

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!

CEASE DOUBTING AND BELIEVE

While Jesus was alive Thomas was as strong as an Oak. But when Jesus was put to death, he became a reed shaking in the winds of doubt.

The truth was, though he didn't realise it at the time, that it was the Master who as the oak.

He was a mere sapling growing in his shade.

When the oak fell, he was defenceless.

All of us are shaken by the winds of doubt.

We need to look at the Lord's wounds and hear his gentle voice saying to us:

'Cease doubting and believe'

Then with Thomas we shall make bold to say:

'My Lord and My God'.



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Sun 3rd April 2016 Vol.33 No 13

A HIDE AND SEEK GOD?

In a recent homily I said that there may come a time when you struggle with doubt and darkness, when you stand on the brink of emptiness and despair, of anguish, fear and loneliness, that you are tempted to ask *'Is there a God?'* Some people were a little shocked when I questioned God, *'where are you when we need you?'* Others felt reassured because they had at times felt the same. When I was asked about this on RTE news last Thursday evening I replied that the God I believe is big enough to handle these questions. Did you know that about a third of the 150 psalms- and these are prayers Jesus himself would have said- are called *'cursing psalms'*? The reason is that they scold God for being absent in time of need. *'If you are so good, if you are our friend, where were you when we were up the creek'* is their general theme. But the fact is that he is there even if for a time the clouds seem to have blotted out the sunshine of his love.

SYMPATHY We offer our sympathy to the family of Gerald McCafferty Belfield Park and Eleanor Curran Glenbrea Gdns. who died during the week. May they rest in peace.



effect your tax situation in any way.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS will take place today at 3pm.

CHOIR MEETING

There will be a meeting of all 11am choir members on Tuesday at 8.00pm.

ST JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIEST SOCIETY will meet on Thursday 7th April at 7.45pm. New members welcome.

THANKS to all those who helped in any way during the ceremonies of Holy Week and Easter

TROCAIRE BOXES All remaining Trocaire Boxes should be handed in as soon as possible. This year again the Government has agreed to match your donations £1 for £1. Please return Trocaire boxes as soon as possible.

ACCORD Are you interested in joining a team that helps prepare couples for Marriage? For further information: Rosemary Tel 71362475

CEMETERY SUNDAY The Annual Service of Intercession for the Dead takes place in the City Cemetery on Sunday, 12 June 2016 at 6.00 pm

ARTS FOR THE THIRD AGE Music Classes for Men with Mickey Joe Harte and Terry McCafferty. Calling all you budding musicians 55yrs + every Tuesday for 5 weeks in Pilots Row Community

Centre, from 2.30pm - 4.30pm

OVERNIGHT PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK: Join Veritas and James Kilbane for this Pilgrimage, departing on Thursday 7 April from Derry at 8am. Mass in Apparition Chapel at 4pm, Celebrant Fr Gerry Gillespie, music by James Kilbane. Overnight stay in the McWilliam Park Hotel, Claremorris Total cost £85 For booking and further information contact: Marie or Lucy at Veritas Tel; 7126 688

HEARING CLINIC open and free clinic for NHS Hearing Aid users no appointment is needed.

Inchview (Habinteg Community Room) Wednesday 6th April from 10.30am-12 noon For further information or, If you would like to volunteer for a couple of hours a month at one of our Hearing Aid clinics please contact: Mary.Cruickshank@hearingloss.org.uk or Phone 02871 320167/ Mobile 07918767640

THE LIFE & TIMES OF EDDIE DAVIS A Photographic Exhibition from the archives of well known Derry Footballer and Entrepreneur Eddie Davis, will be held in Eden Place Arts Centre, Pilot's Row on Sunday 3rd April from 2pm - 6pm and continues from Monday to Friday 2pm-4pm & 7pm-9pm. Admission free. Everyone welcome

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 Dublin

LOURDES (full board) 16th -21st July £605

Tel Margaret 07732468511 Savings scheme now started in the Parochial House each Thursday evening from 8-9pm.

BAPTISMS Our parish family welcomes: Finn O'Donnell 14 Magill Court Cian James Campbell 95 Springvale Park



ANNIVERSARIES Patrick Arnett, William Logue, Gerald O'Donnell. Colm Curran Katie McCullagh

SUNDAY COLLECTION 27th March amounted to £2924.77 and €238.62 Thank you.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION 600pm Martin Dunn & family

PLANNED GIVING BOXES The new boxes have been delivered this week. If for some reason the wrong box has been delivered or if you have not received one please call at the sacristy for the matter to be corrected. If you live outside the parish and normally get a box please call at the sacristy to collect it. We appeal to those who pay tax to use an envelope and join our Gift Aid Scheme. It is strictly confidential and does not

EYE TESTING FOR THE HOUSEBOUND

Local opticians Douglas & Cobane offer a FREE home visiting service for the housebound in the community. They also provide specialist eye testing for children with special educational needs. To make an appointment telephone 71 343803.

CONCERT AT FIRST DERRY PRESBYTERIAN Church On Monday 18 April at 8pm the Washington & Lee University Singers along with our local choir Allegri will perform in a joint concert. Adm free