

## MASSES

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

**Exposition of Blessed Sacrament** every Tuesday 10.30am-7.15pm

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday 10.30am, and before evening Mass

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

## BAPTISM COURSES

1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month @8pm

**BAPTISMS: One month's notice**  
Every Saturday at 7.00pm

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Holy Family School 71267798  
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## PARISH GROUPS

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

**World Youth Day**  
**2016** :Kraków, 22<sup>nd</sup> July – 1<sup>st</sup> August.  
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**BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE**  
**BLOOD MOBILE** in Rafters car park on Tuesday 17th November. 2-4pm and 5.15-8pm.

**FOYLE YARNSPINNERS** Monday 9th Nov at 7.30 in the Verbal Arts Centre, special guest Brian Gallagher a renowned Story teller and singer from Fermanagh FREE admission, further details: George Murphy on mob:078-41560742 All welcome.

## EYE TESTING FOR THE HOUSEBOUND

Local opticians Douglas & Cobane offer a FREE home visiting service for the housebound in the community. They also provide specialist eye testing for children with special educational needs. To make an appointment please visit the practice at 46 Spencer Road, or telephone 02871 343803



# HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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Sometimes people may have to do something desperate to be noticed or to get attention. Others may have to die before they are missed and their contribution is recognised. We know what it is like when people come out of the woodwork to praise them when they are gone. We never really appreciate the value of another person's service until we actually need it ourselves.

Even though no one noticed what the widow in the Gospel had done, Jesus noticed it and praised her. It is often nice to know that even such a small act or deed of love does not escape his attention. It also begs the question for us: *how good are we at recognising what others do and affirming them for what they did?*

Sometimes we tend to judge others by standards other than those of the Gospel and Jesus challenges us today to look at people differently and not to judge them by what they give but to accept them for who they are. The widow today teaches us that sometimes it is ok to let go and let God in. If we can learn to trust God, we will learn to trust each other.

A little child was playing with a very valuable vase on day and put his hand into it and couldn't get it out. His father tried hard but it was no good. The father was thinking about breaking the vase but said he would try one more time. So he told his son to open his hand out wide as the father showed him and to pull.

To their astonishment the little boy said '*O father I can't put my fingers out like that, because if I do I will drop my penny*'

Thousands of us are like the little boy, so busy holding on to our pennies that we are afraid to let go because we cannot accept freedom . Let go and let God have his way in your life..

**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 basket. Rather than ticking the bottom of your petition slip from now on we will have two baskets in front of the Sanctuary one marked 'Do Not Read Out'

**ANNIVERSARIES** We pray for Maire Coyle, Eddie Corr, John Stokes, Jean Dunne Jim Maguire Michael Lyons,

**SUNDAY COLLECTION 1st November** amounted to £2238.66 and €186.89 Thank you

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL 6.00pm** Amy Gallagher

**12.30pm** Eimear Clarke

**OFFERTORY PROCESSION 6.00pm** Tiago McCallion & Family

**12.30pm** Luke Tierney & Family

**PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP** Christmas meeting, will be held on **TUESDAY** 10th November, starting with Mass at 7.15pm. There will be two 1<sup>st</sup> class relics at the meeting. Everyone is welcome.

**ST JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIEST SOCIETY** will meet on Thursday 12th Nov. at 7.45pm. All welcome.

### **PARISH CHRISTMAS DRAW**

This weekend 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 as your leave. Please continue to support our Christmas Draw.

**Annual Diocesan Mass for Deceased Young people and Children** will be celebrated by Bishop Donal McKeown in St Eugene's Cathedral today Sunday 8th November at 7.00pm. If you wish to have the name of your loved one on the Remembrance Tree you will have an opportunity to do so before the Mass. Refreshments afterwards.

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

**THE YEAR OF MERCY:** Thornhill Ministries will lead a reflective look at the essence of God's mercy, the prompting of Pope Francis and exploring the possibilities that the Jubilee Year of Mercy will present on Thursday 12 November in Thornhill Convent from 10:30 to 11:30 am and also in Steelstown Conference Room on Sunday 29 November from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. Suggested donation: £2

**ST. MARY'S COLLEGE** Christmas Craft Fare Sat 28th Nov 11-4pm.

**A.O.H. Derry Division,** Annual Mass for Deceased Members, Friends and Relations in Hibernian Hall, 23 Foyle Street on Monday 9th Nov at 8:00pm Light refreshments served after Mass

**ST MICHAEL'S APOSTOLATE** Rosemary Johnson Tel 028 82259541 or 07810387825, email [brendan\\_rosemary@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:brendan_rosemary@yahoo.co.uk) <http://www.prayerforpriests.com/>

**Twilight Liturgy Course - An introduction to an Understanding of Liturgy:** Thornhill Ministries is offering a 5-week starter course for anyone wanting to become involved in the liturgical life of their parish/Tel: 71351233. or e-mail: [thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org](mailto:thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org)

**ARDMORE PARISH** Parish Secretary 12 Hours per week Applicants must possess a minimum 5GCSE's including Maths and English to Grade C, or equivalent 2 Years relevant administrative experience. Proficient in Microsoft Office Application packs are available by contacting the Parish Office by telephone 71349490 or email [ardmoreparish@btconnect.com](mailto:ardmoreparish@btconnect.com) Completed applications must be returned no later than **Friday 27th November** at **12noon** to The Parish Priest, St Mary's Ardmore, 49

### **PARISH PILGRIMAGES HOLY LAND**

From 8th-15th October 2016. **Cost:** £1275. Deposit £150.

3 nights Galilee, 4 nights Jerusalem Flying directly from Dublin to Tel Aviv

**MEDJUGORJE / DUBROVNIK**  
1st-8th MAY

**LOURDES**  
16th July

Savings scheme now started in the Parochial House each

Ardmore Road, Derry, BT47 3QP.  
**FRIENDS OF ST CECILIA'S COLLEGE** Annual Christmas Fair with Rickety Wheel, Craft Stalls and Santa's Grotto On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 7p.m. In St Cecilia's College, Bligh's Lane, All Welcome.

**CENTRAL LIBRARY, FOYLE STREET,** invite you to an Open Day on Tues 10<sup>th</sup> November from 10am to 4pm. Come and see what we have to offer-remembrance sessions, films of old Derry, computer classes and lots more. Every one welcome. For further details contact library staff on 02871229990"