

## 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 at  
8pm

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

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Parish Sisters 71260398  
Holy Family School 71267798  
St. Eithne's School 71377077

## PARISH GROUPS

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

## Foyle Hospice appeal for volunteers

Foyle Hospice is committed to delivering a vital service to our patients suffering from cancer and life-limiting illnesses and to supporting their families. Without the support from volunteers the hospice would not be able to offer services free of charge. If you have a few hours to offer and would like further information on roles involved in direct patient and/or indirect patient care please contact: Sharon Williams Volunteer Coordinator Tel No. 71 351 010 Email [sharon@foylehospice.com](mailto:sharon@foylehospice.com)

**New Year Classes at Age Concern Derry/ Older People North West**  
Age Concern Derry are inviting people to attend their new series of art classes at Malvern House, Chapel Road. The classes will take place on Tuesdays at 1.30pm. The course will run for a period of 12 weeks. Knitting classes are also available every Monday from 1.30-3.00pm. Numbers are limited so early registration is advised. For further information please telephone Age Concern Derry on 71 347 478.

**NORTH WEST REGIONAL COLLEGE**, is now offering an exciting range of new part-time courses, designed to boost your career in 6 months - courses beginning In January 2016. Call 028 7127 6000, or visit [www.nwrc.ac.uk/parttime](http://www.nwrc.ac.uk/parttime)



# HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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## BAPTISM

The waters of the Jordan River are not magical. They don't contain a potion that will make a person chemically better or more faithful. The water is a symbol, a symbol of washing away the past, the tendency towards sin and emerging once more as if from the waters of the womb into a new kind of life. We can only imagine that in that moment of total immersion when the sights and sounds of the world become blurred and distant, those baptised made a renewed commitment to their God and to a new kind of life.



When Jesus approached John for baptism John was uneasy. He protested that baptism with water was not worthy of the Christ. But the gesture, the symbol was important. For us too, our baptism claims us in the name of Christ, opens us to the power of God in our lives.,

It is the crowning of our creation as children of God. It is the expression of God's divine words to each of us, the unique work of his hands; *'You are my child, the beloved: with you I am well pleased'*.

**SYMPATHY** We offer our sympathy to the family and friends Bernadette Kelly 23 Templegrove and May Smythe The Branch who died during the week May they rest in peace.

**BAPTISMS** Our parish family welcomes:  
Faye Nicole Robinson  
17 Pinetrees

**PARISH MISSION** We are looking forward to our parish Mission which lasts from 6th –20th February. There will be a team of people who will knock on every door in the parish inviting them to attend. These people will need accommodation. If you have a spare room for a week (or fortnight) please let us know in the sacristy after Mass or the Parochial House.

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Rhonda Lee Nash, Ruby Ferguson,  
Mary McLaughlin, Philomena Breslin  
Elizabeth Diane Hutton, Jenny Friel  
Jim McCarron,

**SUNDAY COLLECTION 3rd January** amounted to £2095.37 and €155.12 Thank you.

#### **OFFERTORY PROCESSION**

**6.00pm** Rachel Duddy & family

**12.30pm** Emma Robinson & family

#### **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

**6.00pm** Aoife Doherty

**12.30pm** Aimee Gallagher

**THE HOLY FAMILY PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP** will hold their monthly meeting tomorrow Monday 11th January starting with Mass at 7.15pm, There will be two 1<sup>st</sup> class relics at the meeting, All welcome.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** thank you for your generosity to their annual Christmas Appeal. The amount raised was £3664 and €145

**PARISH CHILD SAFEGUARDING REPS**  
Jacqueline McCarron and Geraldine Canavan. Diocesan Designated Officer: Noel O'Donnell Tel 07596500793

**ACCORD MARRIAGE PREPARATION WORKSHOPS**  
February 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> 2016  
March 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> 2016  
Venue: Ardmore Parish Centre  
Booking online; [www.accord-ni.co.uk](http://www.accord-ni.co.uk)

**PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL** Application forms for Nursery and Primary 1 are now available at Holy Family and St. Eithne's school offices for admission in September 2016 Nursery and P1 forms should be completed and returned to the school by Noon on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2016

**THEY THAT WAIT ON THE LORD** a book by Fr Neal Carlin— £12 available in the Sacristy

**Become a Compassionate Neighbour** Foyle Hospice in partnership with Caw/Nelson Drive Action Group and Hillcrest Trust are looking for volunteers for a new project based in the Waterside. Could you give 1-2 hours a week to offer support and friendship to someone who feels isolated and alone because of illness. To find out more contact Tracy Gray, Volunteer Coordinator by phone on 0784 1101932 or by email at [info@compassionatecommunitiesn.w.com](mailto:info@compassionatecommunitiesn.w.com)

**Derry Diocesan Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi – 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2016 for 6 nights:** Includes 4 nights Bed & Breakfast in Rome and 2 nights Half Board in Assisi. The pilgrimage will be lead by Bishop Donal McKeown and Spiritual Director Fr Gerard Sweeney. Group Price: £675 inc deposit of £150 per person require to secure seat Hold Baggage and Transfer to Dublin extra For itinerary please contact Leckpatrick Parish Office 71882274 on Wednesdays or Thursdays between 10.00am and 4.00pm.

**SLIMMING WORLD** at Holy Family School on Thursday at 5pm and 7pm. Tel Valerie 07756455438

**PARISH PILGRIMAGES HOLY LAND** (half board)  
From 9th-17th October 2016.  
**Cost:** £1275.€1495. Deposit £150.

3 nights Galilee, 4 nights Jerusalem Flying directly from Belfast

**4 Days MEDJUGORJE / 3 Days DUBROVNIK** (half board)

1st-8th MAY £649

**LOURDES** (full board)

16th –21st July £605

Tel Margaret 07732468511  
Savings scheme now started in the Parochial House each Thursday evening from 8-9pm.

**OPEN NIGHT FOR ST JOSEPH'S BOYS' School** will take place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January. The principal's address will take place in the assembly hall at 7.30pm and this will be followed by a guided tour of the school. Light refreshments will also be served. All primary 6 & 7 boys transferring in September 2016 are very welcome

**FOYLE YARN SPINNERS**, night of Stories, Songs and poems, Monday 11th Jan, with Patsy McDermot a renowned story teller ,at 7.30 to 10.00 all welcome to this free event,