

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
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!

.The Big Invite' comes from our awareness that we miss them , that we yearn for their return and now invite them back to the practice of the faith. Last Tuesday 36 people were commissioned here to bring the 'The Big Invite' to every home starting this week with upper Ballymagroarty. If you did not make the meeting and would still like to help don't worry—just come to the upper room on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday at 6.50pm. I have asked the Rosary group to pray, as they have done before, an Our Father or Hail Mary for each family in the areas being visited. The rest of this pastoral outreach we leave to the Holy Spirit

CURSILLO 30th ANNIVERSARY

This year is the 30th anniversary of the Cursillo movement in Derry. There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving on 24th Sept in St. Eugene's Cathedral celebrated by Bishop Donal. Anyone who has done Cursillo is invited.

There will also be a Retreat based loosely on Cursillo talks on 25th-27th Sept in Termonbacca. All are welcome Tel 07594292438 for further details..



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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THE BIG INVITE

Drop a stone in a pond and you will see ripples leaving the centre in concentric circles getting bigger as they move.

That is the image I used in my homily at all Masses last weekend as I explained what 'The Big Invite' was all about. At the centre of the parish you have the priests, the next ripple is the parish staff and parish sisters, the next is made up of the pastoral council, finance council, the next includes the Legion of Mary, St. Vincent De Paul, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, the Bereavement, Rosary and Scripture Groups, Cleaners, Counters.

Then in the next ripple you have those who attend Mass faithfully every week and the housebound who receive Holy Communion at home and support the parish with their prayers.

The last ripple is by far the largest of all—it is made up of more than 80% of the people here at Holy Family (or more) whom we only see at weddings, baptisms, funerals, Christmas or Easter.

BAPTISMS Our Parish family welcomes:

Aiden Francis Harkin
13 Drumlaheen Cres.
Braeden James McLaughlin
75 Rosskeen Park
Scarlett Hendrix Orla McDaid
102 Norburgh Park
Cian Patrick Murray
1 Drumlaheen Cres.

ANNIVERSARIES We pray for Agnes Doherty, Lizzie Morrison

SUNDAY COLLECTION 6th Sept amounted to £2142.05 and €204.33 Thank you for your generosity.

HOLY FAMILY PADRE PIO prayer group will hold their monthly meeting tomorrow Monday starting with Mass at 7.15pm, .

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

ST JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIEST SOCIETY A quarterly meeting of the society is to take place in Termonbacca today Sunday 13th Sept. at 3pm. All welcome.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK: People intending to join Bishop McKeown on pilgrimage to Knock on Saturday 26th September are invited to gather behind the Diocesan banner for 1.15 at the Apparition Chapel. For further details tel Geraldine on 07517965752

MASS FOR THE SICK will take place in the Termonbacca on Tuesday 15th September at 8 p.m.

LEGION OF MARY Pilgrimage to Knock Sunday 27th Sept. Cost £12 adults £6 children. Tel Patsy Harkin 07849797702 or Margaret Mullan 07938337677

ST. FRANCIS TEAM Adoration Monday 3-4pm in Oratory. Meeting on Thursday 17Sept.6-7pm

A COFFEE MORNING will take place in Ballymagroarty Community Centre on 25th Sept 9.30am - 2pm, with raffles and knitted teddys for sale. All proceeds will go to MacMillan. Everyone welcome

Derry Diocesan Youth Choir is a great opportunity for young people from across the diocese to come together in fellowship, and engage in their faith through music. If you are aged between 12 and 21 and are interested in becoming a member of the youth choir, then contact Naoimh Moore on 07714882955 or email n.moore@derrydiocese.org.

DUNLUCE FAMILY CENTRE Affordable Childcare! Are you a working parent? If you find childcare difficult during school closures call into Dunluce Family Centre, 15 Shaw Court, , Monday - Thursday 9.00am – 5.00pm and Friday from 9.00am – 2.00 pm or tel Jennifer 71269833.

25TH ANNIVERSARY LONG TOWER SPRED GROUP A Mass to celebrate this special anniversary will take place at the 12 noon Mass on Sunday, 20th September in the Long Tower Church. Refreshments will be served after Mass in the Cherry Blossom Bakery, Aras Cholmcille. Everyone welcome.

THE HELPING HANDS a booklet for the homeless Launch in Central Library on Monday 14th Sept 6.15pm

The Poetry of John O Donohue Mary Murphy will be exploring the richness and beauty of a selection of John O Donohue's deeply spiritual poetry. Begins Thursday 24 September. Time: 7.30 to 9.00 pm in Thornhill College, Culmore Road. Cost:£5 per night. Tel, Thornhill Ministries at 71351233.

PATHWAYS is a two-year course for adults who wish to explore their faith. . Cost: €250 for the coming academic year (Oct-June). Booking is now open.

1st Saturday of every month - Begins 3rd October 2015 (10:00a.m-4:30p.m). For more information visit: www.raphoepastoralcentre.ie Tel: +353 (74) 9121853 Email me at: gdohertryraphoediocese@gmail.com

SLIMMING WORLD GROUP at Holy Family School Thursdays 5pm and 7pm Call or text Valerie 07756455438 for information

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND

From 8th-15th October 2016.
Cost: £1275. Deposit £150.
3 nights Galilee, 4 nights Jerusalem Flying directly from Dublin to Tel Aviv
Savings scheme now started in the Parochial House each Thursday evening from 8-9pm.
Contact Parochial House for Itinerary

World Youth Day 2016 is celebrated every three years, each year moving to a different country, with the Pope presiding over the event. WYD is an excellent opportunity for young people from across our diocese to come together, in fellowship, with other young Catholics from around the world, to share and engage in their faith. Next year, the Derry Diocese will be bringing a pilgrimage of young people to Kraków, Poland from **Friday 22nd July – Monday 1st August**. If you are aged between 18 – 35, and would like to take part then contact the Catechetical Centre 71264087 Registration closes on **Monday 30th November 2015**.

University Students –The Catholic Chaplaincy @ Queen's Belfast Re-opens on Monday 21st September Sunday Mass at 8pm starts 27th September Daily Mass at 12.15pm (12.45 during exams) from 28th