

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

BAPTISMS DATES:

Every Saturday at 7.00pm

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Parish Sisters 71260398

Holy Family School 71267798

St. Eithne's School 71377077

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PARISH GROUPS

Tues: 8pm Choir Practice

Thurs 7.45pm Scripture Group

New members welcome!

ASH WEDNESDAY falls this week.

The ashes as you know, are from burnt palms of the previous year. Please leave your palms in the sacristy before Tuesday. Ashes will be distributed at all Masses on Wednesday. Eucharistic Ministers are asked to come forward to help distribute ashes at all Masses.

Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence.

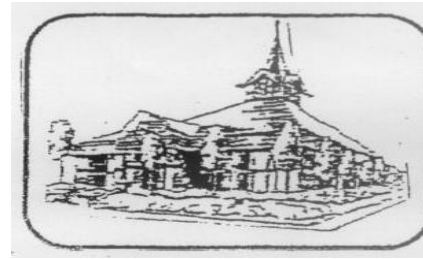
During Lent there will be an **extra Mass** Monday & Friday at 5.00pm beginning on Ash Wednesday **Stations of the Cross** after evening Mass on Mondays and Fridays.

Special Collection for the Shrines of the Holy Land will be taken up at all Masses on Ash Wednesday

Derry Youth Community's upcoming Events: Revival on the last

Wednesday of every month at 8:30pm in St Eugene's Cathedral. Young people in year 10 and over are welcome to an hour of music, a talk, discussion and prayer, followed by social time and food. The next Revival is on the 25th of February.

DEBATE NIGHTS with Bishop Donal Mc Keown. This event is open to young people aged 16 -21, and will take place during five weeks of lent. The event is hosted in St Mary's College and will take place on Sundays at 7pm for one hour. It commences on 22nd of February.



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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YEAR OF RELIGIOUS

I was told by an old priest a long time ago -Stay close to the nuns because even if all your friends let you down they will always be there for you. When I was appointed a curate to Melmount Strabane there was no housekeeper and I cannot cook. The nuns across the river kept me alive for two weeks until I got somebody,

We have been blessed abundantly here in Holy Family by the sisters in Sheelin Park. They have involved themselves at every level of pastoral activity in the parish and we are all the richer by their presence. Sometime during this special Year for Religious we will have a Mass in the church in their honour. We will invite back all the sisters who have ever worked here.

One of these would have been Sr. Margaret Mary who died during the week. She was a member here of the St. Vincent De Paul Society and helped lay the foundations of our Pastoral Council. I went to her wake last Tuesday morning to pay my respects to a much loved nun on my own behalf and on behalf of the parish which she served so faithfully for many years. May she rest in peace.

SYMPATHY We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of Phil McCusker O'Riada Court, Jonathan O'Neill Coshquin Road and Brendan McCauley, Dunluce Court.

Bridie Hannaway Farmhill who died during the week. May they rest in peace.

SUNDAY COLLECTION 8th February amounted to £2342.09 and £130.10 Thank you.

Anniversaries We pray for Johnny Crumley, William Duffy, Jenny McLaughlin, Kathleen McHugh Mary Doyle, Patrick Taggart, Anne Ellis, Kevin Coyle

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

6.00pm Jodie McLaughlin & family

12.30pm Pdraig Duncan & family

LENTEN EXTRA MAGAZINE will be on sale this weekend £1.50

LOURDES HOSPITALITE The Annual Collection which helps those who are sick and cannot afford to go to Lourdes, will be taken up as you leave the church **this** weekend.

MASS FOR THE SICK will take place in Termonbacca on Tuesday 17th February, beginning at 8 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

ACCORD DERRY Marriage Preparation Workshops *March 6th/7th May 8th/9th 2015*
www.accordni.com Contact Accord
Tel 71362475 derry@accordni.com

DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE 21st & 22nd Feb Streamed live from RDS to Plaza Buncrana Sat Confessions on site / Sun Mass at St Mary's Oratory.3.30pm.Celebrant Fr Frank Bradley PP. Refreshments served.. Adm. £5 per day or make a donation Enquiries 087 419 6045/07493 62444.

LENTEN RETREAT Fri 20 - Sun 22 Feb directed by Fr Eddie Butler (Birmingham) Theme: What would Jesus Have Done? A Lenten journey with Pope Francis. Residential £140 Non Residential £80 Contact: Ards Friary Tel: 074 9138909, Email: info@ardsfriary.ie

POEMS FOR SPRINGTIME ó Mary Murphy will explore a selection of poems by Mary Oliver and other poets which offer us, in their uniquely different ways, a route to the Divine. Dates: Thursday 26 Feb & 5/12/19/26 March. Time: 7.30 to 9.00 pm. Venue: Thornhill College, Culmore Road. Cost: £5 per night. To book, phone Thornhill Ministries at 71351233

LITTLE ACORNS 3 Benview Est are now taking names for Sept 2015 we offer Mon-Fri from 8.45am-12.45pm for children from ages 2-4 Tel 71308508

ST. FRANCIS Meeting Thursday 19th February in the Oratory

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PROGRAMME A few places are still available for any parent who would like to take part in an ELKLAN speech and language programme. This will take place in Holy Family School commencing on Thursday 26th February 2015 at 7.00pm. This 2 hour, seven week programme supports parents in assisting the development of their children's communication skills. Please contact the school office on 71267798 to book a place.

DERRY CREDIT UNION LTD YOUNG PEOPLE'S AWARDS Nomination forms for 2015 are now available at the Derry Credit Union office and on www.derrycu.com. The awards ceremony recognises the positive contribution of young people across seven categories. Nominations from family and friends are welcome. Deadline for nominations is 5.00 pm Friday, 27th February.

LENTEN PLEDGE Many people choose to abstain from alcohol for the duration of Lent. Take this opportunity to help someone you know with an alcohol or drug problem by offering up your sacrifice as a prayer for their freedom and well-being. Take the Short-Term pledge and make a difference to someone's life! For more information visit www.pioneerassociation.ie

HOLY FAMILY PILGRIMAGES

- 1) **LOURDES** 16-21st July
Dep £150 Cost £605 (plus coach)
- 2) Saint John XXIII comes from Sotto il Monte, near Padua. To honour this new saint we have our first pilgrimage to this area of his birth. It is also associated with St. Anthony whose relics are there. Also four days at Lake Garda **15-22nd September.**
Deposit £200 Cost £795
Contact Margaret 07732468511 or 71267070. Saving scheme now open. Thursdays 8-9.

PARISH SECRETARY 20 hours per week Application packs are available to download at www.steelstown@aol.com or by telephone: 71351718. Completed applications must be returned no later than Friday, 6 March at 3pm to The Parish Priest, 11 Steelstown Road, Derry,

BOOK FAIR Action With Effect will be having a Book Fair on Sat 28th Feb and Sun 1st March from 11am to 5pm in St Peter's Hall, Culmore Road Prices from 50p per book. All proceeds go to feed leper families.