

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.

MELODIES & MEMORIES is a music group for people living with dementia, their family members and/or friends. We also welcome older members of our community who like to sing. We meet in St. Cecilia's College, Derry, on Monday afternoons, 3.30 – 5.30. Our first session is tomorrow Monday, Contact 07561706815 or melandmem@icloud.com.

Derry Set Dancing Class resumes in Pilot's Row Community Centre on Tuesday 10th September at 8 pm. All welcome.

CUMANN GAELACH CNOC NA ROS Adult Irish Classes on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm in St. Anne's Primary school. All levels catered for.

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS: Is gambling affecting your life? Perhaps we can help. Tel: 028 7135 1329.

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



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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ANNUAL SEASON OF CREATION AND MISSION MONTH

The Gospel is troubling. Does Jesus really expect us to hate our families, friends and even ourselves in order to be His followers? We are being invited to think about how we attach ourselves to things and to people, even to images of ourselves. Attachments can cause all sorts of suffering in our lives. If we are to grow, we must move on from the comfortable, let go of the familiar. That can be painful.

During the month of September we are celebrating the Season of Creation . We know that our world is currently suffering from a catastrophic loss of bio-diversity largely caused by a consumerist culture..

Today's Gospel invites us to let go of the attachments in our lives which contribute to this destruction. Let us try to live more simply and sustainably and encourage others to do the same.

The Church's **Annual Season of Creation** (1st September – 4th October) celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment at a time of unsustainable exploitation of its resources.

As Pope Francis has written "*Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience*" *Laudato Si* 217

A climate Crisis March and Rally has been organised by *The Gathering* of environmental campaigners on Saturday 21st September leaving the Waterside Railway Station, Derry at 1.30pm and ending at the Guildhall at 3pm. We invite our parishioners to walk behind the Diocesan *Laudato Si* Banner in this event.

SYMPATHY We offer our sympathy to the family of Patricia Harkin, Bealachmor who died during the week. May she rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES

Billy Coyle, John Gallagher

SUNDAY COLLECTION 25th August £1999.30 and €120.50 Standing Orders £375

DERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Saturday 28 September, led by Bishop Donal McKeown. Buses will travel, with a variety of pick-up points. Contact: Fr Patrick Lagan for further detail, tel 71262894 or email: steugenes@btconnect.com,

POPE JOHN PAUL II AWARD NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE

will take place on Friday, 27 September, for young people aged 16 and 18. Over 1,100 young people from across the country attended this youth pilgrimage last year. The theme is 'Life To The Full' - Positive Friendships - Your Parish Needs You Now! Guest speaker will be Elma Walsh #LiveLife. Music by Elation Ministries. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Donal McKeown. Transport will be provided. For more information contact The Catechetical Centre ddcc@derrydiocese.org 71264 087 Closing date for bookings is Monday 23rd September.

.FAITH FORMATION Back by popular demand short meditation, tea/coffee, craic and discussion - every Thursday in the Church starting on Thursday 5th Sept. 7.45pm to 9 15pm. All welcome

PARTNERS IN MISSION' DAY:

A Listening Event will take place next Saturday, 14th September, from 10.00am to 4.30pm in Ardmore parish centre, Derry. This will provide an opportunity for everyone (clerical and lay) who is interested in the Mission of the church (at home and overseas) to share experiences and ideas about their faith and work. Tea and refreshments provided. Contact Fr. David O Kane: 02871337727 ([e-mail:office@parishofclaudy.com](mailto:office@parishofclaudy.com)) or Noel Bradley 074-9362390 ([e-mail:noelbradley1512@gmail.com](mailto:noelbradley1512@gmail.com)) if interested, and for catering purposes.

IOSAS CENTRE Fr. Neal Carlin will launch his book *Favourite Celtic Saints* in Veritas, on Wednesday September 11th at 7.30pm. All are welcome. Any students/ members of the parish considering completing The JP II Gold Award are invited to consider working with the IOSAS Centre as a way to fulfil their Parish/ Social Awareness activities for this award. Please contact your JP II parish coordinator, teacher in charge or the IOSAS Centre via Facebook.

SMA Retreat & Conference Centre, Dromantine, Days of Prayer / Workshops Sat. 28th Sept. 'Lectio Divina', - £25/€30; Sat. 19th Oct. 'The Green Platform'-£45/€50; Sat. 9th Nov. 'Finding God in the Mess' - £30/€35

THORNHILL MINISTRIES, 121 Culmore Road, 'Spiritual Reading Book Club

For anyone interested in spiritual-religious writings, our Book Club will review books and help us stay in touch with current issues and theology. Copies of books available for purchase. Please let us know if you would like to join our club! Dates this term: Tuesdays 24 September, 22 October & 19 November. Time: 10:30 am - 11:45 am. Suggested Offering £5.00. All welcome.

Coffee & Clobber Morning On Tuesday 10 September, Thornhill Ministries will hold a fundraising activity as part of our ongoing efforts to help clothe children and adults in the developing world. Bring us your used clothes between 10:30 am and 12:00 noon and we will provide you with a cuppa and tray bake as a thank you for your generosity. Material, bedding and towelling also welcome. Donations always welcome! For more information, please phone 71351233 email thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org or

LEGION OF MARY BUS to KNOCK will take place on Sunday 29th September, Bus leaving Dunnes campar at 8.30am. Tel Sheila 07872892655 for details

ST COLUMB'S COLLEGE Autumn Craft Fair will be held in the school on Saturday, 19th Oct, 10am – 5pm: arts & local crafts; anyone interested in a stall please contact Alison at the school on 71285000. All welcome

Older people North West enrolment on Tuesday September 10th at 1.30 pm, for participants in the Art Class. Spaces are limited. For further information or to enrol call 71347478 email: development@olderpeoplenorthwest.org.

FAMILY CARE ADOPTION SERVICES (1969 – 2019)

Celebrating 50 years of adoption Family Care Adoption Services is presently seeking adoptive families for babies, young children aged 2 years and older; and brothers and sisters. To find out more information please Telephone: 71 368592 or 90 691133_Mon to Friday: 9a.m. -5p.m. Email:

anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org
Website www.familycaresociety.co.uk

FOYLE YARNSPINNERS will resume tomorrow Monday at 7.30pm in Verbal Arts Centre. Bishop St.. Guest Speaker Colm Arbuckle