

MASSES

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm
Sunday 9.30am 11.00am, 12.30pm
Weekdays Mon. Wed. Friday **10.00am**,
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: 1st and 3rd Saturday
of the month 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!

NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

1. Speak to people. A cheerful word or greeting can help brighten the most depressing day.

2. Smile at people. It takes 72 muscles to frown and only 14 to smile.

3. Call people by name. There's nothing anyone likes more than to hear his or her own name.

4. Be friendly and helpful: If you would have friends then be friendly.

5. If you would have people help you, then be helpful in return.

6. Be cordial: Speak and act as if everything you do is a genuine pleasure.

7. Be interested in people: You can like almost anyone if you only try.

8. Be generous with praise: But be cautious with criticism

9. Be thoughtful of the opinions of others: There are usually three sides to every controversy.

10. Help People: What counts most in life is what you do for others and the manner in which you do it. Never just think '*What's in it for me?*'

11. If you have left practice of your faith please come back. Christ waits for you with open arms.



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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BAPTISM

The waters of the Jordan River are not magical. They don't contain a potion that will make a person chemically better or more faithful. The water is a symbol, a symbol of washing away the past, the tendency towards sin and emerging once more as if from the waters of the womb into a new kind of life. We can only imagine that in that moment of total immersion when the sights and sounds of the world become blurred and distant, those baptised made a renewed commitment to their God and to a new kind of life.



When Jesus approached John for baptism John was uneasy. He protested that baptism with water was not worthy of the Christ. But the gesture, the symbol was important. For us too, our baptism claims us in the name of Christ, and opens us to the power of God in our lives.,

It is the crowning of our creation as children of God. It is the expression of God's divine words to each of us, the unique work of his hands; '*You are my child, the beloved: with you I am well pleased*'.

SYMPATHY We offer our sympathy to the families of Ruby Doherty, Ardmore Muff and Brian Starrett Marianus Park Gerry McDonough Farland Way, and Georgina Harkin, Cornshell Fields who died during the week. May they rest in peace.

BAPTISMS Our parish family welcomes:
Kevin Alexander Rey-O'Connell
Miami Florida

ANNIVERSARIES

Raymond Wade, Ruby Ferguson,
Bernadette Kelly, Phil McKinney,
Mary McLaughlin, Philomena Breslin,
Mary Barr, Martha McCallion
Margaret McCourt

SUNDAY COLLECTION 31st Dec
£2025.89 and €118.10

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

6.00pm Ellie McDevitt & family

12.30pm Cayden Feeney & Family

CHILDREN IN CROSSFIRE

Advent boxes can be returned to the chapel in the upcoming weekends. Your efforts and donations are greatly appreciated, helping provide lifesaving sustainable projects to children in Tanzania & Ethiopia.

ANAM CARA DONEGAL, an organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its next monthly Parent Evening on Thursday 11th January from 7.30pm-9:00pm in the Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal. Anam Cara Donegal offers a safe and comfortable setting where you can 'drop the mask' and be yourself among people who understand. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, or whether this was recent or not.

Accord Derry Marriage Preparation Workshops

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

Booking online at
www.accordni.com

ST COLUMB'S COLLEGE, DERRY

OPEN EVENING Parents and prospective Year 8 pupils are invited to visit St Columb's College for our annual Open Evening on **Tuesday 16th January 2018**. from 4.00 pm to 5.30pm for prospective pupils with Surnames A to L. Session 2 6.30pm to 8.00 pm for prospective pupils with Surnames M to Z. The Principal's Address will be at 5.30 and 8.00 pm A guided tour of Departments will be provided. For further information regarding our school please visit www.stcolumbs.com

OLDER PEOPLE NORTH WEST (AGE CONCERN DERRY) New Year Activities and Health MOT Day Older People North West would like to invite everyone to get their new year off to a healthy start by coming along to our health MOT day on Monday 8th January from 12pm to 4pm in Malvern House on Chapel Road. New programmes we have on offer for 2018 are yoga, a positive mental health programme, a falls prevention exercise programme and the development of a choir in partnership with Magee's Community music programme. Our regular classes and services will continue as usual, such as Tai Chi, art classes, sequence dancing, line dancing. For further information, telephone: 7134 7478, e-mail development@olderpeoplenorthwest.org or call into the centre on Chapel Road.

ST. JOSEPH'S BOYS' SCHOOL

OPEN NIGHT Will take place on Wednesday 17 January from 7.30pm until 9.30pm Principal's Address will take place at 7.30pm in the School Assembly Hall. All Primary 6 & 7

Boys welcome to attend.

ST MARY'S COLLEGE OPEN

DAY Saturday 13th January 2018 10.00 a.m.- 1.00 p.m. Principal's Address 10.15 a.m. & 12.15 p.m.

DIVINE MERY PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND

22-27th May 2018.
Flying Belfast—Krakow
Cost £718 (hold baggage extra)

LOURDES NEVERE

4th –10th July 6 nights

MEDJUGORE

29th August 7 nights
Savings scheme Thursday
nights 8-9pm at Holy Family
Parochial House
Tel 07732468511 for details

BEGINNER ONLINE IRISH

LESSONS Want to learn Irish but don't have the time to go to classes? Why not learn online For more info contact Mrs Larkin on 07488268208 or email fountoflearning@gmail.com

IRISH LANGUAGE Beginner classes starting Wed 10th Jan. Tel 71 264132 or go to www.culturlann-doire.ie/language-courses/janbegyr1wed7pm/

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS

Cant stop gambling—need help?
Tel 71351329

AA Can't Stop Drinking? Call Alcoholics Anonymous 90351222 Two meetings weekly in immediate area Meetings daily within Derry area

FOYLE YARNSPINNERS will meet on Monday 8th January at 7.30pm in Verbal Arts Centre Bishop St..