

MASSES

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm
Sunday 9.30am 11.00am, 12.30pm
Weekdays Mon Wed Friday **10.00am,**
Monday Tuesday Thursday **7.15pm**

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
every Tuesday 10.30am-7.15pm

CONFESSIONS

Friday 10.30am -11.00am
Saturday evenings 5.30pm-6.00pm
Weekdays Tuesdays and Thursdays
after evening Mass

BAPTISM COURSES

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

BAPTISMS: Every Saturday at 7.00pm

MARRIAGES

 Three months notice

Parochial House 71267070
Email: office@holyfamily-parish.com
Web www.holyfamily-parish.com

Parish Sisters 71260398
Holy Family School 71267798
St. Eithne's School 71377077

PARISH GROUPS

Thurs 7.45pm Scripture Group
New members always welcome!

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Friday is a Holy day of obligation. . Masses will be Vigil Mass on Thursday 7.15pm and Friday at 10am. and 7.15pm . There will be no 12.30pm Mass

OUTTER WEST CHRISTMAS FOOD APPEAL are looking for donations of non perishable foods and clothes for people in need. There is a box at the back of the church with a list of what they need. You may leave your donations of tinned food, cereals, pasta, Pot noodles, sauce, tea bags, biscuits, toothpaste, toilet rolls, soap etc. and children's good condition clothing aged 4-10years. there.

THE LITTLE THEATRE GROUP Christmas Pantomime " Robin Hood and the Babes in the Woods" in St Brigid's College, Glengalliagh Road Tel [07543050891](tel:07543050891) for booking or pay at the door.

HEARING AID SUPPORT SESSION will be on: Wednesday 6th December from 11am-12noon in Habinteg, Inchview

FOYLE HOSPICE BREAKFAST WITH SANTA, Saturday 9th December at 09:00-10:30, Foyle Hospice Day Centre. Contact us on 71359888 to book your tickets.

ADVENT EXTRA on sale this weekend 2nd & 3rd Dec price £1.85



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CHANGE

People have been saying to me recently '*Fr Paddy, why don't you ask the bishop for another priest?*' I am so shocked by the question I ask '*Are you being serious? Where will he get them?*'. The diocese is stretched as are many other dioceses in Ireland. I know only a few years ago we were blessed abundantly with priests but now through age, and leaving to get married—there's that celibacy issue again—we now have limited resources. Add to this the fact that only a trickle of men are coming forward and you see that we have a crisis looming. In all my 44 years of priesthood I have never been totally alone in any parish. There was always some backup. Up until now. Fr. Ryder had a fall and may be out of action for a long time. Fr. Doherty has retired and Fr Brown has gone back to Africa. There is a strange new vulnerability about this with which I will have to become reconciled. Add to this the fact I have had seven funerals, four pastoral visits to the hospital and a wedding during the past fortnight. At the moment I am saying four Masses every weekend. Masses from January will be reduced to three—Saturday at 6.00. Sunday at 10am and 12.30pm. [No Mass at 11.00] Please stay loyal to the parish at this time of change.



SYMPATHY We offer our sympathy to the family of Michael McCallion St..Eithne's Park who died during the week. May he rest in peace.

BAPTISM Our parish family welcomes
Ciarnan Martin Reid, Stephen's Court
Ethan McLaughlin Dunluce Court

OUR PARISH NOVENA continues tomorrow (**Monday**) at the 7.15pm Mass as usual.-it's never too late to join us!

MONTHLY BEREAVMENT GROUP will take place in the Upper Room on Thursday 8th Dec. at 8.00pm

ANNIVERSARIES
Margaret O'Connor Dunne,
Rose Bradley, Sadie McDowell.,
.Milly McConnell, Peter McDaid
Bridget McAnaney, Sinead Killough
Elizabeth Curran, Mary Breslin,
Jackie Dunlop,

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL
6.00pm Kerri Brown

11.00am Kelsie Hannaway

OFFERTORY PROCESSION
6.00pm Thomas Cooke & family

SUNDAY COLLECTION 26th Nov
£2044.80 and €139.20

MARIAN DEVOTIONS will take place in Termonbacca on Tuesday 5th December, at 7.30 p.m. All welcome.

THORNHILL HOUSE ADVENT RETREAT DAY: Thurs.7 December 9:45 – 2:30 Led by Fr Paschal McDonnell" The Parable of the Family" continues. Day includes Eucharist and lunch. For details/to book, please contact 71351233 or thornhillministries@derydiocese.org

ADVENT TALKS AT COLUMBA HOUSE The Columba Community invite you to a series of Thursday Advent Talks at Columba House, Queen Street. Mass at 7.30pm. each evening Call Columba House on 71 262407.

FOLLOW THE STAR" to the Celtic Garden Christmas Trail at the IOSAS Centre, Muff. . Sat 9th – Sun 10thDec; Fri 15th – Sun 17th Dec and Wed 20th Dec at 4pm, 5:30pm and 7pm. Call 00353) 74 9384866

St. EITHNE'S SCHOOL Do you have a child beginning Primary 1 in September 2018? Saint Eithne's Primary school invites you to our Open Afternoon on Wednesday 6thDecember from 1 -3pm. Enjoy some Christmas art and craft activities.

I AM CONCERT in St Columbs Hall on Sunday 17th December, 'I AM PRESENT'. Tickets £10. Available at Veritas or online ticketsource.co.uk/iam

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BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE BloodMobile in Rafters carpark on Friday 15th Dec. 2-4pm and 5.15-8pm

CHILDREN IN CROSSFIRE ADVENT BOXES are available at the doors of the chapel from this weekend. . Our ethical gifts are the perfect present for the future this Christmas.

YOUTH 2000 IRELAND will be hosting their annual Christmas Retreat in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare from Friday 8th to Sunday 10th December. Free buses available. Online booking necessary, see www.youth2000.ie or facebook

ALL-NIGHT VIGIL, KNOCK SHRINE The 45th Eucharistic All-Night Vigil will take place at Knock Shrine on Thursday 7th - Friday 8th December. For more information please contact Knock Shrine (094) 93 88100.

FREE TRAINING COURSE for CARERS of people with Dementia will be held in Strabane and Derry this month: call 07484507178.

DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND

22-27th May 2018.

Flying Belfast—Krakow
Cost £718 (hold baggage extra)
Savings scheme Thursday
nights 8-9pm at Holy Family
Parochial House Deposit £100
Spiritual director Fr O'Kane
Tel.71267070 or 07732468511

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS Cant stop gambling—need help? Tel 71351329

AA Can't Stop Drinking? Call Alcoholics Anonymous 90351222
Two meetings weekly in immediate area Meetings daily within Derry area

THE PLAYHOUSE Francesca Martinez 'Wobbly' comedian and star of BBC's Extras, Live at the Apollo and ITV's The Jonathon Ross Show, will come to The Playhouse on Wednesday 6 December. Tickets £10.

A Miracle on Artillery Street
The Playhouse in association with the Mary Hill School of Ballet presents 'A Miracle on Artillery Street' Thursday 7- Saturday 9 December, 7pm (Matinee Saturday 9 December, 2.30pm). Christmas vignettes by local writers, . Tickets £8/ £5
www.derryplayhouse.co.uk