

## 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 –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:** 1st and 3rd Saturday  
of the month at 7.00pm

## MARRIAGES

Three months notice  
Parochial House 71267070  
Email: [office@holyfamily-parish.com](mailto:office@holyfamily-parish.com)  
Web [www.holyfamily-parish.com](http://www.holyfamily-parish.com)

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

## PARISH GROUPS

Thurs 7.45pm Scripture Group  
New members always welcome!

**CHILDLINE FOYLE** Volunteer  
Information Meeting on Thursday  
22<sup>nd</sup> February from 5pm–6.30 pm. At  
ChildLine Foyle, Exchange House,  
Queens Quay, Derry Book a place by:  
[EmailingAmanda.doherty@NSPCC.org.uk](mailto:EmailingAmanda.doherty@NSPCC.org.uk)  
or calling 028 2044 1734

## ACTION ON HEARING LOSS

In Northern Ireland alone,  
approximately 300,000 (1 in 6) people  
are affected by hearing loss If you  
would like more information about  
our services contact Caroline  
Doherty, Information Manager on  
[infoni@hearingloss.org.uk](mailto:infoni@hearingloss.org.uk)

**Calling all Quizzers!** Are you over  
60? Get a team of friends together  
and enter the 2018 Jim Guy Perpetual  
Cup Quiz. All four members of each  
team must be over 60 The quiz will  
begin on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February at  
3.30pm at Malvern House, Chapel  
Road. For an entry form and further  
information, please contact Age  
Concern Derry/Older People North  
West 71 347478.

## SPRINGTOWN SCOUT GROUP

are recommencing on Tuesday 6th  
Feb. in Holy Family School. Places  
are available in Beavers 6-7pm  
Cubs 7-8pm Scouts 7-8pm Tel  
07709422477 for information



# HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Sun 11th Feb 2018 Vol.35 No 06

## WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

The theme for this year's Day of the Sick is provided by the words that Jesus spoke from the Cross to Mary, his Mother, and to John: "*Woman, behold your son ... Behold your mother.* And from that hour the disciple took her into his home" (*Jn 19:26-27*).

The unspeakable pain of the Cross pierces Mary's soul but does not paralyze her. Quite the opposite. As the Lord's Mother, a new path of self-giving opens up before her. On the Cross, Jesus showed his concern for the Church and all humanity, and Mary is called to share in that same concern. In describing the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the Acts of the Apostles show that Mary began to carry out this role in the earliest community of the Church. A role that never ceases.

'To Mary, Mother of tender love, we wish to entrust all those who are ill in body and soul, that she may sustain them in hope. We ask her also to help us to be welcoming to our sick brothers and sisters. The Church knows that she requires a special grace to live up to her evangelical task of serving the sick. May our prayers to the Mother of God see us united in an incessant plea that every member of the Church may live with love the vocation to serve life and health. May the Virgin Mary intercede for this Twenty-sixth World Day of the Sick; may she help the sick to experience their suffering in communion with the Lord Jesus; and may she support all those who care for them. To all, the sick, to healthcare workers and to volunteers, I cordially impart my Apostolic Blessing'. **Pope Francis**

**ASH WEDNESDAY.** The ashes are from burnt palms of the previous year. Please leave your palms in the sacristy before Tuesday. Ashes will be distributed at 10.00am and 7.15pm Masses on Wednesday.

**Special Collection for the Shrines of the Holy Land will be taken up at all Masses on Ash Wednesday.**

**SYMPATHY** We offer our sympathy to the families of Mary Lou Canning 31 Marianus Park and Sean Duffy 37 Buncrana Rd who died during the week. May they rest in peace.

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Patrick Holloway, Don Stewart, Marian McFadden, Ivor McEleney, Sheila Clarke.

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

**6.00pm** Anna McCloskey

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** 4th Feb €2025.35 and €115.20 Thank You.

