

### 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!

### Abandonment

I saw a lonely leaf  
Fall so gently to the ground  
Its soft green hue,  
now gone for good  
To leave it crisp and brown.  
When a gentle breeze  
blew through the trees  
I heard the rustle  
of those yet to fall

In silent wonder  
began to ponder  
When I too will leave it all.  
And open fists  
now clenched so tight  
White knuckled and holding on  
To things I think I need are mine  
And bought on Amazon!  
So Lord, help me live more  
simply,  
And to your wisdom  
may I be true  
My stuff, just so much chaff and  
weeds  
For all I need is You.



## HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Sun 5th Nov 2017 Vol.34 No 46

### CROSS

Some people have been enquiring about the Cross which fell from the roof during a storm early this year. We are in discussions with a company and hope to have a new cross by Christmas. This cross will be luminous. **ALL SOULS DAY** On Thursday All Souls Day we had a ceremony in the church in honour of those people from our parish who died during the year. Their photos were projected onto a screen while their names were being read out before Mass began. Then at the Offertory a family member was invited to carry up a candle. This candle was later returned to the family as a gift to be put on the grave. I am grateful to our Bereavement Group for all their work, not just in preparing for this special night but also for their support during the year helping me to co-ordinate all the funeral liturgies.

**REMEMBER ME.** There will be a meeting in the Upper Room tomorrow Monday at 8.30pm for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. It is called 'Remember Me...Finding Hope and Healing.' I hope you like the little poem I wrote overleaf. on letting go.

**SYMPATHY** We offer our sympathy to the family of Anna Fegan The Branch who died during the week. May she rest in peace.

**BAPTISMS** Our parish family welcomes:  
Oisín James Masawi Geraint St.  
Lucia Ellen Payne Templegrove

**OUR PARISH NOVENA** continues tomorrow (**Monday**) at the 7.15pm Mass Please pick up a petition card at the main door of the church and place it in the special petition box **before 7.05pm** on Monday night. We hope that many will take part in our Novena this year again.

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Paul Brown Jim Maguire,  
Maire Coyle, Eddie McCloskey,  
John Stokes, Maire Cassidy,  
Daniel Campbell,

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** 29th Oct  
£2185.60 and €150.30

#### **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

**6.00pm** Nicole Devlin

**12.30pm** Rebecca Hargan

#### **OFFERTORY PROCESSION**

**6.00pm** Christopher Campbell  
& family

**12.30pm** Oran Steele & family

**REMEMBRANCE SERVICE** today the 5<sup>th</sup> November at the Shaw court community garden there will be short service to remember the dead of the area The service will begin at 5 pm

**MARIAN DEVOTIONS** will take place in Termonbacca on Tuesday 7th November, beginning at 7.30 p.m.

**THE YEAR OF THE FAMILY 2018** Our Sacristan Geraldine Duddy has volunteered to co ordinate a group of those who are interested in preparing our parish for the Year Of The Family and for the Pope's visit (hopefully) next August to the World Meeting in Dublin. Please get in touch with Fr O'Kane .

#### **Thornhill Ministries**

**Mozart's Requiem: An Appreciation** – Series of 3 Wednesdays from 8:00 to 9:30 pm, beginning 8 November. Come and investigate the musical language, orchestration, etc. to make this setting of the Requiem so astounding. Suggested Offering: £20

**"Sitting with the Word" Part II** – Series of 8 Wednesdays from 10:45 to 11:45 am, beginning 8 November. An opportunity to sit with the Word of God in a group context, with the focus on a Scripture passage from the incoming Sunday's Liturgy. A Prayer Guide will lead us through the context and preparation of the passage. Those who wish may make a small offering. **The Holy Land** - An 8-Day Retreat Pilgrimage to the Holy Land will take place in September For further details on the above phone 7135 1233 e-mail thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org.

**GOD'S CREATION** We need two people to represent the parish at a meeting tomorrow Monday 6th November at 7pm in the Ardmore Parish Centre (behind the church) for the launch of the newly formed Laudi Si Group on care of the environment. Contact Fr. O'Kane

**A DAY RETREAT FOR SENIOR CITIZENS** and friends will take place Termonbacca on Thursday 16th November. Cost including meals is £15. Telephone 71 262512.

#### **Accord Derry Marriage Preparation Workshops**

January 12/13<sup>th</sup> February 16/17<sup>th</sup>  
March 9/10<sup>th</sup> April 13/14<sup>th</sup>  
May 11/12<sup>th</sup> June 8/9<sup>th</sup>

Booking online at [www.accordni.com](http://www.accordni.com)

**Meeting of Overseas Returned Volunteers & Lay Missionaries** The next meeting for overseas returned volunteers & lay missionaries will take place on Tuesday Nov 7<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm at Bishop McKeown's house, Buncrana Rd, . All are welcome. For more info email [jim.farrell@amri.ie](mailto:jim.farrell@amri.ie) or phone/text + 353 83 8422468.

**DERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2018** *It's never too early to start paying towards your 2018 Pilgrimage to Lourdes!* To help with this the Pilgrimage Office, 164 Bishop Street Derry will be open on Tues and Thur from 11am to 1pm Tel 71260293.

#### **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

**ST JOSEPH'S BOYS' SCHOOL Annual Mass of Remembrance** for Past Pupils and Staff will be held in the school on Thursday 9 November at 7.00 pm. If you would like any person remembered please contact the school office on 71 262923

**THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** requires donations of bedroom furniture. And ladies winter clothing Tel 71265489 for collection.

**DRAW** to promote Temperance in Ireland and in the Developing World: Organised by the PTAA draw starts in mid-November subscription £6.50 per month for six months, tel Robert Glackin tel: 71341647 Andrew Doherty tel: 7135 2285 for details

**Kennedy a Troubled Journey Final show** The Cairn Theatre Group present the **final night** of "Kennedy a Troubled Journey" on Tuesday 7th November at 8pm in The Cairn Greencastle Enquiries Tel: 0749381104