

**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  
Saturday 5.30pm-6.00pm  
Tuesday and Thursday :before or  
after evening Mass

**BAPTISM COURSES**

1st & 3rd Thurs of the month 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**

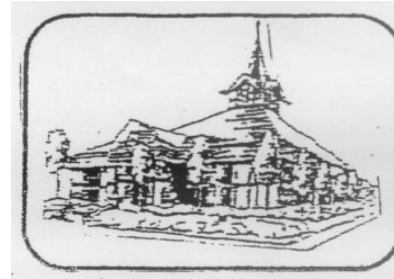
**11am Choir** practices Tuesday at  
7.45 . New members welcome  
**Scripture Group** Thurs 7.45pm  
New members always welcome!

**A.A.** Fridays and Sundays at 8.00pm  
in Upper Room.

**ST. EITHNE'S SCHOOL  
20TH ANNIVERSARY**

We congratulate Mr. Terence McDowell and his staff of St. Eithne's on their 20th Anniversary. Having witnessed the planning, the turning of the first sod and the building of the school a large part of my priesthood here in this parish here was taken up by this wonderful school where the children seem so happy and the values of our Catholic faith are being so faithfully passed on to the next generation. The school got its name from Eithne who was mother of St. Colmcille patron saint of our city and diocese

Bishop Donal Mc Keown will celebrate a Mass here on Friday next 17<sup>th</sup> January at 11am to mark this 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary All current and former staff, pupils and their parents are welcome come along to attend.



**HOLY FAMILY  
CHURCH**

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**BAPTISM**

Baptism was not over and done with the day we were taken to the font.

We are baptised by all that happens to us in life.

We are baptised by hardship; in its turbulent waters we are purified of all that is false and useless.

We are baptised by suffering; in its murky waters we grow in humility and compassion.

We are baptised by joy; in its gurgling waters we experience the goodness of life.

We are baptised by love; in its singing waters we blossom like flowers in the sun.

Baptism is like the planting of a seed. It will take a lifetime for this seed to grow and ripen

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**A DIFFICULT ISSUE**

Our Church toilet is being used as a public toilet. This would not be a problem if people treated it with respect but sadly this is so often not the case. As the large notice on the door states '*These toilets are for the use of worshippers only. This is not a public convenience*'. This appeal has fallen on deaf ears so the side door will be closed from this Monday on, except for Mass times and on Tuesdays when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed. The main church will remain open at all times for those who wish to pay a visit.

**SYMPATHY** We offer our sympathy to the family of Susan Harley Farland Way who died during the week. May she rest in peace.

**BAPTISM** Our parish family welcomes:  
Carter Joshua McMullan,  
Springtown Ct.  
Riordan Ward Kavanagh Court

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

John Curran, Mary Burnett  
Mary McLaughlin Sean McCashin,  
John & Lily Mellon Veronica Brolly  
Brendan & Monica Coyle,  
Sean Mulrine, Danny Nelis,  
Beibhinn Hegarty Devine  
Noleen Kelly, Michael McEleney Snr  
Michael McEleney Jnr. Jenny Friel,  
John and James Moyne

**SUNDAY COLLECTION 5th Jan.**  
£1998.89 and €135.28 Standing  
Orders £375

**TERMONBACCA** There will be Ten Nights and Ten Episodes exploring the Catholic Faith in "Catholicism" which will take place in Termonbacca, beginning on Thursday 16th January, at 8.00 p.m. and will continue each Thursday night An invitation is extended to all those wishing to enter into the Riches of our Catholic Faith.

**CHILDREN IN CROSSFIRE**  
Please return your donations box this weekend. For any more

information [shauna.oneill@childrenincrossfire.org](mailto:shauna.oneill@childrenincrossfire.org) or 71269898

**TRAINING OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE** The Diocese in conjunction with Youthlink NI is offering an exciting training opportunity for young people aged 16-18 interested in Youth Work and Leadership Training. If you are interested contact Yvonne Rooney the Diocesan Pastoral Youth Leader 71264087

[yvonne.rooney@derrydiocese.org](mailto:yvonne.rooney@derrydiocese.org)

**TRAINING OPPORTUNITY FOR ADULTS** The Diocese is also offering a training course for adults interested in Parish Pastoral Ministry. This course will be a Level 2 Certificate in Youth Work Practice and it will run over 5 Saturdays and a few evenings beginning on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March If interested please contact Yvonne Rooney for details 71264087 or an application form [yvonne.rooney@derrydiocese.org](mailto:yvonne.rooney@derrydiocese.org)

**SAFEGUARDING** Any concerns in regard to Safeguarding children or adults in need of protection within the Church contact: Noel O'Donnell, Diocesan Pastoral Centre,, 71362475, mobile 07596500793 or Celine McKenna, Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 71362475, mobile 07707311358 PSNI ( 101) or Social Services: Gateway Team 71314090,

**FOYLE YARNSPINNERS** will meet tomorrow Monday 13th January in Verbal Arts Centre Bishop Street at 7.30pm. All welcome.

**MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND**, hosted by Catholic Marriage Encounter Ireland, offers married couples of all ages in a good relationship, private time to rekindle the joy of their love. The next (residential) Weekend (*Fri 8.00pm to Sun 4.30pm*) will be held in Dromantine Retreat Centre, Newry, from 31 January- 2 February. For further info and to book, Tel 07702812321 or 00353(87) 2162436 [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie)

#### **OPEN DAYS**

**Lumen Christi College Open Evening – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January P6 & P7** pupils and their parents/carers are invited to visit Lumen Christi College for the Annual Open Evening on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January between 4.00pm and 6.30pm. Principal's Address: 4.00pm & 6.00pm in College Assembly Hall. Guided tours of departments will be provided by pupils Website [www.lumenchristicollege.co.uk](http://www.lumenchristicollege.co.uk)

**ST COLUMB'S COLLEGE, OPEN DAY** Saturday 18th January Parents and prospective Year 8 pupils are invited to visit St Columb's College for our annual Open Day 10.00 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. for prospective pupils with Surnames A -

#### **HOLY FAMILY PILGRIMAGES 2020 MEDJUGORE**

30th May –6th June  
Cost £589 Deposit £100

**LOURDES 3rd-8th July**  
Cost £699 Deposit £200  
Tel Margaret 07732468511

for details  
Savings Thurs: 8-9pm in

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12.00 noon - 1.30 p.m. for prospective pupils with Surnames M to Z. The Principal's Address will be at 11.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m.

**SLIMMING WORLD** at Holy Family School every Thursday 5pm-7pm. Tel Valerie 07756455438

**BHCP LUNCH CLUB** Luncheon Club Every Friday 12noon Ballymagroarty Community Centre Lunch is free

**Parent & Toddlers Group** Ballymagroarty Community Centre 9:30 – 12:00 every Wednesday. £1 per child. Refreshments available for all.

**THE O2 GURUS** will be back in Malvern House on Tuesday January 14<sup>th</sup> between 1—3pm. This is a chance to get individual assistance with smart phones, apps, tablets. If you need help with technology, book an appointment now. Ring 71 347 478 email [development@olderpeoplenortwest.org](mailto:development@olderpeoplenortwest.org)