

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:

Every Saturday at 7.00pm
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Holy Family School 71267798

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PARISH GROUPS

Tues: 8pm Choir Practice

Wed 8.00pm Adult Education

Thurs 7.45pm Scripture Group

New members welcome!

**People who fight fire
with fire usually end up
with ashes.**

COMPASSION AND HEALING

Compassion is not learned
without suffering.
Unless we have suffered and
wept,

We really don't understand what
compassion is,
Nor can we comfort someone
who is suffering.

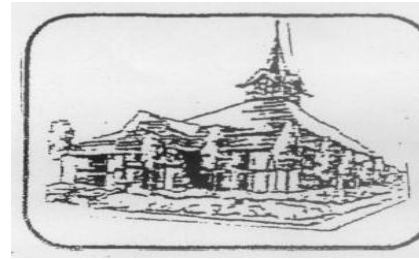
Unless we have walked in
darkness, we can't help
wanderers to find their way.

But if we have suffered we
become pathfinders for others.
And it is by reaching out to
others that we ourselves are
healed.

Jesus bore the marks of our
violent world on his body .
Those wounds were the proof of
his love.

They were the mortal wounds of
the Good Shepherd picked up in
caring for his sheep.

The wounds of Jesus are a
source of consolation, courage
and hope to us in our sufferings.
By his wounds we are healed.



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LIFE

Life is a fragile gift. Every moment is utterly unique. This should concentrate our attention on what we are experiencing now. But every moment is also fleeting. How quickly life's stream runs down to the sea. This fleetingness makes it all the more precious.

In the past the Christian religion tended to be identified with restrictions and prohibitions. Many of us were brought up on a theology of detachment from the world. This present life was viewed as nothing more than a time of trial and temptation. This kind of spirituality discouraged enjoyment of life.

But the Lord, the Good Shepherd, wants us to have life. Therefore let us not be so timid and fearful. Let us live whatever presents itself to us, because everything is a gift from God. Life is generous to those who seize it with both hands.

Mere existence is not enough for us. We are meant to live. Those who have lived fully and intensely, do not feel cheated at death. *Fear not that your life will end; rather fear that it may never have begun* (Thoreau).

The poet Patrick Kavanagh said:

*Autumn I'd welcome you
had I known love in Summer days.
I would not weep for flowers that die
if once they'd bloomed for praise.*

Jesus began his ministry with these words: *-Believe in the Good News'*
What is the Good News? The Good News is: *-I came that you may have life and have it to the full'*

SYMPATHY We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of Michael Bullock 77 Drumard Park who died during the week. May he rest in peace.

BAPTISMS Our parish family welcomes:
Jason Junior Morrow
12 Dunluce Court

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL
6.00pm Shea Devine

12.30pm Danielle Bristow

OFFERTORY PROCESSION
6.00pm Brendan Collins & Family

Anniversaries We pray for Eileen Quigg, James & Agnes Barr, Margaret Henry, Tony Redden, Noel Barr, Frank O'Donnell, Brigid McChrystal, Emma Ferguson Pat & Michael Jones,

SUNDAY COLLECTION 4th May amounted to £1691.20 and £125.35. Thank you .

HOLY FAMILY PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP will hold their monthly meeting (tomorrow night) Monday starting with Mass at 7.15pm, There will be two 1st class relics at the meeting, All welcome

GROUP GUIDED PRAYER Thursdays immediately after evening Mass. For quiet reflective prayer on the Gospel for Sunday. All welcome

THE LITTLE WAY NOVENA will take place in St Eugene's Cathedral from Saturday, 10th May - Sunday, 18th May. There will be a Novena Mass at 6.30am and 10.00am each morning and an evening service with a guest speaker at 7.30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

SINCERE THANKS from Sister Anne and Gerry Deeney to all who contributed in any way to the Easter Raffle in aid of the poor in Kenya, India, Zambia, Peru and Chile, by buying raffle lines, giving donations, etc. The total amount raised to date is £12,079.24 plus £345 This money will be sent to the different sisters for their work. Mass is being offered for you all in thanksgiving for your generosity and ongoing support. May God reward and bless each of you in a special way.

CONCERN is holding its Annual Scalp Walk in Burnfoot Sunday 18th May at 3pm. Please come along help our work with the poor by giving us a small donation. For more info tel: Eileen 71267798

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBANUS Bus trip to knock Sunday 25th May £10.00 return Tel. 07511769723

CHILDREN IN CROSSFIRE thank the parishioners for their ongoing support of the work. Envelopes will be available this weekend after Mass to donate to this vital work.

THE ALTNAGELVIN HOSPITAL CHOIR in St. Columba's Cathedral on Saturday 17th May at 8pm. Tickets £10 at the door.

The Annual Diocesan Lourdes Hospitalité collection will take place next weekend 17th/18th May. The Lourdes Hospitalité Fund is very dependent on the monies raised from this one collection to support people who are sick and in need of medical care. The strength of the collection determines the number of sick and the number of medical helpers that we are able to bring. To Lourdes

ST COLUMBA PILGRIMAGE WALK Walking Pilgrimage from Long Tower Church to Thornhill on Saturday, 31st May beginning at 9.00am. This pilgrimage will be a wonderful occasion to walk in prayer through the city stopping at some of the ancient sites of Christianity. If you would like to take part in the walking pilgrimage please telephone the Long Tower Parish Office on 7126 2301.

MAKING OUR FAITH FLESH AND BLOOD: BEING CHRIST'S BODY TODAY" with Timothy Radcliffe at Drumalis Retreat and Conference Centre, Larne on Saturday, 17 May The cost of the day is £35 per person and includes refreshments and lunch. For further information contact Drumalis during office hours tel 28272196/28276455 or email drumalis@btconnect.com

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LOURDES: 16-21ST JULY.

£625. Deposit £200.

Savings and Deposits Parochial House Thursdays 8-9pm
Tel 07732468511

APA. SUPPORTING ORPHANS in Africa. Musical Evening Sun. 18th May 8pm Da Vincis Hotel with The Melody Makers, Ottettoo Male Ensemble and Jacko. Doors open 7.30 Tickets £10 available at Da Vincis or Peigi Canavan 07725 751359 Jill Canavan 07739361830 Jane McIvor 07813068316

Mc MILLAN COFFEE MORNING Every Friday at 10am-12.30pm in Community Centre Shaw Court.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS available in the local area 7 nights a week. Contact AA at 90434848

THORNHILL MINISTRIES is organising a trip to the Holy Land 14-23rd September. Tel 71351233.

FOYLE HOSPICE FEMALE Walk/Run, Sunday 8th June, 1:30pm, Start Templemore Sports Complex and finish Ebrington Square. Register now at Foyle Hospice 61 Culmore Road 71359888 or Foyle Hospice Shop, Waterloo Place. Together We Care.