**CURSILLO** will hold two “3-Day Weekends” in Termonbacca, *Men’s weekend* Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> until Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February. *Women’s weekend* Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> until Sunday 11th March. These are residential Weekends. For further info tel 07708066939 or 07841100174.

**PIONEER PLEDGE** Anyone going off alcohol for Lent is invited to take a short term pledge from Ash Wednesday - Easter Sunday. If interested tel. 71352285 or 351002

#### **DIOCESAN VOCATIONS INFORMATION EVENING**

Tuesday 27 February 2018, 6pm – 9pm, in the Parochial House, St Eugene’s Cathedral, Enquiries can be made via the Diocesan Vocations Director: Fr Paul Farren, Tel 71 264087emailddcc@derrydiocese.org

#### **SPECIAL DIOCESAN MASS**

The Annual Diocesan Mass for those with special needs, and their families and friends, will take place in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Steelstown, on Saturday 10th March at 3.00pm. If you have a child who wishes to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation or First Communion at this Mass please tel the Catechetical Centre on 71264087.

#### **Volunteers for World Meeting of Families – Dublin – 21<sup>st</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

The organisers require several thousand volunteers for the event. If you are interested in being part of this historic event as a volunteer, Madeleine Frissung, the Volunteer Outreach Co-ordinator for World Meeting of Families, will be holding an information session in Ardmore Parish Centre, Derry on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February starting at 10am. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, there will be an opportunity on the day to complete the required Garda vetting paperwork and other documentation. If you wish to attend the information session, please register your interest to: Safeguarding Office Diocesan Pastoral Centre 164 Bishop Street Email: [safeguarding@derrydiocese.org](mailto:safeguarding@derrydiocese.org)

**TROCAIRE BOXES** are ready for distribution. If you would be willing to help distribute please pick them up at the main door of the church.

#### **FAITH PROGRAMMES IN THORNHILL HOUSE DURING LENT:**

**Mondays** Personal Reflection & Group Meditation

**Tuesdays** Care for the Soul through the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius

**Thursday 1 March** Short Lenten Retreat Day For more details and to book, contact Thornhill Ministries at 028 7135 1233 or e-mail [thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org](mailto:thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org).

**Burning Hearts:** Why not take on something new for Lent? Join us at the IOSAS Centre and Celtic Garden for an hour on Thursday mornings during Lent for prayer with the Scriptures and reflection in the Celtic Garden. Starting on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb at 11am and finishing with light lunch at 12:15pm. Cost £5/€5

**Divine Mercy Conference 2018** Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> and Sun. 18<sup>th</sup>. February Speakers include Ralph Martin and the Founder of Mary’s Meals, Magnus MacFarlane -Barrow. Streamed live from RDS to Plaza Buncrana as in Previous years Mass and confessions on site as per RDS timetable

#### **FOSTERING in the WHSCT area -**

**Information Evening** Wednesday 21 February, Da Vinci’s Hotel, Derry at 7.30pm, WHSCT urgently needs people to foster children in the Western Trust area. Contact details: 82835264 or 71314240, or [Vanessa.Nelis@westerntrust.hscni.net](mailto:Vanessa.Nelis@westerntrust.hscni.net)

#### **DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND**

22-27th May 2018.

Flying Belfast—Krakow

Cost £718 (hold baggage extra)

#### **LOURDES NEVERE**

4th –10th July 6 nights

#### **MEDJUGORE**

29th August 7 nights

Savings scheme Thursday nights 8-9pm at Holy Family Parochial House

Tel 07732468511 for details

**Adult Faith Education for Lent** A 4 week programme focusing on the question ‘Who is Jesus?’ will begin in the new Emmaus Room beside Pennyburn church on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 8pm. Each session will finish at 9pm. Topics will include The Person of Jesus, Adult Prayer – loving listening, Introduction to the Bible, Catholic Social Teaching – the Church’s best kept secret. Peter Boucher will facilitate each session and everyone is welcome.

#### **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