

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

Parochial House 71267070

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Web www.holyfamily-parish.com

Parish Sisters 71260398

Holy Family School 71267798

St. Eithne's School 71377077

PARISH GROUPS

11am Choir practices Tuesday at
7.45 . New members welcome

Scripture Group Thurs 7.45pm

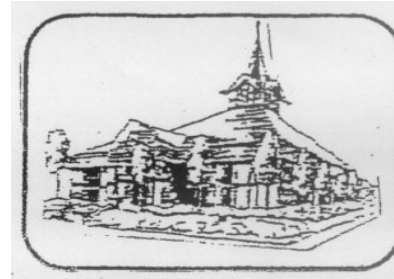
New members always welcome!

A.A. Fridays and Sundays at 8.00pm
in Upper Room.

WEEKEND OF PRAYER

The North's Bishops have asked every parish to dedicate this weekend to prayer for the protection of the unborn and for women facing difficult pregnancies.

As you leave the church please take an envelope which contains a postcard. Then send it to your MLA. A list is provided in the envelope to assist you.



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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SAYING THANKS

Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend.

What a difference an 'attitude of gratitude' can make! Pope Francis has spoken of the importance, in family life of saying 'thank you'. Of course, it is not the words that are important but the intention and meaning behind them. To say thank you means, 'I appreciate you'. The Irish for thank you, *go raibh maith agat* is much more expressive than the English. It translates 'May you have goodness' or 'I wish you goodness'. It serves to soften and deepen a relationship.

Today's Gospel is often described as a story about faith, and it is true that Jesus emphasises the faith of the man who was healed. But it is also very much a story about gratitude. The man who turns back to Jesus has had his life transformed and he is eager to thank him. You may be puzzled by the meaning of the last words spoken by Jesus 'Your faith has saved you'. Surely he had already been saved from his illness, as indeed had the other nine who showed no gratitude? The all received the same gift. But by thanking Jesus, the Samaritan has entered into a relationship with him; he has become his friend and disciple. This is what Jesus means when he says he has been saved.

Gratitude is an important part of faith. What blessings do you have to be grateful for today? Have you let God know and thanked Him?

SYMPATHY We offer our sympathy to the family of Paul Cooley O’Riada Court who died during the week. May he rest in peace

BAPTISM Our Parish family welcomes:
Rachel Wray, Sandale Park

ANNIVERSARIES

Mary & Richard King, Robert Herron Frank Quinn, Baby Jamie Boyle Elizabeth Moyne Bridget Doyle, Annie McGratten Leigh O’Coney

SUNDAY COLLECTION 6th October £2029.55 and €100.65 Standing Orders £375

THORNHILL MINISTRIES, 121 Culmore Road, ‘

Spiritual Reading Book Club Interested in spiritual-religious writings? **Join our Book Club!** Review books and stay in touch with current issues and theology. This month’s chosen book is *Heart Speaks to Heart* by Dermot Mansfield (story of John Henry Newman). Copies available for purchase. Tuesday 22 October at 10:30 - 11:45am Suggested Offering £5. All welcome!
‘She Inspires Me’ A series of meditative mornings that allow women from the Scriptures to inspire us as we are led into reflection on texts from the

Bible. The mornings will be held in Thornhill House, Time: 10:30 am - 12:00 noon :on Mondays 14, 21 & 28 October. Suggested Offering £7.50. For more info tel 71351233 email thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org

POPE JOHN PAUL 11 AWARD There will be a meeting on Tuesday 22nd and Thursday 24th October at 8pm in the Church. It is important that any young person wishing to do this award and their parents attend one of these meetings

Derry Diocesan Trust, Three Patrons Parish, Pastoral Youth Ministry Co-ordinator required: 10 month contract to cover maternity leave (possibility of extension). 30 hours per week. For an application pack please telephone 71262302 or email: payroll@derrydiocese.org or . Closing date for applications Wednesday 16th October at 5.00pm.

Three Patrons Parish, : Part Time Housekeeper. Permanent Contract 10 hours per week – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 11.30am – 2.00pm each day For application pack please email: payroll@derrydiocese.org. Completed applications must be returned to Personnel, Bishop’s House, St Eugene’s Cathedral, Francis Street, or via email no later than 5.00pm on Wednesday 23rd October .

Banagher Parish: Part Time Parish Financial and Administrative Secretary, 9 hours per week – days and hours flexible. For an application packemail: payroll@derrydiocese.org or telephone 71262302. Completed applications to be returned to Bishop’s House, St Eugene’s Cathedral, by Wednesday 16th October at 5.00pm

Coastal Rosary for Life, Faith and Love: Join in with thousands of people all around Ireland, as we gather on our coasts, near rivers, in our churches, at grottos etc. to pray the Rosary for Life, Faith and Love today Sunday October 13th at 2.45pm on Lisfannon Beach

THE DIOCESAN LAUDATO SI GRUP is running a Season of Creation Workshop in the Emmaus Room, Pennyburyn Church on Saturday 26 October, from 10.00am – 1.00pm. Pope Francis has asked all of us to engage with these fundamental issues. To book or for more information contact Mary on 079199 15958 or Patricia on 077119 00420.

Fr. Bill *Healing & Faith Renewal* Retreat, given by Fr. Anthony Saji V.C. Mon 4th- Fri 8th November St. Mary's Convent,

**HOLY FAMILY
PILGRIMAGES 2020
MEDJUGORE** end of May
LOURDES July
Savings have begun for these trips

Knock. For details, contact Roisin - 074 93 63336

Could You Foster? The Regional Adoption and Foster Care Service is recruiting foster carers to meet the growing demand of children and young people who need to be cared for in Northern Ireland. You can apply to foster whether you are married or single; you have children of your own or not; you are in employment or are claiming benefits; you own or rent your own home. All foster carers receive financial allowances, ongoing training and 24-hour social work support. If interested , please contact website www.adoptionandfostering.hscni.net or phone on 0800 0720 137.

SAFEGUARDING Any concerns in regard to Safeguarding children or adults in need of protection within the Church contact: Noel O’Donnell, Diocesan Pastoral Centre,, 71362475, mobile 07596500793 or Celine McKenna, Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 71362475, mobile 07707311358