

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 @8pm

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!

CANDLE-LIGHT ROSARY FOR LIFE - for the protection of Ireland's unborn babies, outside Marie Stopes Belfast at 4pm on Saturday 12th December, For more information contact 02890278484 or info@preciouslife.com

Christmas Variety Concert Fundraiser will be held in St. Mary's College, Northland Road at 7pm on Sunday 6th December. Family Tickets £15, Adults £5, Concessionary £3 For tickets contact the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 71264087 Proceeds in aid of Diocesan World Youth Day Pilgrimage - July 2016

BALLYMAGROARTY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION will be holding a Christmas Craft fair in the community centre at Shaw Court today Sunday 6th Dec 12 - 4pm. All proceeds will go towards Christmas events in the area. Everyone Welcome

CHRISTMAS CHARITY FLORAL DEMONSTRATION by John Paul in aid of Brain Tumour Research. In the Everglades Hotel, Tuesday 15th December 7:30pm Tickets £8 from John Paul Florist or The Everglades Hotel. Call 71370260 .

AN INSPIRED CHRISTMAS GIFT Trocaire is again offering Christmas Global Gift Plan - which will be delivered directly to hard pressed families in the developing world. available at Veritas shop Shipquay St or www.trocaire.org .



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Sun 29th Nov 2015 Vol.32 No 48

BE A SIGNPOST

How is your Advent going? We're a week in already. Less than three weeks to Christmas and so much still to be done!

Where to start?

If we have time to listen, there are some pointers in our readings today. Following the example of John the Baptist, our Advent task is to '*prepare a way for the Lord*'. Of course in these busy weeks we have shopping to do, presents to buy, parties and festive gatherings to organize; these are important parts of our Christmas celebrations. But how are we preparing to meet Jesus this Christmas? Can we create space amid the hustle and bustle? And not just in our own personal lives—we are also called to be witnesses, to be the people who '*cry in the wilderness*', announcing the Good News to others. We must be signposts, our words and actions pointing towards Christ. Our task this Advent is to make Jesus known . In our dealings with others as we count down to Christmas, let us try to be like John the Baptist, pointing always to Christ. St. Paul's prayer in today's second reading is that our love for one another may increase more and more. Let love be your guide.



FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Tuesday is a Holy day of obligation. . Masses will be Vigil Mass on Monday 7.15pm Tuesday 10am. 12.30pm and 7.15pm .

SYMPATHY We offer our sympathy to the family of Peter Burke Barr's Lane who died during the week. May he rest in peace.

BAPTISMS Our parish family
Robyn Roisin Hakrin,
83 Marianus Park
Sophia Grace Campbell
5 Kavanagh Court
Sophia Kate Toland 2b Allingham Cl.
Jorja Cairns, Ballymagowan Gdns

NOVENA Our Parish Novena continues tomorrow (**Monday**) at the 7.15pm Mass

ANNIVERSARIES We pray for
Roddy Daly, Sarah McLaughlin
Bridie Furey, Harry Coyle
Patricia Noble, Artie Barr,
Sean O'Gallchobair Nellie Doherty

SUNDAY COLLECTION 29th November amounted to £2176.24 and €178.39 Thank you.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION 6.00pm Eva Kelly & family

12.30pm Oliver Browse & family

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL 6.00pm Leah Deehan

12.30pm Rory McMenamin

PARISH CAROL SERVICE will take place next Sunday at 6.00pm. All our church and school choirs will take part. We invite the children to bring gifts for the poor which will be distributed by St. Vincent De Paul Society.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL are having their Annual Church Collection next weekend 13th 14th December

PARISH CHRISTMAS DRAW
We are delighted with the support given for our Christmas Draw. However in order for the Draw to be a success all ticket stubs together with money collected should be returned by next weekend. This weekend books of tickets may be picked up again at all church exits or if you simply wish to buy a single ticket you may do so as your leave.

YOUTH 2000 Christmas Retreat 18-20th Dec. at Newbridge College Co. Kildare. Visit www.youth2000.ie or telephone 07598876399

YEAR OF MERCY As part of the initiatives in the diocese, a Year of Mercy Candle and Prayer is available this weekend. (One per family) It is hoped that every family will light the candle in a window of their home on the evening of 8th December, signifying a commitment to mercy in their lives.

The Year of Mercy will be launched in Limavady Parish on Tuesday 8th December with a day of Confessions and Adoration. The Day will commence with Mass celebrating the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and there will then be continuous Confessions from 10.30am until 9.00pm All welcome

ADVENT AWAKENING Thornhill Ministries is offering Sung Morning Prayer and a period of meditation on the Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays of Advent. Begins at 9:15 am and ends at 9:55am in Thornhill Convent, Culmore Rd

EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY: Bishop Donal McKeown will open the Holy Door in St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, on Sunday 13th December at 12.30pm. Everyone is invited to be present at the solemn opening of the Holy Door. In the words of Pope Francis - the Holy Door will become a *Door of Mercy* through which anyone who enters will experience the love of God who consoles, pardons, and instils hope.

VERITAS in Derry warmly invites you to join Bishop McKeown for the unveiling of their Moving Crib at their store on 20 Shipquay Street, on Tuesday 8 December, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, at 1.30pm.

FOLLOW THE STAR to the Celtic Garden Christmas Trail at the IOSAS Centre, Muff. An interactive family experience to recapture the true spirit of Christmas and learn about some of the Christian stories behind our favourite Christmas traditions. Contact the IOSAS Centre 00353) 749384866

PARISH PILGRIMAGES HOLY LAND

From 8th-15th October 2016.

Cost: £1275. Deposit £150.

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DUBROVNIK**
1st-8th MAY

LOURDES
16th July

Savings scheme now started in the Parochial House each Thursday evening from 8-9pm.

SAINT EITHNE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL .OPEN DAY Wednesday 9th December 6pm-7.30pm
Prospective parents and P1 pupils are invited to attend. Tel 71377077 for information

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL Rickety Wheel and Craft fair Wednesday 9th December 7.00pm.

Also OPEN DAY Prospective parents and pupils are invited to Holy Family School Open Day on Fri 4th Dec, 10am-12noon. Tel 71267798

St Columb's College Rickety Wheel and Christmas draw will take place [on Thursday 10th December at 7:30pm](#) at St Columb's College, Buncrana road. Everyone welcome.