

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

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## PARISH GROUPS

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

## PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO HOLYLAND

From 8th-15th October  
2016. Deposit £150.  
Savings scheme now started  
in the Parochial House each  
Thursday evening from  
8-9pm. Contact Parochial  
House for further details.

## THE ASSUMPTION

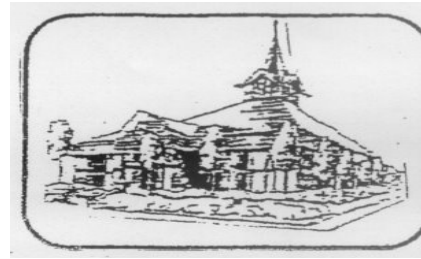
This Saturday we celebrate Mary's Assumption into Heaven. She is the first tabernacle and she is indeed the *Cause of Our Joy*. Without Mary's 'Yes' it would be impossible for us to achieve eternity in Heaven. It has been imagined that in the moment between the angel Gabriel's request and Mary's answer at the visitation that the whole of Heaven held its breath. What great reward has been given for such a great sacrifice! Sitting at the right hand of Jesus, Mary constantly intercedes for us.

### Saturday is a holyday of obligation.

Mass will be Vigil Mass Friday at 7.15pm and 10am, 12.30pm and 6pm on Saturday.

## TRUST IN GOD

Lord, I've no idea where I'm going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself. And the fact that I think I'm doing your will, doesn't mean that I'm actually doing it. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you, and I hope that I have this desire. Though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death, I will not fear, for you are with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.



# HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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## BICKERING

'Stop complaining to each other.' Jesus came to put an end to our endless arguments. About who sinned, who can judge, and who was in the right.

How do we deal with people we disagree with? When there is a disagreement, what weapons do we respond with? What constitutes a proof that can end an argument.

Elijah in today's first Reading presented 'fire-proof' evidence by soaking wood in water and persuading God to set fire to it. The response of the Queen to the humiliation of her holy men was to swear Elijah would die. We mightn't take such extreme measures to prove our points, but doesn't Paul have a point when he says that our disagreements end in grudges, tempers lost, raised voices, name-calling and spitefulness?

'The Gospel of John shows Jesus in Capernaum disputing with those who (understandably) can't swallow his claim to be flesh that is eaten for eternal life. Reading the Gospels sometimes feels like being present at an extended series of arguments. Between the apostles themselves, or Jesus and those who come face to face with him.

Jesus appeals to us like a mother speaking to her bickering children, 'stop complaining to each other. Come to me. Let me feed you. Let me lift you up. Let me carry you.'

**SYMPATHY** We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of Nora McDonagh, St Eithnes Park who died during the week. May she rest in peace.

**BAPTISMS** Our parish family welcomes:

Dara Damien McNulty  
2 Glendale Gardens  
Fionn Joseph Harkin  
61 Drumard Park

**Anniversaries** We pray for Elizabeth Collins, Mickey Quigley, Kathleen Dunne, Jack Coyle, Harry Coyle, Kevin & Mary McFeely

**ACCORD – MARRIAGE AND RELATIONSHIP COUNSELLING.** *If you can't talk to each other try talking to us.* For an appointment or further information contact Accord 71362475 Mon-Thurs 9.30am - 1.30pm E: [derry@accordni.com](mailto:derry@accordni.com) www.accordni.com

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** 2 August '15 amounted to £1859.42 and €240.90

**HOLY FAMILY PADRE PIO** prayer group will hold their monthly meeting (tomorrow night) Monday 10th August, starting with Mass at 7.15pm, There will be two 1st class relics at the meeting, and all are welcome.

**PADRE PIO WEEKEND** will be held in Knock on 19th & 20th September. staying overnight in the

Knock House Hotel Contact Sean Mulrine for details in 028 71265926

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK:** Bishop Donal invites people and priests of the Diocese of Derry to join him on pilgrimage to our national shrine at Knock on the last Saturday in September (27<sup>th</sup>). This date coincides with the National Eucharistic Congress. Parishioners may also book directly with the Diocesan Pilgrimage Office. Contact: Geraldine on 07517965752 Cost: £30 inclusive of evening meal Knock House Hotel

**MASS HELD TO HONOUR MARY, MOTHER OF JESUS** at The Celtic Prayer Garden, the IOSAS Centre on 15th August, 2015 at 3pm Refreshments will be served afterwards at The IOSAS Centre All Welcome

**WORLD YOUTH DAY** will be held in Kraków, Poland from 24th - 31st July 2016. If you are aged between 18 - 35 and would like to be part of the Derry Diocesan pilgrimage, contact Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre 71264087 [wyd@derrydiocese.org](mailto:wyd@derrydiocese.org) before Wednesday 1st November

**Trip to Rome 10th -14th Feb '16** visiting St Peter's Basilica where the bodies of St Padre Pio & St Leopold will be displayed to mark the beginning of the Holy Year of

Mercy. Hotel B&B basis. Contact Sean Mulrine for full details on 028 71265926

**Northwest Football Club in conjunction with Derry City FC Summer Scheme** 12-14th August from 10am - 2pm at the Brandywell Showgrounds for children aged 6-13 Cost £25 & kids will receive tickets to the Derry City vs. Dundalk game that Friday night.. Tel 028 71 373111 to book or call into the Brandywell for information

**CHILDREN IN CROSSFIRE** would like to invite you to take part in the Zipline across the River Foyle on Sat 29th August. 170FT high 1300FT across. £20 deposit confirms your place. Tel 71269898 [events@childrenincrossfire.org](mailto:events@childrenincrossfire.org) or online with Event Brite.

**DOIRE COLMCHILL SUMMER CAMP** Tue 25 Aug—Fri 29th Aug for age 5-14yr olds. Registration dates Sunday 2 Aug & Wed 5th August. Cost £20.00. Tel Matt 07711486537 for details.

**COMMUNITY LIBRARY** based at Little Hands SureStart Ringfort Road Hazelbank. has a wide range of adults and children's books, DVD's, sensory packs, audio books and Chatterpacks available to borrow. The library also runs a Story and Rhyme programme on a Thursday

@10am and on Friday @ 11am. Our Book Beavers programme runs on a Saturday @ 10:30am. There is also volunteering opportunities. For further information call into library or contact Michelle on 71267524, email:

[library@littlehandssurestart.co.uk](mailto:library@littlehandssurestart.co.uk)  
**Lifestart's 'At Home In School' programme.** If your child is starting Primary 1 in September at Holy Family; St Eithne's; Model; Rosemount; Gaelscoil na Daroige; St Anne's Primary School they are eligible to receive Lifestart's At Home In School' programme. Parents will receive regular visits in their home by a Lifestart Family Visitor, who will discuss the child's progress and support the parent, and child through this transition period. For further info, contact Jacqui at 028 7126 9833 or 079 2137 1745.

**Age Concern Derry Annual Gardening Competition** open to all gardeners over 60 living in Derry City Council For further information, please contact Age Concern Derry on 71 347 478 Malvern House, Chapel Road. For more info telephone 71347478

**CHILDREN IN CROSSFIRE** 200 mile challenge in October, £60 deposit secures place, register now [events@childrenincrossfire.org](mailto:events@childrenincrossfire.org) or call 71269898