

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 GROUPS

Thurs 7.45pm Scripture Group
New members always welcome!

INVITATION I have been thinking and praying about The Year of Mercy and how we might make it more special here in the parish before it ends in December. This is what I came up with. I am offering to call on your homes by appointment and in the evening bringing the Blessed Sacrament in a small monstrance. We can have appropriate scripture readings and prayers concluding with a Eucharistic blessing on your home. We could also celebrate a wedding anniversary or the death of a loved one or simply a blessing on the family. This invitation is only offered to those who have not already accepted in previous years. It is offered especially to those who have just moved into our parish as a welcome to our faith community .

Name

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Address.....

Tel No.....

Wedding Anniversary

Blessing on the Family

Anniversary of death of a loved one
Please fill in and return to Parochial house as soon as possible.



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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THE LOST PARABLES

The three parables of things lost and found emphasise the unending forgiveness of God and God's rejoicing for those who return. In each of the situations there is a frantic search for that which is lost and huge celebration when the lost is found.

In the third parable of the Prodigal Son there is much to reflect on. We hear that the younger brother eventually 'come to his senses'. We might pray today that God shows us the aspects of our lives in which we also need to 'come to our senses'.

As with all parables, we are left thinking and wondering, disturbed even. A sheep and a coin we can rejoice over, but when it is a person who had done us harm, hurt us in some way, it is a much deeper and more painful process. The elder brother in the third parable feels hard done by, is deeply hurt, full of anger and resentment, Luke being the excellent storyteller that he is doesn't tell us the outcome of the story; it is for us to finish for ourselves. The elder brother has two options: he can walk away full of resentment or he can try to let go of the anger he feels towards his brother, The latter is a more difficult path but it is the only one that leads to life, no matter how painful the journey may be. The Father stands there pleading for the elder brother to come in.

'Forgiveness isn't about releasing someone from accountability for his actions. It is about us letting go of our anger and resentment.'

SYMPATHY We offer our sympathy to the family of May East Templegrove and Proinsias O'Mianan Joyce Court who died during the week. May they rest in peace.

BAPTISM Our parish family welcomes:
Myla Hannah Breen 91 Marianus Park

YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE: Parishes in the Derry City Deanery will celebrate a Year of Mercy Pilgrimage today. The Pilgrimage will begin at 5.00 pm with a Service of Reconciliation and Confessions in St Columba's Church Long Tower. There will be an opportunity to pray in the presence of a relic of the One True Cross. Following Confessions at 6.30 pm the people will move in procession to St Eugene's Cathedral for Mass at 7.00pm celebrated by Bishop McKeown. All welcome.

ANNIVERSARIES
John Gallagher, John McMonagle
John Quigley Brigid McMenamin,
Annie Stokes.

SUNDAY COLLECTION 4th Sept. amounted to £2027.32 and €248.33 Thank you.

THE HOLY FAMILY PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP will hold their monthly meeting (tomorrow night) Monday starting with Mass at 7.15pm, All welcome.

LEGION OF MARY Bus to Knock on Sunday 25th Sept leaving Dunnes at 8.45. Cost £15 for details Tel Margaret 07938337677

Celebrating 10 Years of IOSAS Centre, Celtic Prayer Garden and White Oaks Acorn Project: Open Day on Saturday 24th September 11am – 2pm at IOSAS Centre where we'll have stalls of our own produce as well as local businesses; tours of the Projects, Face Painting, Arts & Crafts. Sunday 25th September at 3pm: Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by Fr Neal Carlin in St Canice's Oratory, Celtic Garden. All welcome to these events

BLESSING OF MOTORBIKERS
A Blessing of Motorbikers will take place in St. Aengus' Church, Burt today 11th September at 1.30pm. This year, we are having a short prayer service and blessing for all bikers and their bikes. All are welcome from all faiths and none. There will be a collection taken up for the R.N.L.I. and a Motorbike Run to the R.N.L.I. Station at Ned's Point, Buncrana.

HELP REFUGEES. Please leave donations outside the sacristy. **Today is the last day for the collection**

DUNLUCE FAMILY CENTRE
Would you like to learn Arabic? Come to Dunluce Family Centre on Tuesday 13th September 2.00- 3.30 £5 per class Tel Jennifer 71269833.

HIKE TO CROAGH PATRICK: one of Ireland's most famous mountains The trip will be on Friday, 7th October, for those aged 16+. Cost £30 includes dinner and bus. For further details Tel, Derry Catechical Centre on 71264087 or email ddcc@derrydiocese.org.

THE COLUMBA COMMUNITY invite you to a series of four evenings of prayer and sharing in Columba House, Queen St, from 7.30pm - 9.00pm. On 21st and 28th Sept, 5th and 12th October. For further info Tel 71 262407. All welcome.

EVERY LIFE COUNTS, a support group for parents whose unborn babies were diagnosed with life-limiting conditions, is holding a conference on perinatal hospice care on Wednesday 21st September from 6.00pm-8.40pm, at Riddel Hall, 185 Stranmillis Road, Belfast.

ST MARY'S COLLEGE DERRY will host a free Irish Cultural night. on Friday 16th September from 5-7pm. Refreshments will be served.

GDI are hosting a "Creating Connections, Bridge to Opportunities" event for anyone over 16yrs wanting to get advice on gaining employment, training or furthering their career opportunities on Friday 16th September 1.30pm -3pm @ Glenview Community Centre. all are welcome to attend.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE HOLY LAND (half board)
From 9th-17th October 2016.
Cost: £1275.€1495. Deposit £150.
3 nights Galilee, 4 nights Jerusalem Flying directly from Dublin
Tel Margaret 07732468511
Savings scheme now started in the Parochial House each Thursday evening from 8-9pm.

CULLEN SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCING new beginners classe in Doire Colmcille GAA clubhouse Lowry's lane form Saturday 17th Sept at 9.45am. Tel 71264548 for details.

FOYLE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY is holding the first meeting of the 2016/17 in the Central Library on Monday 12th September at 7 PM. Everybody welcome.

CÉILÍ CLASSES will resume in the A.O.H. on Monday 12 September at 9pm. to 11pm.

FOYLE YARN SPINNERS, Stories, song and poems. Monday 12th Sept, 7.30- 10.00 Free event all welcome, Verbal Arts Center, Derry

Foyle Hospice 'Yer Man's' Male Walk Run on Sunday 25th September.