

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

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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 COLUMB'S COLLEGE, DERRY OPEN DAY

Parents and prospective Year 8
pupils are invited to visit St
Columb's College for our annual
Open Day on
Saturday 19th January

Session1 is from 10.00a.m. 11.30a
for prospective pupils with
Surnames A to L.

Session 2 12.00-1.30pm
for prospective pupils with
Surnames M to Z.

The Principal's Address will be
at 11.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. For
further information please visit
www.stcolumbs.com

LUMEN CHRISTI COLLEGE
OPEN EVENING – P7 pupils and
their parents/ carers are invited to visit
Lumen Christi College for the annual
Open Evening on Monday
21st January between 4.00pm and
7.00pm. Principal's Address: 4.00pm
Guided tours of departments will be
provided by pupils. Parents of current
pupils will be available to share their
experience with visitors.

- www.lumenchristicollege.co.uk

ST JOSEPH'S BOYS' SCHOOL
invites all P6 and P7 boys to their
Open Night on Thursday 17 January
2019 from 7pm – 9 pm. Principal's
address at 7pm.



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Today's Gospel tells us that the people were 'filled with expectation'. It sounds like a very exciting time as they wonder who this prophet John could be. John must have been a very dynamic and inspiring teacher as the people speculated if he were the one they had been waiting for, He uses all his attention for one purpose: to point people to Jesus. There are many people in our own lives who have pointed us towards Jesus, perhaps by invitation to an event or a retreat or by sharing a reflection with us at just the right time. In them we see something special and interesting that makes us wonder in our hearts and seek a little further. They are the John the Baptists in our lives, pointing us towards the Lord like signpost along the way. John humbly responds to the people by saying 'One who is more powerful than I is coming' He emphasises that it is He who will really set their hearts on fire. While the words concerning 'winnowing forks' seem harsh we might interpret them as speaking of God's power to transform our lives through Jesus. When Jesus enters into the narrative, Luke emphasises that He is at prayer and it is then that this powerful experience of God occurs. A nice meditation for today is to repeat the last sentence of today's Gospel, imagining God speaking these words to you 'You are my Daughter/Son the beloved with you I am well pleased'

HEALING MASS

Sometimes I get this request 'Dad is very ill. Could you please call but tell that you were just passing? We don't want to scare him.' It is unfortunate that the healing richness of the Sacrament of the Sick has been lost and so often simply seen as 'The Last Rites'. Accordingly, I will be celebrating a Mass of Healing and Anointing with holy oil for all forms of illness, here in Holy Family on Tuesday 22nd January at 7.15pm with special prayers of healing for those suffering from depression and mental illness. All welcome.

SYMPATHY We offer our sympathy to the family Patrick Smith O'Casey Court and to the parents and family of baby Beibhinn Hegarty-Devine, Friel Close Eddie Curran Springvale Park who died during the week. May they rest in peace.

BAPTISMS Our parish family welcomes:
Shea Daniel Johnson Carleton Court
Aedan Lucas McCafferty
Killala Park
Oisín Forfor Wilson
Alton Park Edinburgh.

ANNIVERSARIES
Linda Sewell, Kathleen Dunne
Brendan & Monica Coyle
Sean McCashin, Jim McCarron,
Maureen Melaugh

OFFERTORY PROCESSION
6.00pm Aoife & Eilis O'Kane
& family

12.30pm Luca Doran & family

SUNDAY COLLECTION 5th Jan
£1992.29 and €121.15
Standing Orders £160.

JOB OPPORTUNITY – Marketing & Programme Manager, Celtic Prayer Garden & Iosas Centre, Derryvane, Muff. Email goldenagecentre@hotmail.com or call (00353) 74 9384866 for application pack. Closing date for completed applications: 5pm on 18th January

JOHN PAUL 11 AWARD There will be a meeting of all those who wish to take part in John Paul 11 Award tomorrow Monday 14th January in the Upper Room..

MASS IN REMEMBRANCE OF SR. CLARE CROCKETT will take place in Termonbacca today Sunday 13th January at 7.00 p.m.

ACCORD DERRY Marriage Preparation Workshops February 8th/9th 2019 22nd & 23rd March 2019. Booking now online at www.accordni.com

THORNHILL MINISTERIES *"Look Both Ways"* A meditation and prayer morning to mark our entry into 2019 will be held at Thornhill Ministries, Culmore Road, on Monday 21 January from 10:30 am to 12:15 pm. Cost - £10 (includes light lunch) Tele 71351233 oremail thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org : www.thornhillministries.co.uk.

CHILDREN IN CROSSFIRE Children in Crossfire Advent boxes can be placed in the containers at the entrance to the chapel this weekend and next weekend the 20/21st January. Your donations are helping provide a key to the future for Children in Ethiopia, through quality education, health care, nutrition and clean safe water. Thank you for your support.

ANNUAL WATERSIDE WALK AND PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY **Wednesday 23rd January 2019** Commencing at St Columb's Church, Chapel Road at 7pm, All Saints Church of Ireland, Clooney Terrace, finishing in Clooney Hall Methodist Church, Clooney Terrace, this will be followed with light refreshments in Clooney Hall. A collection will be taken up for Indonesia

ST BERNADETTE'S PLAYGROUP, Hazelbank have places available for September 2019. If your child is born between 2 July 2015 and 1 July 2016 you can apply for a place through the Education Authority Apply between 2 January and 31 January through the Education Authority website. If you need help please call to the Playgroup.

ANNUAL DERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES will take place from **4 - 9 July 2019**. The Pilgrimage Office, 164 Bishop Street, Derry, is now taking enquiries from anyone who might intend to participate in it. The opening hours of the Office are: Thursday & Saturday 11am - 1pm.

AA Can't Stop Drinking? Call Alcoholics Anonymous 90351222 Two meetings weekly in immediate area Meetings daily within Derry area

HOLY FAMILY PILGRIMAGES 2019
MEDJUGORE 2nd –9th July
£579 Deposit £100
LOURDES
11-16 July . Cost £689
Savings and Deposits Thursday
8-9pm in Parochial House

Eye testing for the housebound Local opticians Douglas & Cobane offer a FREE home visiting service for the housebound in the community. They also provide specialist eye testing for those with Autism and learning disabilities. To make an appointment please visit the practice at 46 Spencer Rd, or tele 71 343803.

DATA PROTECTION Because of the new legislation the names of those who are in hospital are not available from now on. Accordingly, the only way we have of knowing if you have a relative from the parish in hospital will be if you fill in the cards available in the church front porch. Please leave the card in the sacristy or parochial house and Fr O'Kane will try to give your loved one a visit as soon as he possibly can,

Older People North West/ Age Concern Derry offer one to one computer tuition every Monday and Wednesday between 11am and 2pm Tel 71347478