

MASSES

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm
Sunday 9.30am 11.00am, 12.30pm
Weekdays Mon Wed Friday **10.00am**,
Monday Tuesday Thursday **7.15pm**

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
every Tuesday 10.30am-7.15pm

CONFESSIONS

Friday 10.30am -11.00am
Saturday evenings 5.30pm-6.00pm
Weekdays Tuesdays and Thursdays
after evening Mass

BAPTISM COURSES

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

BAPTISMS: Every Saturday at 7.00pm

MARRIAGES Three months notice

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Holy Family School 71267798
St. Eithne's School 71377077

PARISH GROUPS

Thurs 7.45pm Scripture Group
New members always welcome!

TEMPERANCE SUNDAY.

It is sad when Christmas reverts to being no more than the pagan festival which breaks the darkness of winter. If we did not have Christmas we would have to invent some excuse for a break.

Modern paganism celebrates in orgies of eating and drinking: orgies of spending beyond all sensible family budgeting. It is a wise decision to dedicate this Sunday to Temperance.

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS Cant
stop gambling—need help? Tel
71351329

AA Can't Stop Drinking? Call
Alcoholics Anonymous 90351222 Two
meetings weekly in immediate area
Meetings daily within Derry area



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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John the Baptist strides into our liturgy today and he challenges our preparation for Christmas. He is clad in the traditional garb of the prophet, hairy and unkempt. There is a primitive wildness about him, never tamed to society's standard. A man from outside the system, from beyond the edges of civilisation, he is uncompromising and challenging. That voice that cried out from the wild still calls up the dark, untamed areas within each of us -that place where the monsters of life come up... like the temper which goes beyond control, the sexual hungers which express incompleteness, brutal aggression, the crippling fear of failure, the dark terror of loneliness, the choking parasite of envy. In the preaching of the Baptist people found the courage to be honest; so they confessed their sins. And that was good news.

We must stand out today with John the Baptist at the edge of civilisation lest we be totally sucked into the currents of a modern pagan Christmas.

Who, then will be able to celebrate Christmas? Those who, in Advent admit their primitive untamed area-their sinfulness - They will truly appreciate God's gift of a Saviour.

Our Penitential Service takes place tomorrow Monday at 7.15pm

SYMPATHY We offer our sympathy to the family of Ann Fox, Belfield Park who died during the week. May *she* rest in peace.

BAPTISM Our parish family welcomes
Caysen Alfred John Keenan
Drumard Park
Rubi Emma Rogan
O'Casey Court

PENITENTIAL SERVICE tomorrow Monday at 7.15pm. Priests from all over the city will join us to hear Confessions in preparation for Christmas. This celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation is part of our Parish Novena. The opportunity to experience the forgiveness of Christ is an essential part of our Advent preparation for Christmas

ANNIVERSARIES

Sea O Gallchabhair, Maud Gallagher
John King, Gerry Sheerin,
Pat Henderson, Tom McGowan,
Harry Coyle, Patricia Noble,
Myra Barr, Agnes Harkin, John Davis
May McKenna, Ellen McElwee,
Michael Anderson,

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

6.00pm Tony Doherty

11.00am Rebecca Haragan

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

6.00pm Cara Grace Anderson
& family

12.30pm Grace Saunders & family

SUNDAY COLLECTION 3rd Dec
£1889.18 and €164.37

HOLY FAMILY PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP Christmas meeting, will be held on **TUESDAY** 12th December, starting with Mass at 7.15pm. There will be two 1st class relics at the meeting. All welcome.

I AM CONCERT in St Columbs Hall on Sunday 17th December, 'I AM PRESENT'. Tickets £10. Available at Veritas or online ticketsource.co.uk/iam

ADVENT TALKS AT COLUMBA HOUSE The Columba Community invite you to a series of Thursday Advent Talks at Columba House, Queen Street. Mass at 7.30pm. each evening Call Columba House on 71 262407.

PARISH CAROL SERVICE will take place next Sunday 17th December at 6.00pm We invite the children to bring gifts for the poor which will be distributed by St. Vincent De Paul Society.

FOLLOW THE STAR" to the Celtic Garden Christmas Trail at the IOSAS Centre, Muff. . Sat 9th – Sun 10th Dec; Fri 15th – Sun 17th Dec and Wed 20th Dec at 4pm, 5:30pm and 7pm. Call 00353) 74 9384866

BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE BloodMobile in Rafters carpark on Friday 15th Dec. 2-4pm and 5.15-8pm

AN INSPIRED CHRISTMAS GIFT 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. These gifts are available at Veritas, Shipquay Street or www.trocaire.org. 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.

PINK LADIES Christmas Concert— an evening of reflection and song will take place in the Guildhall on Thursday 14th Dec. at 7.30pm. Tickets available at Millennium Forum

CHRISTMAS with Colmcille choir and friends. Rev David Latimer Donald Hill and St Oliver Plunkets School in First Derry Presbyterian Church Friday 15th December 8pm

FREE TRAINING COURSE for CARERS of people with Dementia will be held in Strabane and Derry this month: call 07484507178.

DIVINE MERY PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND

22-27th May 2018.

Flying Belfast—Kracow
Cost £718 (hold baggage extra)
Savings scheme Thursday
nights 8-9pm at Holy Family
Parochial House Deposit £100
Spiritual director Fr O'Kane
Tel.71267070 or 07732468511

OUTTER WEST CHRISTMAS FOOD APPEAL are looking for donations of non perishable foods and clothes for people in need. There is a box outside the sacristy with a list of what they need. You may leave your donations of tinned food, cereals, pasta, Pot noodles, sauce, tea bags, biscuits, toothpaste, toilet rolls, soap etc. and children's good condition clothing aged 4-10years. there.

BEGINNER ONLINE IRISH LESSONS Want to learn Irish but don't have the time to go to classes? Why not learn online from the comfort of your own home or out and about? For more info contact Mrs Larkin on 07488268208 or email fountoflearning@gmail.com

FOYLE YARNSPINNERS will meet tomorrow Monday 11th Dec. at 7.30pm in the Verbal Arts Centre Bishop Street. Guest this month is Fergus Cleary a well know storyteller and author from Donegal