

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:

7th and 21st December

Parochial House 71267070

Email:office@holyfamilyparish.com

Parish Sisters 71260398

Holy Family School 71267798

St. Eithne's School 71377077

www.holyfamily-parish.com

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.

You can buy a selection of enduring gifts - like goats, chicks, school kit and birth certificate, a house, the gift of water, safe motherhood, and other gifts in a friend's or relative's name.

These gifts will go directly to impoverished families in some of the poorest parts of the world and your friend gets a beautifully designed personalised certificate and Christmas card.

All these gifts are real, practical and life changing. Vulnerable families in some of the world's poorest regions need these gifts, not just to help at Christmas, but to change lives for generations to come.

These gifts are available at Veritas shop Shipquay Street or www.trocaire.org.



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Sun 8th Dec 2013 Vol. 30 No 48

LONELY VOICES

The voice of John the Baptist was a lonely voice which many of his contemporaries' ignored. There are many lonely voices in our world.

Somewhere at this moment a child is crying - crying for love or maybe simply for bread.

Somewhere a young person is crying-

crying for a listening ear or an understanding heart.

Somewhere an old person is crying -

crying for a visit or a word from his/her children.

There are a thousand unheard cries in our world, coming from victims of injustice and neglect.

'Lord, help us to listen to these voices. Above all, help us to listen to your voice, whispering to us in the wilderness of our hearts, telling us that we are loved by you, and that we are to love one another'.



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 box **before 7.05pm** . Please tick if you do **not** want it read out.

Anniversaries We pray for:

Kathleen McCormick, Nellie Doherty Sean O'Gallchobhair, Dympna Ritchie Gretta Gillespie, Michael Anderson Liam and Brigid Clifford., John Davis

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

6.00pm India Nicell & family

12.30pm Molly Wilson & family
These children will make their First Communion next year

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

6.00pm Matthew Grant

12.30pm Chloe Kelly

SUNDAY COLLECTION 1st
December amounted to £2269.85 and €203.44

ST JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIEST SOCIETY will meet on Thursday 12th Dec. 7.45pm in the Upper Room

CAROL SERVICE Our Parish Carol Service will take place next Sunday 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 later by St. Vincent De Paul Society.

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

PARISH DRAW We are delighted with the support given for our first Annual Christmas Draw. However, in order for the Draw to be a success all ticket stubs together with money collected should be returned by next 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.

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP Due to our parish Novena to Our Lady, our Padre Pio prayer group monthly meeting, will now be held on **TUESDAY** 10th December, starting with Mass at 7.15pm. There will be two 1st class relics at the meeting. Everyone is welcome.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL will be holding their Annual Rickety Wheel and craft Fair on Wednesday 11th Dec at 7pm. Any donations can be left at the school office. Please support this fundraiser and come and enjoy the fun.

TERMONBACCA

Fri. 13th - Sun. 15th Advent Retreat.

MASS in honour of Blessed Alexandrina Sunday 15th at 7:30 pm.

Mon. 16th Christmas Nativity 7.30 p.m.

Tues. 17th Mass for the Sick - 8.00 p.m.

Wed. 18th & Thurs. 19th Advent Evening Vigils. 7.30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Ballymagroarty Community Centre Friday 13th December at 7pm There will be a raffle on the night refreshments will be provided All welcome.

FOLLOW THE STAR Christmas Trail at the IOSAS Celtic Prayer Garden, Muff. An interactive family experience to recapture the true spirit of Christmas taking place on Fri 13th Dec - Sun 15th, Wed 18th, Friday 20th – Sun 22nd December. Pre-booking essential. For tickets and further information contact the IOSAS Centre (00353) 74 9384866

Special Candle-light Rosary

Procession will take place today Sunday 8th December, assembling in Guildhall Square at 4.30pm, and proceed through the streets behind the *Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe for Ireland*. The Rosary will be led by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. 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

ACCORD DERRY Marriage Preparation Workshops *January 10th/11th February 7th/8th and March 7th/8th 2014* in Ardmore Parish Centre Bookings are now being taken online www.accordni.com Contact Accord Tel 71362475 derry@accordni.com

FREE HEARING AID CLINICS

Healthy Living Centre: Wed 11th Dec. from 11am – 12 noon

Old Bridge House: Wednesday 11th December 3.30pm -4.30pm

Resource Centre Carnhill: Thursday 19th December from 11am – 1pm

HOLY FAMILY PILGRIMAGES

MEDJUGORJE: 7-14th May. £575 (£475 if paid in full before 12th December). Ex Dublin Deposit £150.

LOURDES: 16-21ST JULY. £625. Ex Belfast. Deposit £200.

Tel **07732468511** or call at Parochial House for booking form

Carols by Candlelight"

A Festive Concert of Christmas Carols, choir performances and Scripture readings in aid of Childline Foyle in Christ Church, Infirmary Road, Tuesday 10th December. Begins at 7:30pm. Contact Denise O'Boyle for tickets on 07981537799

Holy Family Primary & Nursery School Application forms for Nursery and Primary 1 are now available at the school office for admission in September 2014 Nursery and P1 forms should be completed and returned to the school by Noon on Friday 10th January 2014

SANDS (Stillbirth & Neo-natal Death charity) remembrance service for those who have been affected by the loss of a baby in St. Augustine's Church, Palace Street, Derry at 8pm on Wednesday 11th December. All welcome.

ART & CRAFT FAIR Monday 9th Dec. 11-5pm

Celtic Music & Song 16th Dec. 7pm In the Playhouse, Artillery St.