

**MASSES**

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm  
Sunday 9.30am 11.00am, 12.30pm  
Weekdays 10.00am, 7.15pm

**CONFESSIONS**

**Saturday** 10.30am, and before evening Mass  
Eve of Holydays & eve of First Fridays:  
10.30am. and before evening Mass

**BAPTISMS DATES:**

Every Saturday at 7.00pm  
Parochial House 71267070  
Email:office@holyfamilyparish.com

Parish Sisters 71260398  
Holy Family School 71267798  
St. Eithne's School 71377077  
www.holyfamily-parish.com

**PARISH GROUPS**

Tues: 8pm Choir Practice  
Thurs 7.45pm Scripture Group  
New members welcome!

**AN INSPIRED CHRISTMAS GIFT**

Trocaire is again offering Christmas Global Gift Plan - a memorable collection of practical and life changing Christmas gifts which will be delivered directly to hard pressed families in the developing world. These gifts are available at Veritas, Shipquay Street Eason's, Foyleside or www.trocaire.org .

This year you can buy a selection of enduring gifts - like goats, chickens, school fees the gift of water, safe motherhood, and other gifts in a friend's or relative's name.

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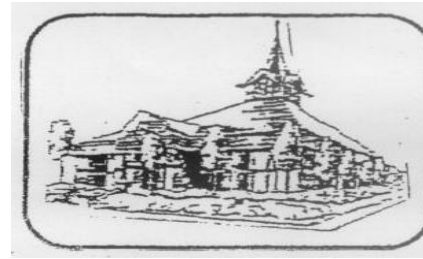
**EUCCHARISTIC BLESSING**

Those who wish Fr O'Kane to visit their homes with the Blessed Sacrament to give a Eucharistic Blessing fill in this slip and leave it in the Sacristy.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Tel No. \_\_\_\_\_



**HOLY FAMILY CHURCH**

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**THE EMPTY CHAIR**

While most people celebrate Christmas with joy, that may be dulled for some who have empty chairs around the table on Christmas Day. There will be three empty chairs at my table this year. I go to my brother's family in Culdaff. Two empty chairs because my niece and nephew have emigrated .When I say grace I add a special prayer for her absent children and my sister-in-law's eyes fill up. For the first time my father is not well enough to leave the nursing home. I will visit him there instead. For others the empty chair is because someone has died. This year I am willing to visit such homes in this parish at this family time. I will bring the Blessed Sacrament in a small monstrance and together with your family we will pray for your loved one and for yourselves that the Prince of Peace will comfort you in your grief. It will involve a Scripture reading, prayers for the dead and a Eucharistic blessing on the family.

If you would like to invite the Lord into your home to heal your pain please fill in the slip on the back of this newsletter with your name, address and phone number and leave in the parochial house or sacristy before next weekend.

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

**SYMPATHY** We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of Philomena O'Hagan Tarnreagh Park and Adam Campbell Whitehouse Park. who died during the week May they rest in peace.

**BAPTISMS** Our Parish family welcomes:

Peggy Grace Bamford,  
71 Drumard Park  
Cade Michael Coyle 38 Kavanagh Ct  
Oisín Vincent McBrearty  
34 Barrø Lane

**NOVENA** Our Parish Novena continues tomorrow (**Monday**) at the 7.15pm Mass. Please pick up a petition card at the main door of the church and place it in the special petition baskets. in front of the Sanctuary

**PARISH CAROL SERVICE** will take place on Sunday next 14th December 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.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** 30th November amounted to £ 2136.25 and p194.26 Thank you.

**Anniversaries** We pray for  
Peggy Roddy Artie Barr,  
Kathleen McCormic Sharon Smith  
Sean O'Gallchobhair, Peter McDaid  
Molly McConnell, Michael Anderson,  
Ellen McIlwee, Myra Barr,  
John Davis, Liam & Bridget Clifford

### OFFERTORY PROCESSION

**6.00pm** Dean McGuinness & family

**12.30pm** Ben McClenaghan & family

### GROUP GUIDED PRAYER

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

### PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

Christmas meeting, will be held on **TUESDAY** 9th December, starting with Mass at 7.15pm. There will be two 1<sup>st</sup> class relics at the meeting. Everyone is welcome.

**FOUND** A few weeks ago a large sum of money was handed in after the Saturday Vigil Mass. It is still unclaimed. Please contact Fr O'Kane if you think it is yours.

### Candle-light Rosary and Advent

**Carol Service** will take place in Derry today, Sunday assembling in Guildhall Square at 4:00pm, in honour of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Rosary will be led by Fr Roland Colhoun. You are invited to come along and carry a Light for Life and pray for the protection of Ireland's unborn children. Candles will be supplied. For further information, contact Precious Life on 9027 8484

### SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE

**PAUL** are having their Annual Church Collection next weekend 13<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> December.

### PARISH CHRISTMAS DRAW

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 Please continue to support our Christmas Draw.

**TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS** ó Long Tower today Sunday 2:00pm

**ST. EITHNE'S SCHOOL OPEN NIGHT** on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December from 6:00 to 7:30pm.

**HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL OPEN DAY** on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December between 10am and 12 noon

**BUNSCOIL CHOLMCILLE** Steelstown Rd Open Night on Tues 9th Dec 7.30-8.30pm

Application forms are available from school offices for any child wishing to start P1

### TERMONBACCA

**ADVENT WEEKEND RETREAT** Friday 12th - Sunday 14th December beginning 7.30p.m.. Cost £65 For details tel .71262512.

**MASS FOR THE SICK:** Tuesday 16th December at 8.00 p.m.

**ADVENT EVENING VIGIL** - Confession, Adoration and MASS, Wed 17th Dec beginning at 7.30 p.m.

**Children in Crossfire** Christmas Carol Service at 6pm. Christchurch today Sunday All welcome

**Christmas Flower Arranging** in St Brigid's College, Glengalliagh Road on Thursday 11 December at 7.30 pm. Admi £5/Concessionary: £3.

### HOLY FAMILY PILGRIMAGES

- 1) **LOURDES** 16-21st July Dep £150 Cost £605 (plus coach)
- 2) Saint John XXIII comes from Sotto il Monte, near Padua. To honour this new saint we have our first pilgrimage to this area of his birth. It is also associated with St. Anthony whose relics are there. Also four days at Lake Garda **15-22<sup>nd</sup> September. Deposit £200 Cost £795**  
Contact Margaret 07732468511 or 71267070. Saving scheme now open. Thursdays 8-9.

**FOLLOW THE STAR** Christmas Trail at the IOSAS Celtic Prayer Garden, Muff. taking place on Fri 12<sup>th</sup> December ó Sun 14<sup>th</sup>, Wed 17<sup>th</sup>, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> ó Sun 21<sup>st</sup> December. Pre-booking essential. For tickets and further information contact the IOSAS Centre (00353) 74 9384866.

**CHORAL MUSIC FOR CHRISTMAS** in St. Columba's Cathedral Saturday 13th Dec. 7.30pm. Proceeds in aid of Foyle Hospice

**Memory Tree of Lights for Those Bereaved by Suicide** The Northwest and Roe Valley Bereaved by Suicide Support Groups are holding their annual 'Memory Tree of Lights' ceremonies today Sunday at 5.30pm in the Guildhall, and Sunday 14 December at 5.30pm in the Roe Park Resort, Limavady.