

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
Weekdays after evening Mass

BAPTISM COURSES

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

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

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PARISH GROUPS

Thurs 7.45pm Scripture Group
New members always welcome!

PRAYER

*Lord, you offer freedom to all.
Have mercy on those in prison,
bring hope to the broken, and be
present through the hours, days,
months, and years of their
sentences . God of justice and
mercy you are always ready to
forgive and to restore. Support
with your love prisoners and their
families, prison staff and all who
care for those on the margins of
life.*

*Give wisdom and compassion to
those who minister justice. Heal
the victims of crime. Comfort
those who have been wounded by
the actions of others, especially
those trapped in their own
personal prisons of hate and
revenge so that they become no
longer victims but survivors.
Help us all to act justly, to show
mercy and to walk humbly with
our Lord, now and every day.
Amen*



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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WHEN I WAS IN PRISON AND YOU CAME TO SEE ME.'

Some of the best movies recently were about prisons. Take for example 'The Green Mile', 'Dead Men Walking' and the 'Shawshank Redemption'. Currently I am watching 'The Night of...'. I have over the past 43 years of priesthood years visited many prisons. I have been to Crumlin Road, Armagh, Long Kesh, Magilligan, Maghaberry, Hydebank, the Curragh, Mountjoy, and Wormwood Scrubs. During the Hunger Strike I was asked to bring messages home to families. I blessed Raymond MacRaois and Patsy O'Hara shortly before they died. It amused me to find the Long Kesh prisoners concelebrating with me at Mass by saying the words of the consecration. And the first question the Derry City prisoners would ask was 'Tell us yesterday's English football (soccer) results'. When I was in Strabane I was a source of curiosity for the wardens there for I had a list of twenty three prisoners to see on one visit- all from the one parish! We had to meet in groups and I was permitted to give cigarettes to those who smoked. Together with Fr. Jack Gallagher we organised several concerts for the girls in Armagh jail. When I discovered that Brendan Smyth was (understandably) totally disowned by his family and priest friends I decided to visit him in Magilligan. More recently I saw Tony Taylor in Maghaberry. He is from this parish. He has not been charged with anything. Please pray for justice for him and his speedy release back to his wife Lorraine and his family. So next week when we celebrate Prisoners' Week these will be some of the thoughts in my mind and memories I will hold dear.

SYMPATHY We offer our sympathy to the family of Eileen Campbell 26 Sherriff's Rd. and Ann Geoghegan Dublin who died during the week. May they rest in peace.

BAPTISMS Our parish family welcomes:
Saoirse McCauley-Quigg
Yeats Court.
Kyrain William Maguire
10 Shepard View.
Elle Mary Stewart
14 Drumlerry
Cilliam Joseph Bradley,
57 Woodside Heights.

ANNIVERSARIES
Winnie McCourt, Michael Deery,
Hugh and Mary Ferry, Peter Doyle,
May Kelly, Elizabeth Moyne,
Margaret Callaghan, Barbara Pearson
Charlie McCormick

HOLY FAMILY PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP will hold their monthly meeting (tomorrow night) Monday 10th October starting with Mass at 7.15pm, There will be two 1st class relics at the meeting,

ST JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIEST SOCIETY will meet on Thursday 13th Oct at 7.45pm. New members welcome.

SUNDAY COLLECTION 2nd Oct amounted to £2154.25 and €140.96 Thank you.

YOUTH 2000 invites all young adults 16-35 to a Catholic Weekend retreat 14-16th Oct in Lough Derg. All meals provided and accommodation is on site. For more details tel 07598876399 or www.youth2000.ie

CURSILLO will hold two "3-Day Weekends" at the Carmelite Retreat Centre in Termonbacca at the end of October:
Men's Weekend Thur 20th- Sun 23rd
Women's Weekend Thur 27th- Sun 30th. These are residential weekends. For further information please contact 07708066939 or 07841100174

THORNHILL MINISTRIES
Quiet Moments of Meditation Using art, music and Scripture, this series of gentle mornings offers a space for stillness and contemplation Wednesdays at 10:30am Thornhill Convent, Culmore Road, Suggested Donation £5.

THORNHILL MINISTRIES "Let the Landscape Speak" Drawing on the poetry of O Donoghue and Heaney, Mary Murphy will facilitate an exploration of poems where the landscape has been the vehicle of communication between the Author of All of Life, the poet and ourselves Four Thursdays, beginning 13th October from 7:30 to 8:45 pm in Thornhill College, Suggested donation: £5. To book phone 7135123 email thornhillministries@derrydioces

e.org.
ST. ANTHONY'S RETREAT CENTRE. One Day Retreat Learning to be Still" Wednesdays 12th Oct. 10.30 a.m. - 3p.m. Cost €25/£21 Afternoon Retreat "Christian Mindfulness" Sat. 19th Nov. Starts 2p.m. Finishes with Mass 6.30 Cost €25/£21 For more information contact Fr. Neal Carlin or Josephine at 074 9368370 or sarce@eircom.net

ACCORD MARRIAGE PREPARATION WORKSHOPS
January 13th/14th February 10th/11th March 10th/11th
Venue: Ardmore Parish Centre
Bookings are now being taken online at www.accord-ni.co.uk Course times Friday 7pm to 10pm continuing on Sat 10am – 4pm. Cost £120.00 per couple. Tel 71362475 for details.

ACCORD DERRY Marriage and Relationship Counselling Service
If you can't talk to each other – Try talking to us.... For an appointment or further information please contact Accord Derry (028) 71362475 E;derry@accordni.com

DRAW TO PROMOTE TEMPERANCE IN IRELAND and in the Developing World starts in mid November with the subscription being £6.50 per month for 6 months tel Andrew Doherty 71352285

FOSTERING INFORMATION EVENINGS: -; ,Thursday 13 October, Da Vincis Hotel, Derry, 7.30 pm. If you are interested telephone 71314244 or 8283 5264

FAMILY CARE ADOPTION SERVICES is presently seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children. For a free information pack please contact us at 71 368592 or 90 691133 Email:anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org
Website www.familycaresociety.co.uk

FOYLE YARNSPINNERS will meet on Monday at 7.30pm in the Verbal Arts Centre. All welcome. Adm Free

ST JOHN AMBULANCE, Belmont Cadet Division, for ages 11 to 17, are meeting on Wednesday nights at 7.30pm to 9.00pm, in the St John Headquarters, Springtown Way, Springtown Industrial Estate,

Sing For Fun at Older People North West (Age Concern)The Sing for Fun sessions take place on Tuesdays at 7pm in Malvern House, tea and refreshments will be served afterwards. All welcome For more information telephone 71 347478.

BAYVIEW MEDICAL PRACTICE will be holding its annual Flu Vaccination Clinic on Saturday 15th October from 8:30am to 12:30pm.