS Our parish family welcomes:
Orlaith Rose Carlin
135 Hatmore Park.

ANNIVERSARIES

Rose Doherty, Michael Phelan,
John & Lily Mellon,
Patrick and Ginna O'Doherty
Hugh McLaughlin,

SUNDAY COLLECTION 27th December amounted to £2095.37 and €181.40- Thank you.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

We thank you for your generosity

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

6.00pm Marcus McCaul & family

12.30pm Reece O'Doherty & family

PARISH CHILD SAFEGUARDING REPS

Jacqueline McCarron and Geraldine Canavan. Diocesan Designated Officer: Noel O'Donnell Tel 07596500793

HEALING MASS Fr Neal Carlin and the Columba Community will celebrate a healing Mass followed by individual prayer for healing on Thursday 7th January in St Columba's LongTower at 7.30pm. All welcome.

ACCORD MARRIAGE PREPARATION WORKSHOPS

February 12th/13th 2016

March 11th/12th 2016

Venue: Ardmore Parish Centre

Booking online; www.accord-ni.co.uk

PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

Application forms for Nursery and Primary 1 are now available at Holy Family and St. Eithne's school offices for admission in September 2016 Nursery and P1 forms should be completed and returned to the school by Noon on Friday 10th January 2016

ANAM CARA is holding its monthly Parent Evening on Thursday 14th of January 2016 from 19:30 to 21:00 in the Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny, All Anam Cara Services are available free of charge to bereaved parents.

THEY THAT WAIT ON THE LORD a book by Fr Neal Carlin—£12 available in the Sacristy

NORTH WEST REGIONAL COLLEGE, is now offering an exciting range of new part-time courses, designed to boost your career in 6 months - courses beginning In January 2016. Call 028 7127 6000, or visit www.nwrc.ac.uk/parttime

PARISH PILGRIMAGES HOLY LAND

(half board)

From 9th-17th October 2016.
Cost: £1275.€1495. Deposit £150.

3 nights Galilee, 4 nights Jerusalem Flying directly from Belfast

4 Days MEDJUGORJE / 3 Days DUBROVNIK (half board)

1st-8th MAY £649

LOURDES (full board)

16th -21st July £605

Tel Margaret 07732468511

Savings scheme now started in the Parochial House each Thursday evening from 8-9pm.

DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

Do you support for someone living with dementia? Then please come along to our Support Group and Memory Cafe. The Support Group meets in Da Vinci's Hotel on the first Wednesday of every month. The group will be meeting next at the Da Vinci's Hotel from 7pm-8:30pm on Wednesday 6th January Wednesday 3rd February 2016