

MASSES

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm

Sunday 9.30am 11.00am, 12.30pm

Weekdays 10.00am, 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:

7th and 21st December

4th and 18th January

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Mother Christmas

Where art thou Mother Christmas, I really wish I knew, why Father should get all the praise and no one mentions you? I bet you buy the presents, and wrap them large and small, while all the time the dirty swine pretends he's done it all. So hail to Mother Christmas, the uncomplaining slave, and down with Father Christmas the good-for-nothing knave.



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Sun 15th Dec 2013 Vol. 30 No 49

OUR FIRST CHRISTMAS DRAW

We were nervous when, during a Finance Council meeting a few months ago we decided to hold a draw to help keep the parish afloat financially.

With so many other good causes looking for funds and the fact that most people are finding Christmas a struggle (due in part to the stopping of the Savings scheme) we had good cause to be afraid.

However, we need not have worried. Our fears were unfounded. You have been magnificent! Many of you sold books among family, friends and neighbours! (One lady sold ten!) Many of you bought single tickets and we are grateful to all those who sold and those who bought.

Your support is an expression of the esteem by you and the high regard in which Holy Family is regarded. There are still a few tickets left. They can be bought at all exits as leave Mass this weekend.

The Draw takes place in the Church on Wednesday 18th December after Mass has ended.

Fr Paddy

SYMPATHY We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of Harry Coyle, 30 Whitehouse Park and Ailish Lafferty 53 The Branch and David O’Kane, 22 Liscannor Park who died during the week . May they rest in peace.

BAPTISM Our parish family welcomes: Farrah Lilly Murray 48 Pinetrees

CAROL SERVICE Our Parish Carol Service will take place today Sunday at 6.00pm. All our church and school choirs will take part. We invite the children to bring gifts for the poor which will be distributed later by St. Vincent De Paul Society.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE tomorrow Monday 16th December 7.15pm. Priests from all over the city will join us to hear Confessions in preparation for Christmas. This celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation concludes our Parish Novena. The opportunity to experience the forgiveness of Christ is an essential part of our Advent preparation for Christmas .

PENITENTIAL SERVICES Mon. 16th 7.15pm Holy Family Wed 19th 8.00pm. Long Tower Christmas Eve 11am-6.00pm. St. Eugene’s Cathedral Confessions in Holy Family from 6.45 –7.10 Mon– Friday during Advent

SICK VISITATION Fr. McFaul will visit all the sick this week

Anniversaries We pray for: Frank McAdams Charles Selvin, Patrick Stokes, John Davis, Sadie Harley, Patricia Noble, Gerry McAuley, Michael & Andrew Nolan

OFFERTORY PROCESSION 6.00pm Molly McCallion & family

12.30pm Fionn Moody & family These children will make their First Communion next year

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL 6.00pm Megan Campbell

12.30pm Orlaith Keogh

SUNDAY COLLECTION 8th December amounted to £1729.38 and €203.44

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

TERMONBACCA MASS in honour of Blessed Alexandrina Sunday 15th at 7:30 pm. **Mon. 16th** Christmas Nativity 7.30 p.m. **Tues. 17th** Mass for the Sick - 8.00 p.m.

Wed. 18th & Thurs. 19th Advent Evening Vigils. 7.30 p.m.

Celtic Music & Song 16th Dec. 7pm in the Playhouse, Artillery St. Adm £5.00 all proceeds to Homeless

ACCORD DERRY Marriage Preparation Workshops *January 10th/11th February 7th/8th and March 7th/8th 2014* in Ardmore Parish Centre Bookings are now being taken online www.accordni.com Contact Accord Tel 71362475 derry@accordni.com

FOLLOW THE STAR” Christmas Trail at the IOSAS Celtic Prayer Garden, Muff. An interactive family experience to recapture the true spirit of Christmas taking place on Sun 15th, Wed 18th, Friday 20th – Sun 22nd December. Pre-booking essential. For tickets and further information contact the IOSAS Centre (00353) 74 9384866

BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE will be in Rafters Car park on Friday 20th Dec. 2pm-4pm & 5.15-8pm.

Holy Family Primary & Nursery School Application forms for Nursery and Primary 1 are now available at the school office for admission in September 2014 Nursery and P1 forms should be completed and returned to the school by Noon on Friday 10th January 2014

EASTER PILGRIMAGE SAN GIOVANNI 17th April. **FATIMA** 19 June Tel Sean Mulrine 71265926

HOLY FAMILY PILGRIMAGES

MEDJUGORJE: 7-14th May. £575 Ex Dublin Deposit £150.

LOURDES: 16-21ST JULY. £625. Ex Belfast. Deposit £200.

Tel **07732468511** or call at Parochial House for booking form

ST CECILIA’S GOT TALENT’ 17th December 2013 at 7.30pm in St Cecilia’s College Tickets £5/£3 (conc) Proceeds in aid of St Deirdre’s Charity (building a school in Sudan) Special performance by Micheal Doherty

WEE SPARKLES CRECHE is a local creche right in the town center between the River Inn and Kular Shop it is offering a trial period for children Mon - Thur 9-11 with extended hours if the trial is successful Tel 07845899165 for info or to secure a place. Places are very limited

SCOIL MHUIRE BUNCRANA - Re-Union for ALL past pupils Friday 27th December 1-4pm Exhibition in School Disco in Plaza 11pm till late Tickets available from School Reception or Macs Shop Buncrana 10.00 euro or phone 0860563019 If you have copies of old photos NOT originals, could you please leave them at reception in the school.