

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
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!

PRAXIS CARE relies on the support of volunteers both male and female to visit those lonely or isolated due to their mental ill health. If you feel you could befriend someone and give a commitment of a few hours per week please contact Phyllis on 71308020 for further information. Training is given and travel expenses will be reimbursed. Your friendship could make all the difference.

FOYLE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY is holding their monthly meeting in the Central Library next Monday 5th October at 7.15pm when well-known local author, historian and broadcaster Ken McCormack will be giving an illustrated talk entitled 'Unearthing the North-West in Old Photographs'. Everybody welcome.

FLOWERS OF FOYLE: Help Derry win the title of GrowWildFlagshipCity by voting for Flowers of Foyle! The project will link Creggan to Ebrington through a colourful, interactive wildflower trail, with it bringing free education, training, outdoor activities and volunteering opportunities to everyone in our city. Voting opens on Tuesday 6th October and closes Sunday 1st November Midnight. Vote online: voteni.growwilduk.com or call 0808 228 7702



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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MEDJUGORJE

I have just returned from a wonderful pilgrimage to Medjugorje with thirty five pilgrims. The last time I was there was in 1987, just before the war which tore the country apart. The memories there are still painful – so many lost their lives and were injured. I had the privilege on my first visit of being in the room while the visionaries were enraptured. In fact one of the boys had forgotten his Rosary beads and I lent him mine which he used throughout his vision. (I later gave them to my father).

The last time I was there the church was small and the town tiny. My, how that has changed! I was also nearly 30 years younger and a few stone lighter. However I still managed to climb both hills, the smaller one while we said the Rosary together and the bigger one, the Stations of the Cross. We were exhausted but grateful we were able to make it. I must say this place is unique, a place of God's grace. I felt so blessed to be there. So many miracles of all kinds. We prayed hard and we played hard. We had loads of fun and every night a sing song that lasted for hours. We were blessed with so many pilgrims with good voices. I can't wait to return next April or May. Please join us.

BAPTISMS Our Parish family welcomes:

Oisin Gerard McCafferty
Aoibhinn Sarah McCafferty
21 Bealachmor Upper

ANNIVERSARIES We pray for Mickey Deery, Margaret Callaghan Hugh and May Ferry, Leo Smythe Barry McCloskey, Eddie McGinty Kathleen Harkin, Michael Corcoran John Stokes, Martin Corcoran

PRAYER FOR LIFE. This weekend we are asked to pray for the protection of the unborn child. We pray that those who make the laws both North and South will refrain from making abortion more available such as when a child is the result of incest, rape or has no chance of surviving for long outside the womb.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL
6.00pm Aaron McNally

12.30 pm Cian Martin

ST JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIEST SOCIETY will meet on Thursday 8th Oct at 7.45pm. All welcome.

GROUP GUIDED PRAYER Thursdays immediately after evening Mass for quiet reflective prayer on the Gospel for Sunday. All welcome

SUNDAY COLLECTION 27th Sept amounted to £2063.19 and €184.28 Thank you

FORGIVENESS? A seven week course exploring the teaching and example of Jesus about forgiveness. The course will address questions like: Is it possible to forgive? Is forgiveness fair? Can I have peace without forgiveness? Archdeacon Robert Miller and Fr Paul Farren will lead this course in Christ Church, Infirmary Road. The course begins on Monday, 5th October at 8.00 pm.

MARIAN DEVOTIONS on Tuesday 6th October at 7.30pm. in Termonbacca

IRISH CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER has increased in price to £1.50 New and expanded 36 page paper.

YOUTH MINISTRY – DIOCESAN CONFERENCE will take place in Thornhill College, Culmore Road, on Saturday 24th October, beginning at 9.30am. The keynote speaker will be John Mc Areavey. All those interested in helping young people to be part of the Church are warmly invited Booking is essential. For a booking form please contact your parish office or Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre 71264087 or email ddcc@derrydiocese.org

YOUTH 2000 invites all young adults between 16-35 to a weekend retreat for 16-18th October at Lough Derg. Tel 07598876399 or www.youth2000.ie

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES - YOUTH TEAM 2016 Applications are now invited from young people from the Diocese of Derry who wish to be part of the Youth Team on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. The pilgrimage will take place on 1st - 6th July 2016. Applicants should be in Year 13 and under 18 years old at the time of the pilgrimage. Places are limited. closing date for applications is 30th October For more information visit: www.derrydiocese.org

CREDO—Adoration and Intercession in the Oratory every Monday 3-4pm

THE IRISH PILGRIMAGE TRUST travels to Lourdes every Easter Sunday with young people and children from all over Ireland. The Derry groups are currently accepting applications from young people with a disability. If there is a young person that you feel would be eligible and would benefit from a trip to Lourdes please contact Alice O'Hagan on 00353863460522 or Jimmie on 07802545282 for further details and an application form.

World Youth Day 2016 Next year, the Derry Diocese will be bringing a pilgrimage of young people to Kraków, Poland from Friday 22nd July – Monday 1st August. If you are aged between 18 – 35, and would like to take part then contact the Catechetical Centre 71264087.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND

From 8th-15th October 2016.

Cost: £1275. Deposit £150.

3 nights Galilee, 4 nights Jerusalem Flying directly from Dublin to Tel Aviv

Savings scheme now started in the Parochial House each

Thursday evening from 8-9pm.

Contact Parochial House for Itinerary

CELEBRATION OF HOSPICE CARE' As part of World Hospice Week, Foyle Hospice would like to invite everyone to an interdenominational service: in the Guildhall Thur, 8th October 7.00pm.

BUY A STONE To build the High Tower (Plus a Viewing Tower) at Columba Community Celtic Peace Garden near White Oaks Centre Leave your name and donation at Columba House, 11 Queen St, Derry; IOSAS Centre and Celtic Prayer Garden, Muff or St Anthony's Retreat Centre, Dundrean.

INFORMATION EVENING ABOUT FOSTER CARE. Takes place on Wednesday 7th October at 7.30pm in Da Vinci's,

PARISH HISTORY TEAM if interested please leave your name and contact number on the list in the porch.