

### 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

### BAPTISM COURSES

1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month at  
8pm

**BAPTISMS: One month's notice**  
Every Saturday at 7.00pm

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### PARISH GROUPS

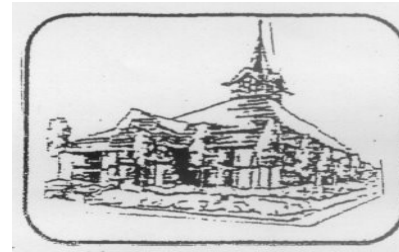
Tues: 8pm Choir Practice  
Thurs 7.45pm Scripture Group  
New members welcome!

**ICONS AT EASTER** exhibition in  
St Columbs Cathedral, where  
approximately 70 of our  
blessed icons will be on display from  
19th -22nd March from 9am-5pm

### OVERNIGHT PILGRIMAGE TO

**KNOCK:** Join Veritas and James  
Kilbane for this Pilgrimage, departing  
on Thursday 7 April from Derry at  
8am. Mass in Apparition Chapel at  
4pm, Celebrant Fr Gerry Gillespie,  
music by James Kilbane. Overnight  
stay in the McWilliam Park Hotel,  
Claremorris Total cost £85 For  
booking and further information  
contact: Marie or Lucy at Veritas Tel;  
7126 6888.

**Derry Central Library :** Monday  
14th March **2pm** Irish Traditional  
Music: 1916 and its aftermath A  
talk by *Robbie Hannan*, NMNI and a  
recital by *Dermot McLaughlin*,  
**7pm** A Celebration of Irish Music  
and Culture An evening of dance,  
song, music and storytelling with *The  
Foyle Harp School, Link Music  
Academy, Pat McCafferty, Madeline  
McCully Brian Mullan* *The  
Legenderry School of Irish Dance*



## HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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### OPEN THE DOORS

Today marks the third anniversary of the election of Pope Francis. His papacy has been marked by a focus on openness. Forgiveness and mercy—summed up perhaps, in his oft quoted remark ‘*who am I to judge?*’ So prevalent is his focus on God’s mercy that Pope Francis has declared this Jubilee Year of Mercy as a special year to receive blessing from God and remission of sins.

St. Eugene’s Cathedral has a Holy Door which we are invited to enter. Pope Francis has called on us to open wide the doors of our hearts to forgive others and not to exclude them. ‘*When we go through that door, it is good to remember that we must also open wide the doors of our hearts*’, he said, suggesting that before we pass through the Holy Door, people should pray ‘*Lord help me to open the doors of my heart*’.

The Holy Door remains open because it is the sign of the welcome that God himself reserves for us. Accordingly he door of our hearts must always be open to not exclude anyone.

In today’s Gospel about Christ and the woman who committed adultery we meet a Jesus who is merciful and kind and who challenges us all to stop in our own haste to make harsh and rash judgements. ‘*Who am I to judge?*’

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY** Thursday is the Feast of St. Patrick and is a holyday of obligation. Vigil Mass on Wednesday at 7.15pm Masses on Thursday will be 10am 12.30pm and 7.15pm. **Please note there will NOT be Mass at 5pm on St. Patrick's Day.** There will be collection at all Masses for Clerical Education and Ongoing Formation of priests .

**SYMPATHY** We offer our sympathy to the family of Susan Donnelly 52 Inchview who died during the week. May she rest in peace.

**BAPTISMS** Our parish family welcomes:  
Sarah Marie Wray 32 Sandale Park  
Zara Eleanor Atkins 55 Groarty Road

**ANNIVERSARIES Mickey Feeney**  
Bernard & Letitia Henry Lily Phelan,  
James Doherty Eileen McGinty  
Gerard Doherty

**OFFERTORY PROCESSION**  
**6.00pm** Dylan Saunders & family  
**12.30pm** Keila Macfarland & family

**READERS MEETING** There will be a meeting for readers in the church on Tuesday 15th March at 7.45 to

arrange the Holy Week Ceremonies **HOLY FAMILY PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP** will hold their monthly meeting (tomorrow night) Monday 14th March starting with Mass at 7.15pm, There will be two 1<sup>st</sup> class relics at the meeting, and all are welcome.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS** If you would like to be considered as a Eucharistic Minister please leave your name & phone number in the Sacristy

**THE POPE JOHN PAUL STUDENTS** will meet this Monday at 8.15pm in the committee room above the church.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION 6th March** amounted to £2210. and €144.95 Thank you.

**SERVICE OF HEALING AND RECONCILIATION** for parents who have grieved after a miscarriage, abortion or death of a young baby will be celebrated at 7.15pm on **Monday 21st March**. Anyone wishing to enrol their baby's name in the Memorial Book may do so in the Sacristy today Sunday after Mass. All welcome

**THE COLUMBA COMMUNITY** presents 12 steps and True Spiritual Awakening Serenity Retreat on Sunday 20th March 3pm-8pm in Whiteoaks Centre. Tel 7493 84400 for

bookings.

**TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS** – St Patrick's Day, 12:45pm, St Mary's Church, Lisnaragh Road, Aughabrack, Dunamanagh

**DEBATE NIGHTS WITH BISHOP DONAL McKEOWN**

Aged 16 to 21? Come and discuss relevant issues with Bishop Donal McKeown on Sundays from 7.00 pm to 8.00pm in St Mary's College, Northland Road.

**VOCATIONS INFORMATION**

**DAY** – Is God calling you to be a priest? A Vocations Information Day will be held at Ardstraw House, 21a Buncrana Road, Derry, , on Saturday 19 March 2016, at 11.00am. For further enquiries or to confirm attendance please contact Fr Paul Farren, Diocesan Vocations Director: emailddcc@derrydiocese.org or Tel 028-7126 4087

**THE NAME OF GOD IS MERCY':** A Lenten Retreat Day on the theme of 'Mercy'. Includes prayer, input, Eucharist and Lenten lunch. Facilitator: Helena O Donoghue rsm Tuesday 15 March. at 9:45am to 2:30 pm. in An Grianan Hotel, Burt. Cost: £20. For further details, contact Sr Perpetua at 71351233 or email [thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org](mailto:thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org)

**PARISH PILGRIMAGES**  
**HOLY LAND** (half board)  
From 9th-17th October 2016.  
**Cost:** £1275.€1495. Deposit  
£150.

3 nights Galilee, 4 nights Jerusalem Flying directly from Dublin

**LOURDES** (full board)  
16th –21st July £605

Tel Margaret 07732468511  
Savings scheme now started in the Parochial House each Thursday evening from 8-9pm.

**ACCORD** Are you interested in joining a team that helps prepare couples for Marriage? For further information: Rosemary Tel 71362475

**I AM Alive,** Christian ROCKS concert on Easter Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> of March, St Columb's Hall, Derry, 8pm-10pm. Join us in a musical celebration of our love for Jesus and his love for us. A 14 piece band will deliver music in a fresh new way that will lift your soul and inspire your faith. Tickets: Adult £10, Students £7 and are available @ Veritas.