

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

BAPTISMS DATES:

Every Saturday at 7.00pm
Parochial House 71267070
Email:office@holymfamilyparish.com

Parish Sisters 71260398
Holy Family School 71267798
St. Eithne's School 71377077
www.holymfamily-parish.com

PARISH GROUPS

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

DEATH OVERCOME

*As long as the sun comes over
the hills,*

*scatters the darkness, and fills
the world with light;*

*As long as the fields get green
again, and the primroses and
violets return;*

*As long as the trees fill up
again with leaves, there is
hope for us and for the world.*

*So, come, let us follow the
footsteps of spring,
for life is awakening from its
sleep and wanders through
the hills and valleys.*

*Come let us ascend the
heights and gaze upon the
waving greenness of the
plains below.*

*O come let us rejoice on this
Easter Day,*

*For death has folded up its
tent and gone away*



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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EASTER

Were it not for this Season of Easter, when faith in the Father who raised Jesus from the dead is renewed, death would be a constant reminder of the futility of living. Strong men would make this earth their paradise and the weak would call it hell. Our journey's end would be the cemetery where a cross marks the spot but the cross would be a sign of total defeat, if ever the name of Christ was remembered.

But hold on, Christ is risen and so the unfinished man goes on. His spirit lives.

As Bishop Mc Keown said recently at the Annual Mass for those bereaved through suicide 'The cross tells us that death is not the master of everything and the mocker of all dreams'. This we must believe, otherwise life is absurd. God did not make us to prove that he could change flesh into dust but so that he could call us his friends forever.

Easter is not a time for fear, or going over old scores or finding the remains of unforgiven sins. This is a time of life, friendship, joy and the discovery of many empty tombs.

In answer to the question 'has life any meaning?' today Christ confidently repeats 'yes' for 'I am the Way,' 'I have overcome the world', 'I am the beginning and the end'. Christ has given meaning to death so he is the meaning of life. Let us rejoice! Let 'alleluia' be our song!



**THE PRIESTS OF THE PARISH WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY
EASTER**

BAPTISM Our parish family welcomes:

Gary Owen McFadden
35 Sandale Park
Emily Grace McPhillips
6 College Mews
Dillon Samuel Michael Canning
36 Kavanagh Court

EASTER GARDEN We present our Easter Garden again this year. Just like the crib tells the Christmas Story, the Garden tells the Easter story of Christ's victorious triumph over suffering, sin and death. We thank all those who prepared it.

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

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

If you have a First Communion child who is attending a school outside the parish and who would like to carry up the gifts at Mass please leave your name address and telephone number in the Parochial House

SUNDAY COLLECTION 29th March amounted to £2424.76 and €215.68 Thank you.

Anniversaries We pray for
Martin O'Kane, Kathleen McCullagh
Gerard O'Donnell

ST JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIEST SOCIETY will meet on Thursday 9th April at 7.45pm in Upper Room

THE PADRE PIO PRAYER Group will take place Monday 13th April St Patrick's Church Pennyburn at 7.30 pm. All welcome

THE NET' A new monthly publication sharing the fruits of the faith lived out in the Derry Diocese will available for sale, costing £1.50 / €2. 'The Net' will include coverage of parish and Diocesan events, the work of pastoral organisations, a youth and school focus, and the promotion of upcoming events.

THE DERRY YOUTH COMMUNITY is now approaching its second year. If you are aged between 18 and 25 and interested in taking a gap year, the DYU could be for you! Throughout the 10 months spent living in community, you will gain a qualification, create lasting friendships and help to deepen young people's relationship and friendship with Jesus. If you are interested in finding out more information about the Derry Youth Community, you can contact us on 71262894, email dyc@derrydiocese.org or visit our website www.derryyouthcommunity.com

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

WHY BE A CATHOLIC? Half Day Conference Drummond Hotel Ballykelly Sat 11th April 11-4pm. With world leading Catholic apologist and evangelist Tim Staples.

DERRY DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE - Due to the great response from nurses, the Diocesan Pilgrimage is happy to say that there is a full care team in place to provide any medical/nursing/wheelchair assistance to pilgrims who would like to register for support. Anyone who wishes to be part of the pilgrimage and avail of this care needs a special application form. These and all other application forms may be obtained from the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office at the Derry Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, Derry. Tel: 71260293.

GARDENING SOCIETY ANNUAL SPRING SHOW: St Peter's Church Hall, Culmore Road. Saturday 11th April 2.00pm - 4.00pm. Adm Adults £3.00 Children free Schedule available from Altnagelvin Garden Centre. Members of the public invited to exhibit.

HOLY FAMILY PILGRIMAGES

LOURDES 16-21st July

Dep £150 Cost £605 (plus coach)

Contact Margaret 07732468511 or 71267070. Saving scheme now open. Thursdays 8-9.

TROCAIRE DANCE tonight Easter Sunday AOH Music 3Js Adm free

Are you up for a challenge? Would you wear your 'Onesies' - in public in a Guinness World Record Attempt in Derry, Sunday, 26th April @ 2pm. Event aids children of the Chernobyl Register your interest via Derry City Social Club, 19, Crawford Square or contact Siobhan on 07588866865

SEAN DAVIS 3 DAY indoor "Easter Fun" Soccer Academy takes place at Templemore Sports Complex from Wednesday 8th April to Friday 10th April Tel. Sean Davis 71263044.

Bill Clinton Hercules Kansas City's Bob Paisley is directed by Fringe At The Playhouse Saturday 11 April, 8pm. Tickets: £11/ £9.

The Complete History of Comedy (abridged), written and directed by Reed Martin and Austin Tichenor to The Playhouse on Saturday 18 April at 8pm. Tickets: £12/ £10. Contact www.derryplayhouse.co.uk 71268027.