

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY. The ashes are from burnt palms of the previous year. Please leave your palms in the parochial house before Tuesday evening.. Ashes will be distributed at 10.00am and 7.15pm Masses on Wednesday.

Special Collection for the Shrines of the Holy Land will be taken up at all Masses on Ash Wednesday.

NOT ENOUGH

Repentance of itself is not enough. Grace must be accepted.

There is no point in putting up a sale if there is no wind.

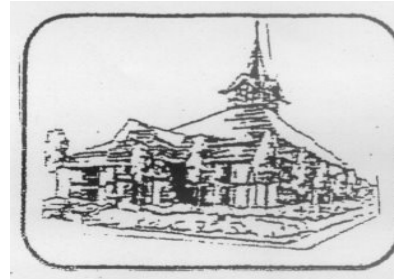
There is no point in planting a seed if the ground is frozen.

There is no point in pruning the tree if the spring does not come.

It is not enough to cut into people's hearts in order to save them

They must be touched by grace.

Lord touch our hearts with your grace, so that we may produce the fruits of repentance.



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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40 Days of Lent

A queue for Confession is rare today. And of those who do come many have little to confess. It would be nice to think that sin had gone away ... eradicated like some cattle disease. What wishful thinking! Simon Peter recognised his sinfulness in a recent Sunday Gospel when he glimpsed something of the Lord's majesty in a catch of fish. *'Leave me Lord, I am a sinful man'*.

Jesus prepared for this public mission by forty days of prayer and fasting. Following his example, we prepare for the celebration of our redemption by these forty days. Days are lengthening (hence the name 'Lent') towards the full light of the Spring equinox celebrated at the lighting of the Easter Candle. Lent is an annual preparation for our ultimate participation in the death and rising of Christ which is reached at the end of our mortal life on earth.

Lent begins with ashes as a reminder of the transience of mortal flesh. Acceptance of the ashes is a public statement that we are taking our salvation seriously and doing some form of penance or training for our journey to God.

A serious approach to Lent will put fundamental questions before us. Where have I come from? Where am I going in life? Do I live as if there was nothing beyond the material things of this life? Am I ready to face my God if He called me tonight? I wish you a prayerful holy Lent.

BAPTISMS Our Parish Family welcomes:

Clara Rose Quigg Carleton Court

ANNIVERSARIES

John Cassidy, Fr Dessie Mullan, Margaret Harkin, James Kelly, James Mclaughlin, Sally Villa Bridget McGeady, Lorna Peace, Mark Nickie & Shane Thompson Anne Martin

PRAYERS OF FAITHFUL

6.00pm Keri Breslin

12.30pm Evie Holden Gallagher

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

6.00pm Leon Scott & family

12.30pm Caolan Toland & family

SUNDAY COLLECTION 24th Feb £1924.76 and €91.10. Standing Orders £160. Thank You.

HOLY FAMILY PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday night 5th March, starting with Mass at 7.15pm, There will be a 1st class relic at the meeting. All welcome.

STAY AWAKE / SLEEP OUT for 15-18 year olds: Friday 8 March, 8pm until Saturday 9 March, 8am. to raise awareness of homelessness across Ireland. to find out more contact Pádraig Delargy at the Centre on 71264087 or email padraig.delargy@derrydiocese.org

MARIAN DEVOTIONS - in Termonbacca on Tuesday 5th March, beginning at 7.30 p.m.

MONTHLY HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS There will be a Holy Hour for Vocations, led by Fr Patrick Doherty at 8:00pm on Thursday 7th March, in St Eugene's Cathedral. All are welcome.

THORNHILL MINISTRIES' CURRENT PROGRAMME

Music & Meditation (Tuesdays – 7:45 pm to 8:45 pm)

Jars of Clay (Monday 4 March – 9:30 am to 2:15 pm)

For more information, tel 71351233 www.thornhillministries.co.uk or email thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org

ST PATRICK'S WEEKEND at the IOSAS centre and Celtic Prayer Garden, Derryvane, Muff. Saturday 16th March: 11am Mass in St Canice oratory; live music by I AM Worship, followed by lunch and live traditional Irish music, with Arts and crafts for children.(suggested donation €5)

DAY RETREAT Senior Citizens and friends - in Termonbacca, on Thursday 21st March. Cost including meals £15 /€20 For booking - Tel: 71262512.

CHILDREN IN CROSSFIRE COLOUR RUN will take place in Derry on Sunday 10th March, at Ebrington Square at 10am. Tel: 71269898 for more details

JOB OPPORTUNITY - Three Patron's Parish, Derry is seeking to employ an Assistant Pastoral Youth Co-ordinator. Full Time Fixed Term Contract, end date 30 June 2020 -focus will be young people and schools – sacramental preparations contact payroll@derrydiocese.org Bishop's House, or tel71262302. Completed applications must be returned no later than 5.00pm on Wednesday, 6th March

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, CREGGAN is celebrating its 60th Anniversary in May. As part of the celebrations we are preparing a celebration of "The Glorious Mysteries". Anyone who would like to play a part in this celebration is invited to rehearsals in St. Mary's Church on Sunday afternoons. Come along Sunday 3rd March at 3pm.

ANAM CARA DONEGAL, supports bereaved parents and is holding a Parent Evening on Thursday 14th March at 7:20pm in the Radisson Hotel, Letterkenny, free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died.

BHCP LUNCH CLUB for over fifties from the area every Friday at 12 noon till 1pm in the Community Centre at Shaw Court The COMMUNITY GARDENS are open to everyone who would like to take a raised bed. Tel Billy Page 71271977

HOLY FAMILY PILGRIMAGES 2019
MEDJUGORE 2nd –9th June
Deposit £100
LOURDES
11-16 July .
Savings and Deposits Thursday 8-9pm in Parochial House
Tel 07732468511 for details

THE LIFESTART GROWING CHILD PROGRAMME is a child-centred, month-by-month guide for parents. The Growing Child parenting programme aims to support parents through the early years of your child's development and works towards school readiness for your child. Is your child under 5 years? Why not contact Eilis on 07921371744 to hear more.

TROCAIRE BOXES are ready for distribution. If you would be willing to help distribute please pick them up at the main door of the church.

FASTING is a Christian tradition which we preserve now on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Meat production contributes almost 20% of greenhouse gas emissions. The Derry Diocesan *Laudato Si* Group ask that you might consider abstinence from meat on Fridays in Lent as a Lenten practice and a sign of Christian concern for our fragile world.