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

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

11am Choir practices Tuesday at 7.45. New members welcome
Scripture Group Thurs 7.45pm
New members always welcome!
A.A. Fridays at 8.00pm in Upper Room.

CURSILLO DERRY will hold two "3-day Weekends" in Termonbacca, as follows:

Women's Weekend, Thur 11th-Sun 14thOctober

Men's Weekend, Thurs 25th - Sun 28th Oct .These are residential weekends and places are available on both weekends. For further information please tel 07708066939 or 07841100174

NATIONAL ADOPTION WEEK

15th - 22nd October Family Care Adoption Services is seeking adoptive families for babies, young children aged 3 years and older; and brothers and sisters. To find out more information please contact us at: Family Care Adoption Services: Telephone: 71 368592 90691133

Mon—Fri 9a.m.-5p.m. Email: anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org

Website:www.familycaresociety.co.u

SLIMMING WORLD at Holy Family School every Thursday 5pm-7pm. Tel Valerie 07756455438

THE ORDER OF MALTA AMBULANCE CORPS in Derry is seeking new adult members for a variety of roles within the organisation. If interested text your contact details to 07517801677 email derrymaltatraining@gmail.com or . Alternatively you can leave a message with Thornhill Ministries at 71 351233



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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In St Mark's Gospel today, the Pharisees question Jesus about marriage and, in particular, about divorce. 'What God has united, man must not divide' are amongst the 'strong' words of Jesus' response to the Pharisees on the responsibilities of marriage and on divorce.

The unchanging message of the Gospels is, in reality, our hope. Just as, in the words of Pope Francis, 'love has nothing of the provisional,' then Jesus' love, which is beyond all our human understanding, certainly has 'nothing of the provisional' in our lives! He is the enduring and constant presence to which we can always cling. Regardless of the dark and hopeless situations in which we can find ourselves, our sure and certain hope and beam of light is that God loves us. Not only does He love us wherever we might happen to be in our life's journey but, in His boundless love and mercy for us, He loves us too much to leave us where we are! When we turn to Him for guidance, for a helping hand to lead us out of our darkness, He is always there with open arms to lift us into the light of His loving care.

The first theme of our *Diocesan Pastoral Plan*, that we are asked to implement in our parishes, is *To Build Welcoming and Inclusive Communities*. Through the very values of the Gospel message, that is what we are called to do, as individuals and as Church! As baptised Catholics, we are Church. We are called to be there for our brothers and sisters in Christ, wherever they are in their life's journey and, especially, when they need us most: we are called to be the face of Jesus, to bring light and meaning to the lives of others. The only way we can do this is through joyously upholding and witnessing to the values of the Gospel, to the message of Christ, through our words and, most essentially, through our actions, to the best of our ability. In doing so, we constantly need to be aware of our own human frailties, our need of God's mercy and, through prayer and the sacraments, to avail of opportunities to reconcile with the One who loves us most, the One who always welcomes us.

BAPTISMS Our parish family **DERRY** welcomes:

Callum McCay Dundrum Park

ANNIVERSARIES

Eddie & Rosaleen Keogh, Nora Devine Michael & Martin Cochrane John & Winnie McCourt Mickey Deery, Norah Mulaney, Eddie McGinty Charlie McCormick

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

6.00pm Kayla McCool

12.30pm Cara Wilson **OFFERTORY PROCESSION**

12.30 Ruben O'Doherty & family

family

SUNDAY COLLECTION 30th September £1929.10 and €145.39

SR. CLARE CROCKETT A Mass in remembrance of her will take place in Termonbacca on Sunday 14th October, at 7.00 p.m. All welcome.

THORNHILL MINISTRIES'

The Call to Holiness: Bairbre Cahill 9.00am. Mass at 3.30pm Booking presents 'Gaudate et Exulatate' - Pope essential . Tel: 8224 2092 (office Franicis' call to all of us. Mondays 8 hours) or mobile 0787641 1435. &15 October 7:30 - 9.15 pm in Thornhill House, 121 Culmore Road Art Journalling - 'Autumn: The Call to Surrender': Using simple art exercises for self-expression and reflection, a creative day, engaging with the language of colour and seasons. Saturday 27 October from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. For details tel 71351233

thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org.

