

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!

As has already happened in the parish of the Three Patrons and as I mentioned here last week we are planning a major initiative by which every home will get this personal invitation to return to the faith. If no one is at home a leaflet including Mass times will be left. We need volunteers who are willing to give up just over an hour each week to call on the homes of the parish. Names will be taken at all Masses this weekend. There will be a meeting on Tuesday at 8.00pm. when they will be commissioned and told precisely what to do. Please be part of our pastoral outreach and be a volunteer.

CURSILLO 30th ANNIVERSARY

This year is the 30th anniversary of the Cursillo movement in Derry. There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving on 24th Sept in St. Eugene's Cathedral celebrated by Bishop Donal. Anyone who has done a Cursillo is invited.

There will also be a Retreat based loosely on Cursillo talks on 25th-27th Sept in Termonbacca. All are welcome Tel 07594292438 for further details..



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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THE BIG INVITE

Many people find it hard to believe in a loving God. They reject that He exists altogether. Or their experience of suffering and tragedy made them doubt his love.

Some spend their whole lives chasing what always turns out to be temporary and illusory goals... wealth, power, fame or beauty. Others have turned away in anger and disgust at the clerical abuse scandals. And still others claim that science has all the answers.

However, there are some questions which remain unanswered. What is the meaning of life? Who banged out the Big Bang? What caused the universe to come into existence in the first place, out of absolute nothingness? When we die, as each of us must, is that really all there is, just ashes and dust?

Faith is a gift. The Holy Spirit is there to help us believe. But at the same time, faith is a step we can choose to take... it is a personal decision. God calls us to trust Him and reach out to Him and commit ourselves to a personal relationship with him. We need to belong and practice what we say we believe. Sincerely believing AND actively belonging are two sides of the same Christian coin. A faith that is not practiced is a faith that has fallen asleep.

Sadly many people no longer come to Mass. That is where the Big Invite comes in— an invitation to return to the sacraments.

SYMPATHY We offer our sympathy to the family of Billy Dobbins, 18 O'Connor Court Sr. Bonaventure whod died in Zambia and who died during the week. May they rest in peace.

BAPTISMS Our Parish family welcomes:

Daylin Daniel George Coyle
71 Drummard Park

Logan James Lowry 152 Woodbrook
Anne Marie Quigley 37 Hatmore Park

ANNIVERSARIES We pray for John Doherty, Gareth Roberts, Tom McCallion, Sean Gallagher, Billy Coyle

SUNDAY COLLECTION 30th August amounted to £2017.65 and €238.70 Thank you

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

ST JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIEST SOCIETY will meet on Thursday 10th Sept at 7.45pm. A quarterly meeting of the society has been arranged by the Derry Diocesan Committee to take place in Termonbacca on Sunday 13th Sept. at 3pm. All welcome.

SUNDAY EVENING MASS From today Sunday, 6th September there will be a Sunday evening Mass celebrated in St Eugene's Cathedral at 7.00 pm.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK: Bishop Donal invites people and priests of the Diocese of to join him on pilgrimage to Knock on Saturday 27th September Contact: Geraldine on 07517965752 Cost: £30 inclusive of evening meal

MASS FOR BIKERS will be celebrated on Sun 6th Sept at 1:30pm in St Aengus' Church, Burt

KNOCK COUNSELLING CENTRE provides a confidential Drop-In listening service for pilgrims and visitors to Our Lady's Shrine of Knock on weekends from April to October. The Centre is open Saturday and Sunday 11am to 5pm offering people the opportunity to discuss personal issues and difficulties in a caring environment. For further information call the Centre on 094 937 5032 or visit www.knock-shrine.ie/counselling
A donation is appreciated towards the provision of this service.

DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING TRAINING for Eucharistic Ministers who bring Communion to the housebound at Ardmore pastoral centre on Thursday 1st October at 7.30pm. To book a place contact the Safeguarding Office, Tel 71362475, open Mon and Tues 9.00am 5.00pm

DUNLUCE FAMILY CENTRE Affordable Childcare! Are you a working parent? If you find childcare difficult during school closures call into Dunluce Family Centre, 15 Shaw Court, , Monday - Thursday 9.00am – 5.00pm and Friday from 9.00am – 2.00 pm or tel Jennifer 71269833.

SUMMER SERENITY at the IOSAS Centre and Celtic Garden, Derryvane, Muff, on Wednesday 9th September. Join us for an afternoon of food, faith and fun in the beautiful Celtic Garden and IOSAS Centre. Hot lunch at 12:30pm followed by a tour of the Celtic Garden and a short healing service and blessing. Music and story-telling until 4pm. Cost €10 / £8 per person. Booking Essential (00353)7493 84866.

Cumann Gaelach Cnoc Na Rós Adult Irish classes will recommence at St Anne's School, Rosemount on Tues 15th September. Enrolment from 7.00 pm All levels catered for

University Students –The Catholic Chaplaincy @ Queen's Belfast Re-opens on Monday 21st September Sunday Mass at 8pm starts 27th September Daily Mass at 12.15pm (12.45 during exams) from 28th September Come and use the chaplaincy facilities (*Corpus Christi* Chapel, library, lounge and prayer room) **Undergraduate Open Days** on the 10th & 11th September 2015

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

COFFEE MORNING APPEAL. Foyle Hospice would be very grateful if you could host a Coffee Morning . For your Coffee Morning Pack and more information tel 71359888.

CÉILÍ CLASSES will resume in the A.O.H. on Monday 7 September at 9pm. to 11pm.

Park Medical & Great James Street Health Centre plan to offer Flu Vaccinations on **Saturday 03 October 2015 and Saturday 17 October 2015.** If you normally get the flu vaccination, please contact the surgery to make an appointment. tele 71378500. Pregnant patients may also get their flu vaccination at this clinic. Patients should note that letters will not be sent this year.

Sean Davis "Indoor Fun Soccer Bonanza Academy" takes place at Templemore Sports Complex every Saturday for boys and girls aged 5 to 17 years. Tel71263044.