

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:

30th June

7th, 14th 28th July

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HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

This weekend the Olympic Games come to an end. What has impressed me is the religious fervour of many athletes, whether blessing themselves before they begin or sending a prayer of thanksgiving skywards to heaven when they have just won.

Katie Taylor had the whole country jumping for joy last Thursday evening on winning her gold. During her interview her devout Christian faith came across as she praised and thanked God.

As I write this article on Friday evening with one corner of my eye on the TV screen I see the Ethiopia winner of the ladies 5,000 meters holding a picture of Mary Mother of God and kissing it repeatedly.



This Wednesday we celebrate Mary's Assumption into Heaven. She is the first tabernacle and she is indeed the *Cause of Our Joy*. Without Mary's 'Yes' it would be impossible for us to achieve eternity in Heaven. It has been imagined that in the moment between the angel Gabriel's request and Mary's answer at the visitation, that the whole of Heaven held its breath. What great reward has been given for such a great sacrifice! Sitting at the right hand of Jesus, Mary constantly intercedes for us.

Wednesday is a holyday of obligation. Masses will be **Vigil Mass** Tuesday at **7.15pm and 10am, 12.30pm and 7.15pm** on Wednesday evening. Collection for Sisters of Nazareth will be taken up at Masses. Please use the envelope in your box.



BAPTISMS We welcome into parish family:

Lily Rose Duffy, 12 Killary Road
 Lola May Laura White, 42 Corrib Court
 Kacey May Lynch, 97 Drumard Park
 Emily Angel McCusker, 9 Johnfield Pl.
 Chloe Rebecca McCay, 28 Rosskeen Pk.
 Connor Shaun Nixon, 16 Allingham Cl.
 Shanece Robinson, 38 Hawthorn Drive
 Grace Molly McRory, 117 Templegrove
 Charley Catherine Lynn, 4 HawthornWay Blathnait
 Mary Hagan, 16 Glenabbey Pk

Fr. O’Kane would be grateful if someone would give him a group photograph of all those baptised on 28th July as they stood around the altar at the end.

NEXT BAPTISM dates 18th August 1st Sept, Fri. 14th and Sat 29th Sept.

SUNDAY COLLECTION 5th August amounted to £1908.41 and €138.55
 Thank You.

Anniversaries We pray for
 Charlie Begley, Kathleen Saunders
 Tony Long, Martin Tope
 Kathleen Henderson

EXPOSITION and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will continue this Tuesday, after 10am Mass until 7.15 pm.

HOLY FAMILY PADRE PIO GROUP two 1st class relics present at the meeting tomorrow Monday starting with Mass at 7.15pm. All welcome

Mass for the Feast of the Assumption will be held in St Canice’s Oratory in the Celtic Prayer Garden, Lenamore Road at 7:30pm on Wednesday 15th August. Refreshment served later. All welcome

Fr Neal Carlin will conduct a short Healing Service and Blessing for all who wish to participate in a guided tour of the Celtic Peace Garden and lunch 22nd August. Music, memories and laughter with Tracey McRory and Dinny McLaughlin. Donation €10/£8 Booking is essential. Tel IOSAS Centre 00353 7493 84866

BHCP collection outside the church grounds this weekend to help with the summer Festival which runs from 15th-19th August. Family Fun day on 19th August at Ringfort Rd.

ALZIMERS SOCIETY Foyle Memory Walk 2012 Sunday 2nd September St Columb’s Park, Derry (Browning Drive Entrance) Registration from 1:00pm

Derry Samaritans Annual 4-ball tournament at City of Derry Golf Club today Sunday 12th August. All welcome! All proceeds to Derry Samaritans

RNIB Pop Up Shop One Day sale in former priceless Shoe Shop Strand Rd. Friday 17th August 11am-3.00pm. Buyers wanted. Donations to RNIB 1st Floor Embassy Building Strand Rd.

Na Magha Hurling and Camogie Club will be running their annual Summer Camp from Monday 20th August -Friday 24th August 11.00am-2.00pm at Pairc Na Magha (top of Ballyarnett Country Park). Cost £10 or £15 for a family. Everyone welcome. For further information contact Mal: 07746633001.

PARENTING N.I—are delivering a 6wk programme aimed at parents who have separated, divorced or thinking of divorce. Starting on Thur 20th Sept—25 October from 7pm-9pm. To register call 0808 8010722

SILVER SAVER CAMPAIGN is calling on food retailers to introduce a pensioner ‘Discount Day’ to help older shoppers cope with the rising cost of living enabling them to maintain a healthy diet. Show your support, sign a petition at www.silversaver.org.uk or Tel 028 90312089

NWRC A limited number of course places are still available – to find out more call into the College at Strand Road from Thurs 16 th Aug - Thurs 24th Aug, 10am-12.30pm or 2-4pm. Tel: 028 7127 6000 or visit www.nwrc.ac.uk

FUN SOCCER ACADEMY at Templemore Complex from Monday 13th—Thur 16th Aug for boys & girls aged 5-17. from 10am-3pm daily. Lunch 12-12.30pm. For bookings Tel Sean Davis on 028 71263044.

Good Morning Northwest is looking for volunteers to make daily calls to the elderly and vulnerable adults in the Derry area. tel Shauna at 71353694 or call at 82a Brookdale Park