

## 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

Saturday :5.30pm-6.00pm

Tuesday and Thursday :before or  
after evening Mass

## BAPTISM COURSES

1st & 3rd Thurs of the month 8pm

**BAPTISMS:** 1st and 3rd Saturday  
of the month at 7.00pm

**MARRIAGES** Three months notice

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Holy Family School 71267798

St. Eithne's School 71377077

## PARISH GROUPS

**11am Choir** practices Tuesday at  
7.45 . New members welcome

**Scripture Group** Thurs 7.45pm

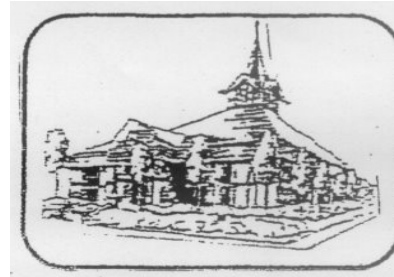
New members always welcome!

**A.A** .Fridays and Sundays at 8.00pm  
in Upper Room.

## PASTORAL COUNCIL

*We had our first meeting of the new council last week. We discussed our bishop's recent Lenten pastoral and the 'God is Love' diocesan plan. We agreed that the future church here will be very different from the present and how we all need to adjust to changing times.*

*The reason we have still four Masses here at weekends is because if we were to cancel a Mass people said they would simply leave the parish and go to other churches, leading to a severe loss of revenue and the possibility of the parish becoming non-viable. We agreed to have a suggestion box placed in the porch to help in the listening process so that we can all take ownership of the future. Do not worry. The Holy Spirit is in charge!*



## HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Sun 7th April 2019 Vol. 37 No 14

### Stone Throwing

*If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her'. It is a challenge to all of us to look inward before we 'cast stones' to judge others.*

*But there is another equally powerful statement here by Jesus, this time to the woman herself. It is delivered quietly when she is alone with Jesus after all her accusers have drifted away: 'Neither do I condemn you. Go away and don't sin any more.' We notice that Jesus doesn't rake over the woman's past. He doesn't ask her about the claims of her accusers. He does not condemn or criticise her. Instead he accepts her, loves her, treats her with respect and dignity that was so lacking in the mob and gently nudges her forward into a new way of living,.*

**SYMPATHY** We offer our sympathy to the family of Bridie Doherty who died in Boston this week. May she rest in peace.

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

William Sweeney, Gerry O'Donnell  
Dympna McCay, Rita McCauley,  
Patrick & Louisa Coyle Jim  
McLaughlin,

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

**6.00pm** Ella Campbell

**12.30pm** Sarah Arbuckle

#### **OFFERTORY PROCESSION**

**6.00pm** Niamh McDaid & family

**12.30pm** Reuben O'Doherty & family

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** 31st  
March £1835.07 and €217.57. Standing  
Orders £332. Thank You.

**PLANNED GIVING BOXES** The new boxes have been delivered this week. If for some reason the wrong box has been delivered or if you have not received one please call at the sacristy for the matter to be corrected. If you live outside the parish and normally get a box please call at the sacristy to collect it. We appeal to those who pay tax to use an envelope or sign a Standing Order Form and join our Gift Aid Scheme

#### **THORNHILL MINISTRIES,**

**Culmore Road, Derry: "Everything**

**Belongs" Retreat Day** with Fr Paschal McDonnell (Mon 15 Apr - 9:30 am to 2:15 pm). A time for reflection as we process our life experiences and learn to accept our flawed, fragile and beautiful self. **"Queen of the May Festival"** Fri 3 May to Mon 6 May. We invite anyone who would like to set up a May Altar to please get in touch. Contact 7135 1233 or e-mail [thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org](mailto:thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org).

**Palm Sunday Retreat** at St Anthony's Retreat Centre. "By His wounds we are healed" Isaiah 53:5 Sunday 14th of April, 11am-4pm. Prayer Ministry, story Meditation and Mass. lunch included. suggested Donation €20. Places are limited, please call to book- 00 353 749384866.

[padraig.delargy@derrydiocese.org](mailto:padraig.delargy@derrydiocese.org)

**PASTORAL PLAN** Meditation, discussion, crack, a light supper and even the odd bit of music Absolutely everybody welcome! . We will discuss our faith, including the new Pastoral Plan: 'God is Love' every Thursday at 7.45pm

**THE PRIORY INSTITUTE HOLY WEEK ONLINE RETREAT** is open to everyone free of charge. Register by 12th April. Tel 003531 4048124 Email:enquiries @prioryinstitute.com

#### **SHOWBANDS OF**

**THENORTHWEST EXIBITION'**

Will take place in Aras Colmcille Heritage Centre From 1<sup>st</sup> April - 27th April 10am--4pm Mon-Friday Entry is free. Donations gratefully received,

**TROCAIRE BOXES** have not been delivered in the following areas. Sherriff's Rd. Rosskeen Park. Goldsmith Court, Harty Court, Johnfield Place, Stephen's Court, Joyce Court . They can be collected at the main door of the church. We need volunteers to deliver these as soon as possible. In so doing you are helping those in need .

**BINGO NIGHT** at the Community Centre on Sunday night starting at 7pm  
**BHCP** Easter Workshop Sat 13 April 11-1pm Easter party Sat 20th 12 -2 £1 per child. Games, music etc Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**CHILDLINE** Volunteer Information Meeting on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April from 3-4pm at our local ChildLine Foyle base, Exchange House, Queen's Quay. If you would like any further information please TEL Amanda Doherty Volunteer Co-Ordinator Childline Foyle Tel: 028 2044 1734

#### **HOLY FAMILY PILGRIMAGES 2019**

**MEDJUGORE** 2nd -9th June

Deposit £100

**LOURDES**

11-16 July .

Savings and Deposits Thursday

8-9pm in Parochial House

Tel 07732468511 for details

#### **READING SUPPORT AND**

**ASSISTANCE** Does your child need help with reading? The Gift of Reading programme provides individual support and assistance to primary school children experiencing difficulties with reading. Names are now being taken for its One to one Reading Support Programme. For further details and to book you child's place, please telephone 07544331333

#### **CHILDREN IN CROSSFIRE**

Go into the desert, for Children in Crossfire, Trek to Petra in Jordan 29th October-5th November 2019. For more information or to sign up contact shauna.oneill@childrenincrossfire.org or 02871269898.

#### **SEAN DAVIS**

"3 day Indoor Easter Fun Soccer Academy" takes place at Templemore Sports Complex on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019. Boys and girls aged 5 to 17 years are welcome. Tel. Sean Davis 71263044.