

MASSES

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm

Sunday 9.30am 11.00am, 12.30pm

Weekdays Mon. Wed. Friday **10.00am**,
Tuesday & Thursday **7.15pm**

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
every Tuesday 10.30am-7.15pm

CONFESSIONS

Friday: 10.30am

Saturday :5.30pm-6.00pm

Tuesday and Thursday :before or
after evening Mass

BAPTISM COURSES

1st & 3rd Thurs of the month 8pm

BAPTISMS: 1st and 3rd Saturday
of the month at 7.00pm

MARRIAGES Three months notice

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PARISH GROUPS

11am Choir practices Tuesday at
7.45 . New members welcome

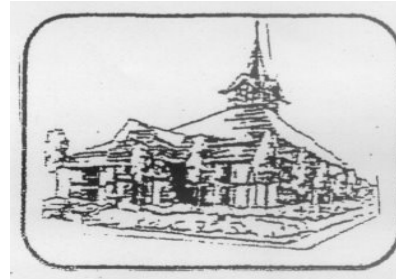
Scripture Group Thurs 7.45pm

New members always welcome!

A.A .Fridays and Sundays at 8.00pm
in Upper Room.

**TROCAIRE CHRISTMAS
APPEAL:** *'Do not let the
downtrodden retreat in
confusion, give the poor and
needy cause to praise your
name.'* Psalm 74:21. Millions

of people have had to flee
conflict in South Sudan
and Yemen. In one area alone in
northern Uganda, 33,000 people,
mainly women and children
from South Sudan, have taken
refuge. They have witnessed
and experienced the worst kind
of violence and have arrived
traumatised and
broken. 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. . This year
you can buy a selection of
enduring gifts - like goats,
chickens, school fees and other
gifts in a friend's or relative's
name These gifts are available at
Veritas, Shipquay Street or
www.trocaire.org or pick up a
leaflet in the church for
information.



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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Leonard Cohen sings
*'Ring the bell that still can ring
Forget your perfect offering
There is a crack in everything
That's how the light gets in'*

Some people think that in order for God to love them they must be perfect. They say *'God would never want me with my imperfections and sins'*. *'If I try hard enough maybe He'll love me'*. So they try to be perfect in order to win God's love. Which effectively means they try to manage on their own. It's hard for God to save people like that. What are the circumstances that open our hearts to what God wants to give us? When we approach God from a position of self-sufficiency and power, we put God off. But when we approach God from weakness and need, we invite God in. It is through imperfections that our souls become open to God's grace. Our imperfections are the wound that catches God's eye and qualify us for his mercy and healing. It's okay to be weak, sinful and broken if we trust totally in Him, not ourselves, for He will heal and forgive us in His compassion and love.

SYMPATHY We offer our sympathy to the family of Marian McGuinness Marianus Park and John Bradley Thistlewood Park who died during the week. May she rest in peace.

BAPTISM Our parish family welcomes: Ronan Thomas Duffy Mangan Court.

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 one of the two petition baskets.

ANNIVERSARIES Artie Barr, Patricia Noble, Sean O’Gallahobhair, John Davis, Paula Doherty Lily McGeady, Michael Anderson Sadie Harley, Sarah McLaughlin

OFFERTORY PROCESSION
6.00pm Niamh McDaid & family
12.30pm Kate McCann & family

SUNDAY COLLECTION 25th November £1965.37 €90.69 and Standing Orders £175.00

THE SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL will be taking up their annual Christmas collection this weekend at all Masses

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NATAVITY PLAY will take place in the Church on Thursday at 8.00pm, All welcome

PARISH CAROL SERVICE will take place next Sunday 16th December at 6.00pm We invite the children to bring unwrapped gifts for the poor which will be distributed by St. Vincent De Paul Society.

NEW MISSION TEAM in Derry Diocese: If you are interested in being part of a new Mission Team in the diocese to promote and foster mission awareness at home and overseas, please come along to a meeting this Tuesday, 11th December, at 7.00pm, in Ardstraw House, Buncrana Rd , (next to St Columb's College). All are welcome. For further information tel Fr David O’Kane on 7133 7727.

THORNHILL MINISTRIES, DERRY: Advent Mornings for Busy People - Monday 10, 17 December - 10:30 am to 12:15 pm. Reflective mornings allowing a time to pray our way through Advent. Suggested Offering £10. Suggested donations are a guideline that should not prevent anyone from benefitting from these experiences. Tel 71351233 or email secretary@thornhillministries.co.uk

CHILDREN IN CROSSFIRE ADVENT BOXES available at the back of the church.

EDUCATION IN MINDFULNESS techniques for aged 10-12 year olds. Templemore Sports Complex on 14th December from 7pm-10pm. Cost £10 Tel 0035387 9129419

MASS IN REMEMBRANCE OF SR. CLARE CROCKETT - in Termonbacca, today Sunday at 7pm All welcome.

FOYLE ADVOCATES provides a listening ear and can provide support to anyone attending Hospital or Doctors Appointments/PIP Assessments. Office hours 12pm-4pm, 26 Bishop Street, Tel 71263461

BHCP PRESENTS: Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner @ The Cosh Bar on Sunday 16th December at 6pm. £5 for 2 courses + Tea/coffee. **Senior Citizens Lunch & Entertainment** Wednesday 5th Dec @ 12noon in Ballymagroarty Community Centre. Cost—Free. Limited Places. Tel Billy on 71271977 to book .

Santa with Parky Entertainment Cost—£1 per child. 6pm-8pm on 10th December at Cosh Bar 12th December at Ballymagroarty Community Centre 14th December at St. Eithne's P.S Youth Wing. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

ST BERNADETTE'S PLAYGROUP, Hazelbank have places available for September 2019. If your child is born between 2 July 2015 and 1 July 2016 you can apply for a place through the Education Authority Apply between 2 January and 31 January 2019 through the Education Authority website. If you need assistance please call to the Playgroup.

DERRY CENTRAL LIBRARY presents a night of Christmas Music with The Villagers Choir with Laura Doherty and Trevor Burnside On Monday 10th December at 6.30pm All Welcome Tel 71229990

ANNUAL DERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES will take place from **4 - 9 July 2019**. The Pilgrimage Office, 164 Bishop Street, Derry, is now taking enquiries from anyone who might intend to participate in it. Christmas Vouchers can now be ordered. The opening hours of the Office are: Thursday & Saturday 11am - 1pm.

FOYLE HOSPICE The hospice is appealing for volunteers to give just a couple of hours in December to help with promotional stands Please tel Sharon Williams 71351010 for details

SLIMMING WORLD at Holy Family School every Thursday 5pm-7pm. Tel Valerie 07756455438

DATA PROTECTION Because of the new legislation the names of those who are in hospital are not available from now on. Accordingly, the only way we have of knowing if you have a relative from the parish in hospital will be if you fill in the cards available in the church front porch. Please leave the card in the sacristy or parochial house and Fr O’Kane will try to give your loved one a visit as soon as he possibly can,