

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 Wednesdays of the month
at 8pm

BAPTISMS: 1st and 3rd Saturday
of the month at 7.00pm

MARRIAGES

 Three months notice

Parochial House 71267070
Email:office@holyfamily-parish.com
Web www.holyfamily-parish.com

Parish Sisters 71260398
Holy Family School 71267798
St. Eithne's School 71377077

PARISH GROUPS

Thurs 7.45pm Scripture Group
New members always welcome!

WORKING FOR CHRIST

To do the work of Christ is
really quite simple.

It means to be faithful in little
things, for to be faithful in
little things is a big thing.

It means to do one's task, no
matter how humble not only
thoroughly but joyfully.

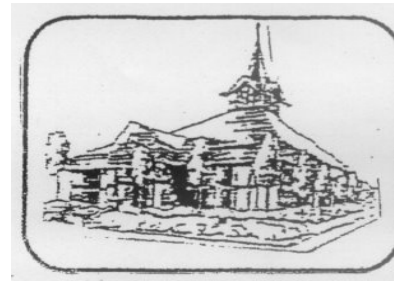
It means to make oneself
available, yet never seek the
limelight.

It means to make oneself
useful, without seeking to
push oneself.

It means to carry one's own
burden, without, as far as
possible, becoming a burden
on others.

In a word, it means to be at
one's post, helpful and
faithful, loyal and constant.

*Lord, make me an
instrument for building up
your kingdom*



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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BIRTHDAYS NEED TO BE CELEBRATED.

A few days ago I celebrated my 70th birthday. Thank you to all who wished me well. Of all the cards I received this message stood out: Birthdays need to be celebrated. I think it is more important to celebrate a birthday than a successful exam, a promotion, or a victory. Because to celebrate a birthday means to say to someone *'thank you for being you'*

Celebrating a birthday is exalting life and being glad for it. On a birthday we do not say *'thanks for what you did or said or accomplished'* no we say *'thank you for being born and being among us.'* On birthdays we celebrate the present. We do not complain about what happened or speculate about what will happen, but we lift someone up and let everyone say *'we love you'*. Celebrating a birthday reminds us of the goodness of life and in this spirit we really need to celebrate people's birthdays every day, showing gratitude, kindness, forgiveness, gentleness, and affection. These are ways of saying *'it's good that you are alive; it's good that you are walking with me on this earth.* Let's be glad and rejoice. **This is the day that God has made.**

(Quotation come from 'Here and Now Living in the Spirit' Henri J Nouwen 1994)

SYMPATHY We offer our sympathy to the family of Eddie Duffy Yeats Court and Aodhan O'Donnell, Strangford Park who died during the week. May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES

Margaret Campbell, Annie Stokes, John Mongan, Anna Doherty, Bernadette Collins, Esther McEleney

SUNDAY COLLECTION 7th July
£1803.47 €127.31

THORNHILL MINISTRIES

Forthcoming Events: Afternoon Tea for Past Pupils/Boarders of Thornhill College 29 July

We are Spiritual Beings on a Human Journey - Summer Retreat to help us look reflectively at life's experiences - 10 to 15 August.

Immersed in Heaney - Includes the 'Essence of Heaney' workshop and visit to Homeplace, Bellaghy - 31 August/1 September.

For details, please contact Thornhill Ministries 71351233 email thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org.

LOUGH DERG 2018: The Three Day Pilgrimage is currently open. You may begin on any day until Monday 13th August. Advance booking is not necessary. The Lough Derg team can help you to co-ordinate public transport or link up with Pilgrimage Organisers in your locality - phone Lorraine on 071 9861518 (from NI +353) email: info@loughderg.org

DERRY DIOCESAN YOUTH COORDINATOR

This post represents the continuing development and commitment in Youth Ministry by the Diocese of Derry and will be a challenging undertaking for the successful candidate. The main focus of the post will be working with young people, schools and parishes to help them live their faith vibrantly in their school, parish and community. Engaging young people in faith and the activity of the Church will be the post holder's priority. Application Form, Job Description and Personal Specification may be obtained by emailing office@derrydiocese.org or by telephoning (028) 71262302 during normal office hours. Completed applications must be returned to: The Diocesan Offices, Saint Eugene's Cathedral, Francis St, not later than 4.00pm on 25th July

YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL, Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary from Thursday 16th - Sunday 19th August For young people aged 16-35, an experience not to be missed to experience the Catholic Faith and meet many new people with over 1000 young people from all over Ireland attending last year. The festival is donation only. Free buses available from all around Ireland. For more info and to book online, see www.youth2000.ie

KNOCK SHRINE Family Focus Week Mon 16th - 21st July

Jesuit Week / Week of Ignatian Spirituality 24-31 July '*Your Life, Your Story, Your Pathway to God*' Further details are available from www.knockshrine.ie/familycentre. Tel 094-9375320

AUTISM INITIATIVES - Support for Adults with Autism Do you have an Autistic Spectrum Condition (ASC) and living independently? If so, Autism Initiatives currently provide a FREE 1-1 floating support service to help you with the skills you need to improve your quality of life. ring 02871 318172 or 07792422680, or email thomas.carlin@ai-ni.co.uk

OLDER PEOPLE NORTHWEST There will be a presentation, Friends against Scams, delivered by Community Banker, Stephanie Roberts in Older People North West, Malvern House, Chapel Road on Wednesday 18th July at 12.15pm. Learn how to protect your bank accounts and recognise when you are being scammed. All welcome.

SOLAS A Special needs charity has put out an urgent appeal for **Retired Teachers** to help provide 1:1 support to children, with additional educational needs-ring 02890 247600, Mobile 07729 779242 or email anne@solasbt7.com for info

.HOLY FAMILY PILGRIMAGE

MEDJUGORE

29th August 7 nights

Deposit £100

Savings scheme Thursday nights 8-

9pm at Parochial House

Tel 07732468511 for details

ONLINE THEOLOGY COURSE

Study theology by distance learning, attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from home- All enquiries to The Priory Institute 003531 4048124 or enquiries@prioryinstitute.com Register by 25th September.

THE CAIRN THEATRE GROUP presents '*Those were the Days*' in The Cairn Greencastle every Tuesday at 8pm Also Patsy Cavanagh presents "Songs, Scenes and Stories of Inishowen" every Friday evening at 8pm Enquiries Tel: 0749381104

The Playhouse Children's & Teens Arts Festival 2018 is back from Monday 23rd July to Friday 3rd August 2018. A wide and colourful variety of workshops for ages of 4 - 16. Tel The Playhouse on 71268027.