

MASSES

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm
Sunday 9.30am 11.00am, 12.30pm
Weekdays 10.00am, 7.15pm

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
Every Tuesday 10.30am-7.15pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 10.30am, and before
evening Mass
Weekdays after evening Mass

BAPTISM COURSES

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

BAPTISMS: One month's notice
Every Saturday at 7.00pm

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

PARISH GROUPS

Thurs 7.45pm Scripture Group
New members always welcome!

REFLECTION IN A WELL

Once a young boy stood watching a gypsy as he drank from a well in the town square.

After drinking, the man continued to gaze into the well, as though looking at someone.

He was a giant of a man but had a friendly face.

So the boy approached him and asked:

'Who lives down there?'

'God does' answered the gypsy.

'Can I see him?'

'Sure you can' said the gypsy.

Then taking the boy into his arms he lifted him up so that he could see down the well.

All the boy could see however, was his own reflection in the water.

'But that's only me' he cried in disappointment. *'All I see is me'*.

'Ah' replied the gypsy, *'now you know where God lives, He lives in you'*.



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Sun 11th June 2017 Vol.34 No 24

On my return from sabbatical leave I have spent the last few weeks trying catch up on my mail and reading the minutes of meetings I have missed. I have also expressed my gratitude to Fr Brown for looking after the parish so well in my absence as I said last week. On reading the minutes of the pastoral council some issues caused me concern. Accordingly, I have engaged in a listening exercise to get a better grasp of what happened in my absence. I have met all the members in the past week to give everyone a chance to report to me directly as Parish Priest and President of the council on how they interpreted what went on. In the course of this exercise several approached me saying *'Fr Paddy, we are nearly all past our 'sell by date'. I would like to step down. It's time for 'fresh faces' and whole new Pastoral Council.'* I consulted with Fr. Oliver Crilly who helped form the original council and has been our advisor over the years. His advice was that as four years was the maximum period a person could serve as a member and it was indeed time for the current council to disband and make way for those *'fresh faces'*. That process of forming a new consulting body will begin hopefully in the autumn after the summer recess.

I wish to acknowledge the generosity of their time and thank them for the years of service in making Holy Family parish the great place it is today.

May God reward them and bless them abundantly,

ANNIVERSARIES

Patricia Bradley, Michael Cocrane
Sheila Mcgeehan, Geraldine Murphy,
Suzie Sweeney, Leo & Mary Clifford
Anniversary Masses this week
Mon. 7.15 Joe Ferry
Sat. 6.00pm Robert Curran

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

12.30pm Olivia Johnson & family

PETERS PENCE COLLECTION
4th June amounted to £1944.41 and
€145.00

**Holy Family Padre Pio
prayer group** will hold their monthly
meeting (tomorrow night) Monday
12th June starting with Mass at
7.15pm, There will be two 1st class
relics at the meeting, All welcome.

THE ANNUAL SERVICE OF INTERCESSION FOR THE DEAD

takes place in the City Cemetery
today Sunday, 11th June at **6.00pm**
The County Board of Derry GAA
have given permission for Celtic Park
car parks to be open from 4.00 pm this
Sunday (11 June) to facilitate parking
for Cemetery Sunday.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBANUS

Day of Reflection. Saturday
17th June at IOSAS Centre, Muff.
9.30am -2pm. Everyone welcome.
cost £7.00 Tel 07711 842567

RNLI Lough Swilly are having an
'No Name Art Sale' at Bishop Gate
Hotel, Bishop St, Derry on
Wednesday 14th June

**100TH ANNIVERSARY OF
FATIMA APPARITIONS** in St
Brigid's, Carnhill Derry. Mass on
Tuesday 13th June to commemorate
the 2nd apparition at 7.30pm followed
by candlelight Rosary procession and
Eucharistic Adoration until 12
midnight with Rosary for world peace
every hour. All welcome.

**National Veneration of a Relic of St.
Mother Teresa of Calcutta.** A First
Class Relic of Saint Mother Teresa of
Calcutta will be present in St
Eugene's Cathedral on Friday 16th
June 2017. Welcoming ceremony for
the Relic is at 9.30 am prior to 10.00
am Mass. Veneration will take place
after Mass until the end of 7.30 pm
Mass. Closing Ceremony at 8.00 pm.

**National Holy Wells Day on Sunday
18th June**— you are encouraged to visit
your local ancient holy well or sacred
site and pray for the protection of
clean water. The Columba
Community have organised groups to
go to local Holy Wells at 3pm on this
day: St Columba's Wells in Derry; St
Mura's Well, Fahan; St Patrick's
Well, Grianan. All welcome to attend
any of these short services. For more
information contact IOSAS Centre
(00353) (0)74 93 84866 or
visit www.lovingsisterearth.com

**Pope Francis: 'vocations are born
in prayer, and only in prayer can
they persevere and bear fruit'.**

The Irish Bishops' *Council for
Vocations* has launched a prayer
initiative for an increase in vocations
to the priesthood and religious life in
Ireland. In this centenary of the
apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima,
parishes, schools and families are
invited to pray a decade of the Rosary,
for vocations in Ireland, on 13th of
each month from May until October
2017. Those taking part in the prayer
initiative are invited to use the social
media hashtag #Pray4Vocations

HOLLYBUSH Primary School
Invites all present & past pupils,
parents, staff and governors to Mass
on Thursday 15th June 2017 @ 7pm
Sacred Heart Chapel, Muff to
celebrate 125 years. Followed by light
refreshments served in the school

**ALL – IRELAND RALLY for
LIFE** Parnell Square: Dublin : 2pm :
1 July All Ireland Rally for Life. This
will probably be the last Rally before
a referendum which seeks to strip
away the right to life from precious
little babies. The time to stand for
LIFE is now. We need YOU to help
make this Rally the biggest it has ever
been. You can get a sponsored bus
from Buncrana: Contact Mary
086/3218303 or Liam 086/8242107

HOLY FAMILY PARISH PILGRIMAGES

LOURDES 23-28th July

Hotel Panaroma £669.

**MEDJUGORJE/BRELA
CROATIA**

30th August /6th September

€739 Deposit € /£150 Savings scheme
on Thursdays 8-9pm in Parochial
House.

Tel. Margaret 07732468511

**Part Time Parish Secretary
required:** Banagher parish is seeking
to appoint a part time Parish
Secretary. The successful candidate
will work on Monday
and Wednesday, 10.00am to
1.00pm, For an application pack
including job description and personal
specification please contact Banagher
Parish office on 77781223 or
email banagherparish3@btinternet.com
Closing date for applications is 12
noon on Friday 23rd June.

LOWER FESTIVAL St.. Mary's
Church Buncrana from Friday 16th –
Sunday 18th June €5 Donation. Tel
7493 61253 for further details.

FOYLE YARNSPINNERS will
meet tomorrow Monday at 7.30pm in
the Verbal Arts Centre Bishop St..
Guest is Gerry Lynch. All welcome,