

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:

9th and 23rd November

7th and 21st December

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TROCAIRE

In Syria over 100,000 people have lost their lives after two years of war and over 8.4m people – approximately half of whom are children - are in need of humanitarian assistance.

This crisis is unfolding in an area of great historical and religious significance for Christians worldwide. The situation faced by the people of Syria is a critical one with the country facing the worst humanitarian crisis in a generation.

Trócaire is working in partnership with local church agencies in Syria and along neighbouring borders to support survivors. Since 2011, vital emergency aid has reached over 273,000 people.

A collection to support the people of Syria will be taken up at all Masses next weekend.. Your support will help to get food, water, clothing, shelter, medical and psycho-social supports to those most in need.



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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JOURNEY'S END

The spirit of those early morning tomb visitors lives on. It isn't hope that led the two Mary's and Salome to the tomb but duty. Naked devotion with no expectation of anything in return. Not even a plan as to how to prise away the tombstone. Anyhow, what could Jesus give? What could a dead man offer? The two women weren't going there to receive, they go to the tomb to give. Their wish was to anoint his body, a final chapter to conclude the hurried burial. An act of kindness born of love. An act of charity in helplessness. There is no motivation more noble.

It goes on in countless contemporaries who visit the November graveyard in harsh winter sun or rain. Others just cannot bear to come—feelings run too deep. It can all seem like journey's end.

Like the Jerusalem trio, those women travelled more on hunch than insight. For all our vaunted knowledge and progress with death, we enter a realm where we just don't know. Faith seeks and gropes in emotional darkness.

Despite our culture or religious differences we do much the same things in bereavement; we mourn, gather, bury with rites and words, remember and live on. We continue to give—not just in commemorating the dead, but in our contact with the living, especially by our support of those who grieve.

NOVENA 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 the special petition box **before 7.05pm** on Monday night. Please tick if you do **not** want it read out. Fr O’Kane will continue telling us who the 8 Cardinals are who are advising Pope Francis. On the first week he spoke about Cardinal Maradiaga from Honduras. Last week he spoke on Cardinal O’Malley from Boston and this week he will speak on the German Cardinal Marx, Europe’s only representative on what is being called ‘Team Francis’

Anniversaries We pray for:
John Doherty, Daniel McCay
Martin, & Michael Corcoran,
John Stokes, Mark McChrystal,
Thomas McKinney,
Roseanne & Patrick Breslin

OFFERTORY PROCESSION
6.00pm Natalie Kirk & family

12.30pm Caedan McLaughlin & family
These children will make their First Communion next year

SUNDAY COLLECTION 2nd
November amounted to £1989.41 and
€93.52 Thank you.

PARISH DRAW This weekend books of tickets may be picked up again at all church exits or if you simply wish to buy a single ticket you may do so as your leave. Please continue to support our first Christmas Draw.

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP Due to our parish Novena to Our Lady, our Padre Pio prayer group monthly meeting, will now be held on **TUESDAY** 12th November, starting with Mass at 7.15pm. There will be two 1st class relics at the meeting. Everyone is welcome.

PICTURES Paul Smith who is working on the orders for the holy pictures has reassured us they will be ready in the next few weeks.

ST JOSEPH’S SCHOOL Annual Mass for deceased pupils and staff will take place on Tuesday 12 November at 7.30pm in the school Assembly Hall,

THE SAFE FUTURES is a residential programme which offers families who have been bereaved through suicide an opportunity to get away for a weekend. The programme provides an opportunity to work through the grief process where families will find healing and hope for the future. The weekend begins at 7.30 pm on Friday 15th November until 5.00 pm on Sunday 17th November in The Sanctuary, the IOSAS Centre, Muff. For more details tel Youthlife, Bishop Street 71377227

AOH Annual Mass for deceased members will take place in the Hibernian Community Hall 23 Foyle St tomorrow Monday at 7.30pm.

ST CECILIA’S COLLEGE PTA Annual Rickety Wheel on Thursday 28th November at 7p.m. St Cecilia’s College Bligh’s Lane Everyone Welcome!! Fantastic Prizes to be won Tel 71281800 for more information.

PRAXIS CARE relies on the support of volunteers both male and female to visit those lonely or isolated due to their mental ill health. If you feel you could befriend someone and give a commitment of a few hours per week please contact Phyllis on 028 71308020 for further information. Training is given and travel expenses will be reimbursed. Your friendship could make all the difference

FOYLE YARNSPINNERS meeting on Monday 11th November in Verbal Arts Centre, Stable Lane, at 8.00pm. Our guest yarnspinner will be Eamon Friel, who is a well known singer and radio presenter. The evening is also open to all our regular contributors who provide us with many tales and stories Adm free. All welcome.

CHILDREN IN CROSSFIRE Looking to clear out your attic, or get something special for Christmas? The largest Indoor Car boot is open every Saturday and Sunday. Elagh Business Park, (Opposite 3 flowers). £5 per Car and 50p Admission. Entry proceeds will support education and medical projects to some of the world’s most vulnerable children. 02871269898

HOLY FAMILY PILGRIMAGES

MEDJUGORJE: 7-14th May.
£575 (£475 if paid in full before
12th December). Ex Dublin Deposit
£150.

LOURDES: 16-21ST JULY. £625.
Ex Belfast. Deposit £200.

CRUISE PILGRIMAGE: –
Saints of the Seas. Visiting Venice,
Dubrovnik, Ephesus, (House of
Mary) and Greece. 27th September
-4th October. £995. Deposit £200
before November 8th. Ex Dublin.

Tel **07732468511** or call at
Parochial House for booking form

THE PLAYHOUSE and Parisian
Theatre Company Dear Conjunction
present the first ever Northern Irish
performance of Helen Edmundson’s
‘The Clearing’, At The Playhouse from
Tuesday 12 – Saturday 16 Nov,
8pm. ISL and BSL signed performance
Thursday 14 Nov, 8pm. Captioned
performance Friday 15 Nov,
8pm. Tickets £14/£10 (Special
Preview Night Offer- Tuesday
12th Nov- All Tickets £10). Contact
(028)71268027

**ST. MARY’S CHRISTMAS CRAFT
FARE** Sat 30th November 11am—
4pm. In the school