

### 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:

Every Saturday at 7.00pm  
Parochial House 71267070  
Email:office@holyfamilyparish.com

Parish Sisters 71260398  
Holy Family School 71267798  
St. Eithne's School 71377077  
www.holyfamily-parish.com

### PARISH GROUPS

Tues: 8pm Choir Practice  
Wed 8.00pm Adult Education  
Thurs 7.45pm Scripture Group  
New members welcome!

## GOD'S CALL

God's call comes to us in many different ways and at many different levels.

However, his call is not so much a voice as a tug at our hearts, which we feel at quiet and reflective moments in our lives.

He is calling us to a deeper and more authentic life.

He is calling us into intimacy with himself.

He is calling us into community with others.

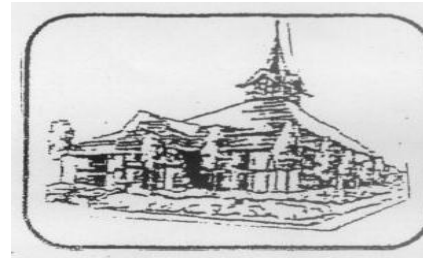
And at a death he will call us into eternal life.

To accept means to admit our need.

Jesus said 'Woe to you who are full now, for you will go hungry'

But Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled'

A sense of something missing in our lives is not a curse but a blessing. A Spiritual hunger is God's way of inviting us to his banquet.



## HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Sun 12th Oct. 2014 Vol.31 No 38

### BLACK TIE ONLY

Weddings can be a stressful time. Have you ever seen the TV show 'Bridezilla' which pokes fun at the demands certain brides place of their families and wedding guests? Inevitably the bride ends up falling out with family and friends in her quest to organise the 'perfect' wedding.

Admittedly the wedding industry can be mind-boggling. Some wedding invitations even come with a dress code for guests. But it is difficult to imagine what sort of bride or groom, or their parents, would evict a wedding guest just for wearing the wrong style of clothing.

Yet here is Jesus telling us that the kingdom of heaven is just like that. Those who are not prepared for this banquet will find themselves 'thrown out'. It is hard to reconcile a loving, merciful God with such a heavy-handed approach. Except it is not really up to God, is it? Look again at the reaction of the different groups to the king's generous invite. The first group were 'no-shows'. The second group was not interested despite a reminder of the hospitality on offer and some were openly hostile. And of those who accept the invitation, some did not embrace the experience wholeheartedly. The guest who had no wedding garment was unprepared, and unappreciative of the gifts on offer. Perhaps his heart just wasn't in it.-the choice is ours alone.

**SYMPATHY** We extend our sympathy to the Sisters of Mercy on the tragic deaths of two of their sisters last week.

May Long Hegarty, Bealachmor who died during the week May they rest in peace.

**BAPTISM** Our parish family welcomes:

Amelia Sarah Cassidy 21 Ardgrange

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** 5th October amounted to £ 1925 and p185.14 Thank you.

**Anniversaries** We pray for Tony Anderson, Brian George Leman Elizabeth Moyne, Jim Feeney, Anne McGratton, Iris Quigley, Eddie Keogh, Frank Quinn

**PRAYERS OF FAITHFUL**  
**6.00pm** Paula Love

**12.30pm** Aimee McGinley

**OFFERTORY PROCESSION**  
**6.00pm** Dearbhla McDaid & family

**12.30pm** Jessica Wade & family  
These children will make their First Communion next year.

**PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP** will hold their monthly meeting tomorrow night Monday 13th October starting with Mass at 7.15pm, There will be two 1<sup>st</sup> class relics at the meeting, All are welcome.

**PARISH NOVENA** to Our Lady of Perpetual Help begins on **Monday 20th October** at the 7.15pm Mass and will end before Christmas with our traditional Penitential Service

#### PARISH DRAW

**This weekend we launch our Christmas Parish Draw. We call for your support in making it a success. If you would like to help please get in touch with the parish office. Tickets will cost £5 each. Books of 10 £45. The prize money will be £2,500, £500, £100. We hope that every family in the parish will buy at least one ticket to help meet the running costs of our parish.**

**GROUP GUIDED PRAYER**  
Thursdays immediately after evening Mass for quiet reflective prayer on the Gospel for Sunday. All welcome

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** 1 - 6 July. The *Youth Team* will be part of this pilgrimage. Young people participating in the Pope John Paul II Award can apply to be part of the *Youth Team*. Applications available from [www.derrydiocese.org](http://www.derrydiocese.org). then email to [derrypilgrim@outlook.com](mailto:derrypilgrim@outlook.com) or by post to Derry Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop

**SR BREEGE MCKENNA** is earnestly requesting we pray for those lay Missionaries who are helping the hungry and destitute, particularly Christians, in North East Iraq.

**FIRST STEPS IN MEDITATION** Thornhill College, Culmore Road on Thursdays 16/23 October & 6/13 November from 7.30 to 8.30 pm Cost: £4 per night. To book please contact us at 71351233 or [thornhillcentre@derrydiocese.org](mailto:thornhillcentre@derrydiocese.org)

**YOUTHLIFE** is running their **Growing through Change** programme for young people aged between 11 ó 25 years of age who have experienced bereavement and loss as a result of death, divorce or separation. The programme will take place from Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October until Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October in The Sanctuary, Muff, There is no charge for this programme. For an application form please contact Deidre 71377227 or visit us at [www.youthlife.org](http://www.youthlife.org) or call into the office on 23 Bishop Street.

**PRECIOUS LIFE**, would like to thank everyone who signed a submission postcard for the Project Justice campaign. 35,000 people signed one of our Project Justice Postcards which was by far the largest response to any consultation the N.I. Assembly has ever received. Contact us on 90278484 or email at [info@preciouslife.com](mailto:info@preciouslife.com)

**SHARING FAIR ST COLUMBA HERITAGE CENTRE** on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> from 6.30pm and Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> from 10.30am. A an opportunity to get some unique handcrafted gifts and help a worthy cause. Sharing Fair is an innovative initiative of Good Shepherd Sisters as a way of ensuring a fair wage for the talented and creative women producing handcrafted items in countries such as Thailand, Kenya and El Salvador. All welcome.

**SLIMMING WORLD** at Holy Family School every Thursday 5.-7.00pm. Tel Valerie 07756455438

**CHOIR DIRECTOR REQUIRED.** St Columba's Church, Long Tower is seeking a director for The Mixed Voice Choir. The Choir provides music at Mass on Sundays and at other major Church Feasts e.g. Easter Ceremonies and Christmas If interested contact Oonagh at the Parish Office, 18 Pump Street, tele 71262301 or email [longtower@derrydiocese.org](mailto:longtower@derrydiocese.org).

**They That Wait on the Lord: An Uncharted Journey**", a new book by Fr Neal Carlin of the Columba Community. Having recently celebrated 50 years in the priesthood this book reveals Fr Carlin's journey of both joy and pain. Available from Columba House, 11 Queen St, Derry, Iosas Centre, Derryvane, Muff and Veritas bookshops. Tel:71 262407