SEARCH YOUTH IRISH GROUP alongside and Praise events on every second currently accepting applications for this Patrick's Hall, Strabane. Iona Business Park (bottom of South disability, social or emotional Morning will be held on Saturday 13th Way), Open age 14+. Everyone welcome!

ROSARY ON THE COAST FOR LIFE AND FAITH today Sunday the 7th of October. at 2.30pm Please join at one of the 129 locations around 6.00pm Kaidence Shields-Feeney & Ireland and with 42 other countries around the world to pray for the JOB ADVERTISEMENT: Faith. Please check the website to find Secretary location near coastalrosaryireland.ie All welcome.

> **DAY OF PRAYER FOR HEALING**: Omagh Charismatic Prayer Group will host this Day in the Mellon Country Hotel, Omagh, on Sunday 21 October Registration from

Church, Killyclogher, Omagh, at Opportunities Employer. 3.00pm, on Sunday 4 November. All ACCORD DERRY Marriage Pioneers and friends Refreshments will be served afterwards 11th/12th 2019 February 8th/9th 2019 in the nearby Parochial Hall. Bus 22nd & 23rd March 2019. Thornhill available from Derry City, cost only Ministeries Culmore Road Booking £5. Tel 7135 2285 or 71291231.

COR TRUST (IPT) STRABANE are hosting six *Prayer* to Lourdes, Easter 2019. The IPT is 10 October, at 8.00pm, in St Sunday, starting 7 October 2018 (7, 21 pilgrimage from young people (11 – 30 refreshments provided. Adm £10 Oct; 4, 18 Nov; 2, 16 Dec), 7.00- years) with a medical condition, 9.00pm, in the Search Centre, Unit 5 physical disability, illness, learning FOYLE HOSPICE Annual Coffee everyone need or applications for children under October, 10am-2pm in Day Hospice, the age of 11, who must be 61 Culmore Road. All welcome... accompanied by a parent or close relative. . For further information / RETIRED TEACHERS applications is 31 October.

Derry protection of Life and the restoration of Diocesan Trust: Part Time Parish required for you: Parish. Ten hours per week, Mon 9am Columba Heritage Centre, which was For application 7126 2302. Completed applications call into museum between 11.00 - 3.00. must be returned to Bishop's House, Francis Street, Derry or via MELODIES AND MEMORIES is a ANNUAL DERRY DIOCESAN email, office@derrydiocese.org, no music group that caters for 'the more PIONEER MASS will be celebrated later than 5pm on 22 October mature' members of society, extending by Bishop McKeown in St Mary's Derry Diocesan Trust is an Equal a particularly warm welcome to anyone

invited **Preparation Workshops** January now online at www.accordni.com

PILGRIMAGE HEARTS OF HOPE Fundraising **Pilgrimage** *Event* for **Foyle Hospice**: Wednesday Light

application form, contact Mary on volunteering opportunities for Retired 00353 87 7962 047. Closing date for Teachers Please contact Kate at Sólás 90247600, or email on progs@solasbt7.com for further details and information pack".

Claudy ARAS COLMCILLE – The St. - 2pm, Fri 9am - 2pm. Role: All formally Wee Nuns School, Derry, are administrative duties that may be looking for volunteers to help out with required in the day-to-day running of the day to day running of the museum. the office and parish activities. For full Can you spare 3 hours per week and details visit www.derrydiocese.org . become a part of a small friendly pack dedicated group. If you would like to email office@derrydiocese.org or tel help call Eugene at 077 7974 8142 - or

> living with Alzheimer's. There are no auditions and no previous music knowledge is needed. We meet on Monday afternoons in St. Cecilia's College, Bligh's Lane, Derry, 3.30 -5.30, . Contact details 07561706815 or melandmem@icloud.com