

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:

8th, 22nd & 29th December

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WINTER WISDOM

Winter is here in all its starkness, cold and darkness

It offers us an insight into the soul of the earth and teaches us quite solace.

Out of sight, beneath the surface, the earth knows what it is about.

The seed from summer blossoms is being nurtured in its womb of waiting.

Now is the time for the wisdom of patience and hope and for sustained gentleness where nothing is forced but happens when it is ready on its own time, gradually and almost without notice.

From this deep sleep new life will appear at its proper time.

But for now the dormant seed is at rest.



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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Prayer for the Child in the Womb Choose Life:

Lord Jesus, you are the source and lover of life. Reawaken in us respect for every human life. Help us to see in each child the marvellous work of our Creator. Open our hearts to welcome every child as a unique and wonderful gift.

Guide the work of doctors, nurses and midwives.

May the life of a mother and her baby in the womb be equally cherished and respected. Help those who make our laws to uphold the uniqueness and sacredness of every human life, from the first moment of conception to natural death. Give us wisdom and generosity to build a society that cares for all.

Together with Mary, your Mother, in whose womb you took on our human nature, Help us to choose life in every decision we take.

We ask this in the joyful hope of eternal life with you, and in the communion of the Blessed Trinity. Amen.

A new website www.chooselife2012.ie hosts more prayer material as well as two videos comprising insightful and brave personal testimonies of parents discussing human life in the womb and the need to protect life

Also: Choose Life 2012 on Facebook, and @Chooselife2012 on Twitter: and on YouTube .Copies of the rest of the statement by the bishops are available at all porches of the church this weekend.



NEXT BAPTISM dates 8th, 22nd & 29th December

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP continues tomorrow (Monday) at 7.15pm Mass

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT takes place on Tuesdays from 10.30am-7.15pm. During the winter months Exposition will take place in the Upper Room from 11am

OFFERTORY PROCESSION
6.00pm Jack Moran & family

12.30pm Oisín Gibson-Saunders & family

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL
6.00pm Katie McMenamin

12.30pm Evan McLaughlin

Anniversaries We pray for: Monica McLaughlin, John McDaid, Alex Hegarty, Sadie Harley and Dymphna Rithie

SUNDAY COLLECTION 2nd December '12 amounted to £2424.67. and €111.71 Thank you for your generosity

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP Due to the annual Novena to Our Lady, the Padre Pio prayer group monthly meeting, which is usually on a Monday night will now be held on TUESDAY 11th Dec starting with Mass at 7.15pm. There will be two 1st class relics at the meeting.

YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY meeting, Thursday 13 December at 8pm in Upper Room

Youth 2000 - Christmas retreat - For 16-35 year olds 14th-16th December - Newbridge college co. Kildare. there will be inspiring talks, workshops, prayer, music and drama. Accommodation and food provided, donation only. Free bus leaves Holy Family at 1pm on Friday 14th Dec. To book call 07598876399.

HOLY FAMILY PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS NATIVITY for P4-P7 pupils will take place in the chapel at 8.15pm on Thursday 13th December. All welcome.

Advent Weekend Residential Retreat, in preparation for Christmas, will take place in the Carmelite Retreat Centre Termonbacca, at 7.30p.m. on Friday 14th December and end after lunch on Sunday 16th Dec. Costing £65. For bookings, Tel 71 262512

LOCAL BURGLARY WARNING

There have been an increase in burglaries in the local area. People are being urged to keep vigilant and securely lock doors and windows especially when leaving the house and before going to bed at night.

ACCORD DERRY Marriage Preparation Workshop Jan 11th/12th Feb 8th/9th 2013 Mar 8th/9th 2013 May 10th/11th 2013 **Venue:**

Ardmore Parish Centre Booking online: www.accordni.com or Contact: Accord Derry Tel: 71362475 Email:

derry@accordni.com

Foyle Hospice Light Up a Life Appeal Sponsor a light on the Special Christmas Tree in memory of a family member or friend who has passed away or as a gift to someone you are thinking of. For each light sponsored we will send you a special pin or Christmas card for you or pass to the family of the person you have honoured. On the 13th December at 8.00pm the lights will be switched on by two children who have attended the Healing Hearts Bereavement Support Service.

Everyone is welcome. To sponsor a light please ring 02871 351010 or call to the Foyle Hospice or any Foyle Hospice Shops. Lights are £5.00

DERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES JULY 1ST – 6TH 2013 (£ 575.00) Gift vouchers for the Pilgrimage are available from Rosemary Diocesan Pastoral Centre 164 Bishop Street Derry 71362475

SANDS (Stillbirth and Neo-natal Death Charity) Christmas Remembrance Service in St. Augustine's Church, Derry, on Sunday 9th December at 7.30pm. Refreshments afterwards in church hall. Contact Steven on 028 3839 2509 or steven.guy@uk-sands.org

Older People North West/ Age Concern Dietician Information Session on Wednesday 12th Dec at 12.30pm in Malvern House, Chapel Road, The talk will focus on dietary concerns for older

HOLY FAMILY LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 16th- 21st July 2013 Cost £595 Deposit £150

Pilgrimage To Fatima/Estoril 2013 19th -26th September. **£599** if paid by December 14th.

Savings scheme on Thursdays 8-9pm in Parochial House. For details phone Margaret 07732468511.

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Holy Family Primary & Nursery School Forms now available from the school office for children due to commence either nursery or primary school in September 2013. For further information Tel: 71267798 All applications must be returned on or before 12 noon on Friday 11th January 2013

ST BERNADETTE'S PLAYGROUP Hazelbank applications are also available for September 2013. Call into office or Tel 71308932.

ACTION ON HEARING LOSS December's clinics are as follows:
Ráth Mór Centre: Wednesday 12th Dec from 11am – 12 noon
Old Bridge House: Wednesday 12th Dec from 3.30pm – 4.30pm
Resource Centre Carnhill: Thursday 20th Dec from 11am – 1pm If your hearing aid needs new batteries, or you just need some information about your hearing, come along and talk to us. No appointment