

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

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ACCORD DERRY – Marriage and Relationship Counselling. *If you can't talk to each other try talking to us.*

Further information contact Accord

71362475 Mon-Thurs 9.30 am to

1.30pm E: derry@accordni.com

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ACCORD DERRY are currently looking for married people who would like to get more involved in their community and assist young people planning for their future married life? If you would like further information and an application form please contact: Rosemary Accord 71362475

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The Foyle Yarnspinnners invite you to an evening of stories and song with guest Paddy Montague from Co Tyrone on Monday, 10th March at 8.00pm in the Verbal Arts Centre, Stable Lane & Mall Wall, Bishop Street. Adm free. All welcome.

THE LITTLE THEATRE GROUP

has a number of productions planned this year and will have parts for young performers ages 12-18. The Group meets in Pennyburn Youth Club on Sat 1-3pm. Tel 07543050891 for information

THORNHILL MINISTRIES is organising a trip to the Holy Land from 14 to 23 September 2014. For further details, please contact us at 71351233.



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INTO THE DESERT

[A desert for most of us is an inhospitable wilderness, a sea of useless sand, an economic wasteland. Well, so people thought until one day around a hundred years ago they were drilling for water and hit the liquid black gold of oil which has been spewing forth non-stop since and has brought such changes to our world- some would say good, perhaps more would say not so good.]

A friend who worked in a demanding job once told me he loved the Sahara desert because it has no distractions- just you and your thoughts. Personally I think I would go mad there but he described the bleakness and solitude as a spiritual experience. He said it enriched his soul and freed him from the concerns of the world.

Lent is based on the forty days that Jesus spent in the desert as he began his public ministry.

While the world indulges itself we are called to self-discipline. While people may be selfish, we are called to be generous.

While many forget God we are called to pray.

This is a time of change of heart and mind, of conversion, temperance, purification and renewal; time to 're-boot' the system. If not, then we may continue to live in the moral wasteland of our spiritual desert.

A final quote from Old Nick himself *'That day in the desert I thought I had him. I offered him food, after forty days with nothing to eat – No good! Then I tried the 'power plan' – He wasn't interested. Then his 'ego,' but defeat again. I had to go away with my tail between my legs, three times a loser. But I'll be back. Our paths will cross again, I'll nail him yet. Ah – 'cross,' 'nail' – now there's an idea. Watch this space'*

BAPTISMS Our parish family welcomes:
Sean Joseph McFadden
7 Sherriff's Glen

During Lent there will be an **extra Mass** Monday—Friday at 5.00pm beginning on Ash Wednesday
Stations of the Cross after evening Mass on Mondays and Fridays

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL
11.00am Eoghan Williams

12.30pm Tirna Duncan

OFFERTORY PROCESSION
6.00pm Caroline O'Neill & family

12.30pm Beth McCorkell & family

Anniversaries We pray for:

Brian and John Mallett,
James Hampson

Peter McGowan, Bernard Little

Annie and Anna Maguire

Catherine Callan, Sheila Quigley,
Margaret McKinney, Vincent Feeney,

SUNDAY COLLECTION 2nd March amounted to £2073.25 and £157.10 Thank you .

CONGRATULATIONS to the boys and girls who made their Confirmation this weekend. Thanks to the teachers, parents and staff here who made the day so special. Please remember this marks the beginning of their journey in faith as young adults and to encourage them especially by the example of your own faith practice.

ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS society will meet on Thursday 13th March at 7.45pm.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT takes place on Tuesdays from 10.30am-7.15pm. in the Upper Room from 11am.

CONGRATULATIONS TO HOLY FAMILY PRIMARY SCHOOL BARNARDOS UK CHOIR OF THE YEAR The School and Parish community were delighted to hear of the success of the School Choir at the UK Choir of the Year competition held in the Barbican Theatre London last weekend. It was an outstanding performance and the choir received much praise from fellow competitors and audience. They now will perform in the Royal Albert Hall in July. Congratulations to the Children and Miss Doherty the choir mistress on their achievement.

Vatican II - Where are we now?: Brian McKee (Belfast) leads this timely and stimulating set of seminars. For those interested in the development of the Church and where, with Pope Francis, we may be going. It begins 20 March for four Thursdays. Time: 7.15 to 9.00 pm. In Thornhill College, Culmore Road. Suggested Donation: £30 for course. Tel Thornhill 71351233 to book your place.

ST EUGENE'S CATHEDRAL will remain open each Monday during Lent from 8.00 pm until 10.00 pm. During this time you are welcome to celebrate the sacrament of Confession and to pray in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

Two courses offered during Lent in St Eugene's Cathedral. For five Tuesdays from 8.00 pm to 9.00 pm, beginning on Tuesday, 11th March, there will be a course exploring the Sacrament of Confession. The second course for five Thursdays from 8.00 pm to 9.00pm, beginning Thursday, 13th March, will be examining the teaching of Pope Francis.

DO YOU WANT TO UNDERSTAND YOUR FAITH MORE DEEPLY? Could you commit to doing a little reading each day and meeting once a week for 12 weeks to explore what the Catechism has to say? The study notes have been prepared by Maryvale Institute. *Spiritual Director:* Fr Roland Colhoun. *Information meeting:* Tuesday 11th March 7:15pm, in Parish Hall at St Columb's Church, Waterside. *Cost of course:* £35. For further information phone Parish Office, 7134 2303 or email roland@derrydiocese.org.

McMILLAN COFFEE MORNING Every Friday at 10am-12.30pm in Ballymagroarty Community Centre Shaw Court.

HOLY FAMILY PILGRIMAGES

MEDJUGORJE: 7-14th May.

£519 Deposit £150.

Last 3 places left.

LOURDES: 16-21ST JULY.

£625. Deposit £200.

Savings and Deposits Parochial

House Thursdays 8-9pm

Tel 07732468511

LENTEN JOURNEY: Thornhill Ministries hosts a series of reflection mornings on the Tuesdays of Lent to Begins: 11 March. in Steelstown Parish Centre. from 10:30am- 12:45 pm. A donation of £5 per morning is suggested. Please ring 71351233

FIRST COMMUNION
If you have a child for First Communion and need help with Communion dresses and outfits Tel Ellen at 07742217887 clothes are available free of charge

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 1st July – 6th July 2014
The new Bishop of Derry, Bishop Donal McKeown, is delighted to be able to lead the Pilgrimage this year

FREE HEARING AID CLINICS

Healthy Living Centre Creggan : Wed 12th March from 11am – 12 noon

Old Bridge House Waterside:

Wed 12th March 3.30pm -4.30pm

Resource Centre Carnhill: Thursday 20th March from 11am – 1pm