

### MASSES

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm  
Sunday 9.30am 11.00am, 12.30pm  
Weekdays 10.00am, 7.15pm

### CONFESSIONS

**Saturday** 10.30am, and before evening Mass

Eve of Holydays & eve of First Fridays:

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### BAPTISMS DATES:

Every Saturday at 7.00pm

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### PARISH GROUPS

Tues: 8pm Choir Practice

Wed 8.00pm Adult Education

Thurs 7.45pm Scripture Group

New members welcome!

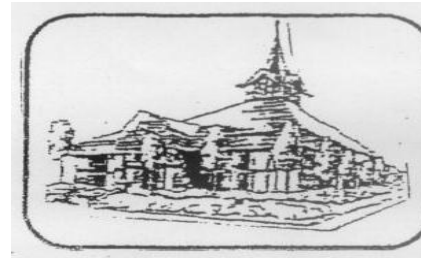
## SYNOD OF BISHOPS

Pope Francis has called a Synod of the Bishops this October to discuss some of the challenges facing the family. It begins today, with the theme *'The Pastoral challenges of the family in the context of evangelisation'*

The Pope has asked us to pray for the Bishops as they enter this important time for the Church.

*'May we all then pray together so that through these events the Church will undertake a true journey of discernment and adopt the necessary pastoral means to help families face their present challenges with the light and strength that comes from the Gospel'*

Let us keep the Synod in our thoughts and prayers over the next fortnight.



## HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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## DAY FOR LIFE

Today is a Day for Life, celebrated annually by the Church in Ireland. A day dedicated to celebrating the dignity of life from conception to natural death. This year focuses on the theme *'Protect and Cherish Life'*. It seems a little strange that we have a need for a Day for Life—a day when we are reminded, bring to mind the importance and sacredness of life. Life seems to be the one precious gift that we can easily take for granted until something happens to remind us how fragile it is. Whether it is a sudden death, watching with horror the reactions of the families of those on the Malaysia flight MH17 or the daily atrocities of those suffering in Gaza,

The readings today remind us that God entrusts us with the mission to live, celebrate, cherish and protect the life we are given. We are given great responsibility by the landowner who trusts us and leaves the vineyard to our care and creativity. God believes in our potential and gives us the means necessary to carry out this mission. As Paul says in the Philippians, *'Put into practice what you have learned and received from me both by my words and from my actions'*. And the God who gives us peace will be with you. Be aware of the loving God present in your everyday experience, live it and do not let life pass you by.

**SYMPATHY** We offer our sympathy to the family of Eddie McGinty 53 Whitehouse Park who died during the week. May he rest in peace.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** 28th September amounted to £ 2025.25 and €244.80 Thank you.

**Anniversaries** We pray for Bernadette Cruickshank, Peter Doyle, Bella Doherty, Brian McCloskey Hugh & Mary Ferry, Theresa Mullan

**PHOTO** If a loved one from this parish has died during the past year and has been buried from a different church and you would like their photo displayed on our special Board of the Dead on All Souls Day please leave the photo in the parochial House together with the person's name and address before 20th October.

**PARISH DRAW** Next weekend we launch our Christmas Parish Draw. We call for your support in making it a success. If you would like to help please get in touch with the parish office. Tickets will cost £5 each. Books of 10 £45. The prize money will be £2,500, £500, £100. We hope that every family in the parish will buy at least one ticket to help meet the running costs of our parish.

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

**MARIAN DEVOTIONS** will take place in Termonbacca on Tuesday 7th October, beginning at 7.30 p.m. All are welcome.

**FIRST STEPS IN MEDITATION** Thornhill Ministries will lead a series of four evenings, helping participants to find that quiet, inner stillness where the hunger for God can be nourished using stilling techniques, Scripture and some gentle music. In Thornhill College, Culmore Road on Thursdays 16/23 October & 6/13 November from 7.30 to 8.30 pm Cost: £4 per night. To book please contact us at 71351233 or [thornhillcentre@derrydiocese.org](mailto:thornhillcentre@derrydiocese.org)

**Poetry of Light** – Mary Murphy will lead six sessions exploring poems by Heaney, Hopkins, Mary Oliver and others. Thursday 2 October. 7.30-9.00 pm. in Thornhill College. Cost: £5 per night. To book, tel Thornhill Ministries at 71351233.

**MINDFULNESS RETREAT DAY** – silence and meditation where the soul finds a pathway to the Divine. Monday 27 October from 10.00 am to 2.45 pm. in An Grianán Hotel, Burt, Suggested Donation: £27 Booking essential. Phone Thornhill Ministries at 71351233.

**AOH PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK** will take place on Saturday 11th Oct. Tel 71352326 or 71345398 for details

**LITTLE ACORNS PRE SCHOOL** Crèche places available for children aged between 2-4. Little Acorns operates Monday-Friday 8.45am-12.45pm. For places or inquiries please contact a member of staff on **02871308058** or **07593590275**.

**YOUTHLIFE** are running their **Growing through Change** programme for young people aged between 11 – 25 years of age who have experienced bereavement and loss as a result of death, divorce or separation. The programme will take place from Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October until Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October in The Sanctuary, Muff, Co. Donegal. There is no charge for this programme. For an application form please contact Deidre 71377227 or visit us at [www.youthlife.org](http://www.youthlife.org) or call into the office on 23 Bishop Street.

**CHOIR DIRECTOR REQUIRED.** St Columba's Church, Long Tower is seeking a director for The Mixed Voice Choir. The Choir provides music at Mass on Sundays and at other major Church Feasts e.g. Easter Ceremonies and Christmas If interested contact Oonagh at the Parish Office, 18 Pump Street, tel 71262301 or email [longtower@derrydiocese.org](mailto:longtower@derrydiocese.org).

**FR NEAL CARLIN** will be in Veritas, Shipquay Street, on Friday 10 October, at 4.00 pm, signing copies of his new book, '*They that wait on the Lord: An Uncharted Journey.*' Everyone is welcome. Copies of the book, it is available from Veritas Bookshop, or email [derryshop@veritas.ie](mailto:derryshop@veritas.ie)

**OMAGH CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP** Day of Renewal Mellon Country Hotel, Omagh Sunday 12th Oct '*Pray that the Word of God spreads rapidly*' Book 82242092 (office hrs)/82243973 **Mob 07876411435 or 07596609041**

**WORLD HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARE WEEK** Join Foyle Hospice celebrate in the following events; A short interdenominational service, 'Celebration of Hospice Care', led by the four hospice chaplains in the Guildhall on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 6.30pm -7.30pm and our Coffee Morning on World Hospice Day Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October, Foyle Hospice Day Care Unit, 10am – 2pm. Everyone welcome.

**PRAXIS CARE** operates a volunteer learning disability befriending scheme with successfully matched friendships, They are currently in the process of recruiting new volunteers. If you are interested Telephone 71373400