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

Eve of Holydays & eve of First Fridays:

10.30am. and before evening Mass **BAPTISMS DATES**:

Every Saturday at 7.00pm Parochial House 71267070 Email:office@holyfamilyparish.com Web www.holyfamily-parish.com

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

PARISH GROUPS

Tues: 8pm Choir Practice
Thurs 7.45pm Scripture Group
New members welcome!

THE FIRST CHRISTIANS

Defending the Christians before the Emperor Hadrian Arisdies, a non Christian said of them:

'These Christians love one another.

They never fail to help widows/ They save orphans from those who would hurt them.

If a man has something, he gives freely to the man who has nothing.

If they see a stranger, Christians take him into their homes and treat him as a brother.

And if they hear that one of them is in jail or persecuted for professing the name of their redeemer, they all give him what he needs.

If it is possible they bail him out. If one of them is poor and there isn't enough food to go around, the fast several days to give him the food he needs.

We are dealing with a new kind of person.

There is something divine in them'



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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CEASE DOUBTING AND BELIEVE

While Jesus was alive Thomas was as strong as an oak.

But when Jesus was put to death, be became a reed shaking in the winds of doubt.

The truth was, though he didn't realise it at the time, that it was the Master who was the oak.



He was a mere sapling growing in his shade.

When the oak fell he was defenceless.

All of us are shaken by the winds of doubt.

We need to look at the Lord's wounds, and hear his gentle voice saying to us:

'Cease doubting and believe'

SYMPATHY in peace.

BAPTISM Our parish family THE welcomes: Mya Rose Stewart Cherrytree Rise Knoxfield

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

If you have a First Communion child who is attending a school outside the parish and who would like to carry up the gifts at Mass please leave your name address and telephone number in the Parochial House

SUNDAY COLLECTION 5th April amounted to £2620.74 and €267.79 Thank you.

Anniversaries We pray for Gerry McDonald Ted McGinley, Neil and Eleanor Scully, Stella Cooke Stuart Corrigan, Anne Marie Taylor, Charlie Ramsey, Maggie Bradley, Jim Quinn Tony & Brendan McGeady

THE HOLY FAMILY PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP will hold their (tomorrow monthly meeting night) Monday 13th April, starting with Mass at 7.15pm, There will be two 1st class relics at the meeting, and all are welcome.

We offer our TROCAIRE BOXES All remaining DERRY DIOCESAN LOURDES sympathy to the family and friends of Trocaire Boxes should be handed in as PILGRIMAGE -Gerard Carton, Dunluce Court and soon as possible. This year the Pilgrimage is happy to say that there is Noleen Hargan Allingham Close who Government has agreed to match your a full care team in place to provide died during the week. May they rest donations £1 for £1. Please return any Trocaire boxes as soon as possible.

> **DERRY COMMUNITY** is now approaching avail of this care needs a special its second year. If you are aged application form. These and all other between 18 and 25 and interested in application forms may be obtained taking a gap year, the DYC could be from the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office at for you! Throughout the 10 months the Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, spent living in community, you will Derry. Tel: 71260293. gain a qualification, create lasting friendships and help to deepen young CYCLE AGAINST SUICIDE are an people's relationship and friendship Irish charity who wish to promote a with Jesus. If you are interested in suicide prevention message "it's ok finding out more information about not to feel ok and it's absolutely ok to the Derry Youth Community, you can ask for help". Hundreds of cyclists contact us on 71262894, email will be joining a cycle from Belfast to dyc@derrydiocese.org or visit our Dublin landing in Derry on 28th April. website

www.derryyouthcommunity.com

Lough Derg **Pilgrimage Season** opens Saturday 2nd May with One Day Retreats which continue on 3, 4, 9, 10, 12, 16, 17, 19, 23, 25. 25 of May. Advance booking is essential. The Three Day Pilgrimage season begins on Friday 29th May. You can begin the Three Day Pilgrimage any day between 29th May 13th August. booking not required. Contact Lough Derg 00 353 71 9861518 email. info@loughderg.org

The Diocesan medical/nursing/wheelchair assistance to pilgrims who would like to register for support. Anyone who **YOUTH** wishes to be part of the pilgrimage and

> They need people with a spare room to offer cyclists a bed for the night of the 28th and a meal. They would like people to register as a homestay host on www.cycleagainstsuicide.com or contact Siobhan O'Neill 07769652259

World Record Attempt in Derry, organised by the Irish Churches Peace Sunday, 26th April @ 2pm. Event aids Project in partnership with the children of the Chernobyl Register University of Ulster. Everyone is your interest via Derry City Social welcome Club, 19, Crawford Square or contact Siobhan on 07588866865

HOLY FAMILY PILGRIMAGE

LOURDES 16-21st July Dep £150 Cost £605 (plus coach)

Contact Margaret 07732468511 or 71267070. Saving scheme now open. Thursdays 8-9.

.LETS **TALK** Community Relations: The Stories Behind the conflict - are we moving on? Can we? Is the past behind us? unique opportunity to participate in guided community relations tour of areas impacted by the troubles. The event will bring together two elements - dialogue and research with a view to helping us understand where we are at with each other & where our society is at in regard to these complex themes. It will take The Verbal Arts Centre on Thursday 16th April @ 11am, includes lunch and will finish with a light on evening meal at 5pm. Booking is essential, to register or find out more call John on 07841919794 or email Are you up for a challenge Guinness john@icpp.info This event is being