

## 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 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!

## DISTURB US O LORD

Disturb is O Lord,  
when we are too pleased with  
ourselves;

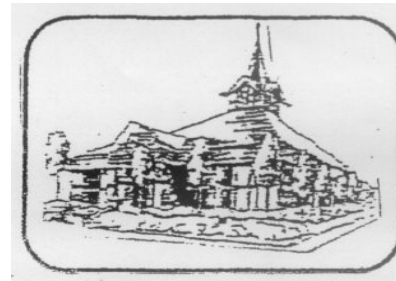
when our dreams have come  
true because we dreamed too  
little;

When we have arrived safely  
because we sailed too close to  
shore.

Stir us O Lord, to dare more  
boldly, to venture more seas,  
where storms shall show your  
mastery,

where losing sight of land we  
shall find the stars,

In the name of Him who pushed  
back the horizons of our hopes  
and invited the brave to follow  
him. Amen.



## HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Sun 8th July 2018 Vol. 35 No 28

## REJECTING THE MESSENGER

The people of Nazareth refused to believe in Jesus or take him seriously., Because of their attitude, they made it impossible for him to do anything for them, and so did not benefit from his visit.

It's a sad but familiar story—the prophet not accepted by his own people. Often we fail to acknowledge the gifts and talents of those who are close to us, in our own house or in our neighbourhood. We don't appreciate or recognise them, and so limit their effectiveness. We don't give them a chance. Worse we put them down, We do them a great injustice. And we too suffer because we do not benefit from their goodness and gifts.

It's hurtful to be rejected by anyone. But it's particularly hurtful to be rejected by one's own people. Jesus was amazed at their lack of faith. He greatly desired to help them but found himself unable to do so. You can't help people against their will. He was saddened but not angered. Rejection can easily turn to anger.

We've all experienced a little of this. We have wanted to help someone but our help was refused. We feel frustrated and helpless. When we meet with rejection, we may be tempted to say '*That's it! I'm finished*' We decide not to help or care anymore. It's too painful.

Jesus didn't react like this. He didn't become embittered. He did what little he could in Nazareth—he cured a few sick people. Then he decided to take his light and his gifts elsewhere/

**BAPTISMS** Our Parish family welcomes:  
Sophie McCloskey, Drummard Close  
Darrian Karol Pickett  
Alexander Terrace  
Peter Joseph McConnellogue  
Woodbrook

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Ann McColgan, Billy Lindsay,  
Margaret Campbell, Mary Theodore  
Lynch

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** 24th June  
£1811.72 €124.49

#### **THORNHILL MINISTRIES**

**Forthcoming Events:** Afternoon  
Tea for Past Pupils/Boarders of  
Thornhill College 29 July

**We are Spiritual Beings on a  
Human Journey** - Summer Retreat  
to help us look reflectively at life's  
experiences - 10 to 15 August.

**Immersed in Heaney** - Includes the  
'Essence of Heaney' workshop and  
visit to Homeplace, Bellaghy - 31  
August/1 September.

**Holy Land Retreat** - 11 to 20  
October. Booking is essential for the  
above. For details, please contact  
Thornhill Ministries 71351233 email  
thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org.

**THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT  
DE PAUL** would greatly appreciate  
any donations of summer clothing for  
men, ladies and children. Donations  
can be left at Vincent's shop in  
William Street or collection can be  
arranged by calling 71 265489.

**LOUGH DERG 2018:** The Three  
Day Pilgrimage is currently open.  
You may begin on any day until  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August. Advance  
booking is not necessary. The Lough  
Derg team can help you to co-  
ordinate public transport or link up  
with Pilgrimage Organisers in your  
locality - phone Lorraine on 071  
9861518 (from NI +353)  
email: [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org)

#### **AUTISM INITIATIVES**

##### **Support for Adults with Autism**

Do you have an Autistic Spectrum  
Condition (ASC) and living  
independently? If so, Autism  
Initiatives currently provide a FREE  
1-1 floating support service to help  
you with the skills you need to  
improve your quality of life. ring  
02871 318172 or 07792422680, or  
email [thomas.carlin@ai-ni.co.uk](mailto:thomas.carlin@ai-ni.co.uk)

#### **YOUTH 2000 SUMMER**

**FESTIVAL,** Cistercian College,  
Roscrea, Co. Tipperary from Thursday  
16th - Sunday 19th August For young  
people aged 16-35, an experience not  
to be missed to experience the Cathlic  
Faith and meet many new people with  
over 1000 young people from all over  
Ireland attending last year. The  
festival is donation only. Free buses  
available from all around Ireland. For  
more info and to book online,  
see [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)

**SOLAS A** Special needs charity has  
put out an urgent appeal for **Retired  
Teachers** to help provide 1:1 support  
to children, with additional  
educational needs-ring 02890  
247600, Mobile 07729 779242 or  
email [anne@solasbt7.com](mailto:anne@solasbt7.com) for info

**.GET ACTIVE** and meet new  
friends!! Ballymagroarty and  
Hazelbank Community Partnership are  
running an 8-week Aquathon for  
adults. Places are limited and anyone  
interested contact us via Facebook or  
call 71 271977. Swimming sessions  
Monday or a Friday at 7.45pm-8.45pm  
in William Street Baths and running  
training will be on a Tuesday and  
Thursday night meeting at Dunnes  
Stores Car Park in Ballymagroarty.  
£10 per person covers all the training  
and entry into the final event.'

**DRINK WISE** Are you concerned  
about your drinking? Are you aged  
50 or over and feel your drinking is  
causing problems in your  
life? Drink Wise Age Well offer  
free support in your area For  
further information on our 1:1  
support contact Drink Wise Age  
Well on 82 839 240 or come along  
to our weekly support group Old  
City Factory, Patrick Street, on  
Friday's 10am - 12pm. Are  
you concerned about a family  
members drinking? Are they aged  
50 or over? Contact Drink Wise  
Age Well on 028 82 839 240.

#### **HOLY FAMILY PILGRIMAGE**

##### **MEDJUGORE**

29th August 7 nights

Deposit £100

Savings scheme Thursday nights 8-  
9pm at Parochial House

Tel 07732468511 for details

#### **COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITIES**

is a scheme within the Foyle Hospice  
We are looking for volunteers to  
befriend someone who is isolated due  
to their illness. Could you give 1-2  
hours a week to offer support and  
friendship to someone in their own  
home? Contact Leann on  
07841101932

email [leann@compassionatecommunitiesnw.com](mailto:leann@compassionatecommunitiesnw.com) for more information.

#### **THE CAIRN THEATRE GROUP**

presents '*Those were the Days*' in The  
Cairn Greencastle every Tuesday at  
8pm Also Patsy Cavanagh presents  
"Songs, Scenes and Stories of  
Inishowen" every Friday evening at  
8pm Enquiries Tel: 0749381104

**SEAN DAVIS** 4 day Outdoor Fun  
Soccer Academy takes place at  
Templemore Sports Complex from  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July Tel. Sean 71263044

#### **The Playhouse Children's & Teens Arts Festival 2018**

is back from Monday 23rd July to Friday  
3rd August 2018. A wide and  
colourful variety of workshops for  
ages of 4 - 16. Tel The Playhouse  
on 71268027.