

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
Web 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!

THE PRODIGAL GIRL

Great Poets have sung of the
beauties of home,
its comforts, its love and its joys;
How back to the place of its
sheltering dome I welcome the
prodigal boy.

They picture his father with a
pardoning smile and glittering
robes to unfurl;

But none of the poets thought it
worthwhile to sing of prodigal girl.

The prodigal son can resume his
old place as leader of fashion's mad
whirl,

With never a hint of his former
disgrace—not so for the prodigal
girl!

The girl may come back to the
home she had left,

But nothing is ever the same;

The shadow still lingers o'er the
dear ones bereft,

Society scoffs at her name.

Perhaps that is why when the
prodigal girl gets lost on life's
devious track;

She thinks of the lips that will
scornfully curl,

And hasn't the heart to come back.

Yes welcome the prodigal son to
his place,

Kill the calf, fill the free-flowing
bowl;

But shut not the door on his frail
sister's face,

Remember, she too has a soul.



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A LETTER TO THE PRODIGAL SON FROM HIS MOTHER

Dear Son,

We got your address from your cousin Isaac. He didn't go into any great detail about your job situation and lifestyle – didn't want to upset your father even more. Actually your father doesn't even know I am writing this. Ah, but it being Mother's Day and seeing all the other families together there's that ache in my heart where you used to be. As for your father – well, he's just not the same man since you headed off in such a hurry. He gets up early to head out pretending he has to go and count the cattle. But I know it's really to look down the road hoping that he might get a glimpse you coming in the distance. I see the tears in his disappointed eyes when he returns. It's not the bad price of cattle that has him so upset. He misses you so much. You know, you men are a strange lot, you feel deeply but you won't express it. But I do know this- he was, and still is awfully proud of you. Now he may not have shown it too much as you grew up nor did he ever say it but he really loves you. I am certain of that. Did I ever tell you about the day you were born; he was so excited with a smile the length of the barn door.

Son, if you feel like coming home we won't say anything cross to you. If Isaac's report is correct you've suffered enough. You don't have to earn our love – you have that already.

I won't plead with you to come home – that must be your decision. But if you do come, it would be the greatest gift you could ever give us.

With all our love.

Your Mammy



ST. PATRICK'S DAY Saturday is the Feast of St. Patrick and is a holyday of obligation. Masses will be Vigil Mass at 7.15 on Friday and Masses on Saturday 10am and 6.00pm.. There will be collection at for Clerical Education and Ongoing Formation at Masses

SYMPATHY We offer our sympathy to the family Sally Villa, St.. Eithne's Pk John Cassidy, Whitehouse Park, Maggie Brennan Allingham Close, Patricia Fisher, Friel Close Park who died recently.. May they rest in peace.

BAPTISMS

Thomas John Daly
Manorcunningham
Darcey Charley Campbell-Kelly
Norburgh Park
Cohen James Doherty
Glenabbey Close

ANNIVERSARIES

Michael Hampsey,
Bernard and Letitia Henry

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

6.00pm Grace Doherty

12.30pm Emma O'Reilly

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

6.00pm Fionan Barr & family

12.30pm Alexandra McCsllion & family

If you have a child for First Communion who is at a school outside the parish and who would like to carry up the gifts please leave your name and tel number in the parochial house.

SUNDAY COLLECTION 4th March £2198.52 and €109

Thank you for your generosity

ST PATRICK'S DAY at the IOSAS

Centre: Sat 17th March Mass at 11am in St Canice's Oratory followed by stew and wheaten bread in IOSAS Centre. Donations welcome towards lunch.

LENT RETREAT DAY: Thornhill

House Wednesday 21 March 9:45 am 2:30 pm led by Fr Paschal McDonnell ofm on the Theme 'Parable of the Family' Includes Eucharist and Lunch. To book, please contact Erin 71351233

Thornhill Ministries,

Poetry Evenings on the theme, "Noli Timere", exploring poems that comfort, console, challenge and transform. Dates: 7, 14, 21st March. Time: 7:30 - 9:00 pm. Suggested Offering £5.

Lenten Retreat Day - 'The Parable

of the Family' A threefold reflection on the parable of the family of origin, the family of Nazareth and the family of Humankind. Includes a celebration of Eucharist. Thursday 1 March. 9:45 am - 2:30pm. Suggested Offering £20.

The Quiet Hour Using art and scripture to lead into meditation. Tuesdays in Lent - 7:30 to 8:30 pm. Contact 71351233 for details or to book any of the above.

PASSPORTS The N.I. Passport Office has issued now guidelines which restricts me from signing passports for people who are not known to me personally. Accordingly I recommend Irish Passports

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

We need more Eucharistic Ministers especially for 12.30 Mass. Please put your name forward during the coming week if interested.

CATHOLIC ACTION A meeting for Catholic Action with a focus on the Family will be held on Thursday 22nd March in the Drummond hotel at 7pm. Free Admission. All Welcome!

The 2 Speakers will be John Lacken from the Catholic Voice newspaper and Anthony Murphy from the Voice of the Family.

IONA INSTITUTE NI invites you to: Conference: 'Into your hands...'; Achieving Best Care at Life's End Keynote speaker: Baroness Nuala O'Loan. 24th March; venue: St Mary's University College 191 Falls Road Belfast BT12 6FE. For further details please contact Iona Institute NI, email: ionainstituteni@gmail.com, phone: 028 92 646861, web: https://ionainstituteni.org/. Early booking is essential.

COUNTY DERRY FLEADH

LIMAVADY 24th May - 27th May 2018 - closing date for competition entries is Friday 13th of April contact Jimmyoharacce@gmail.com for registration forms and information

DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND

22-27th May 2018.

Flying Belfast—Krakow
Cost £718 (hold baggage extra)

LOURDES NEVERES

4th -10th July 6 nights

MEDJUGORE

29th August 7 nights

Deposit £100

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

Tel 07732468511 for details

FOYLE YARNSPINNERS will meet tomorrow Monday at 7.30pm in Verbal Arts Centre Bishop St..

FIRST COMMUNION DRESSES

Foyle Hospice Shop in Waterloo Place has brand new First Communion dresses for sale contact 71362927

RESOURCE CENTRE

Meals on Wheels Service (Mon - Fri)
Hairdressing Service (Thur - Fri)
Luncheon Club Canteen Facilities (Open to the Public)
Home Maintenance, Daycare Services
Please call The Resource Centre to avail of any of our services. Tel: 71-352832

Consumer Parliament

#Haveyoursay on Friday 23 March at the Guildhall, Derry

For further details and registration form, visit www.consumerparliament.org.uk/consumerparliament