

### 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:

1st and 15th February

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## PRAYER

Those who trust in God are like a tree planted by the waterside.

Such a tree has no worries in time of drought;

Its foliage stays green,

And it never ceases to bear fruit.

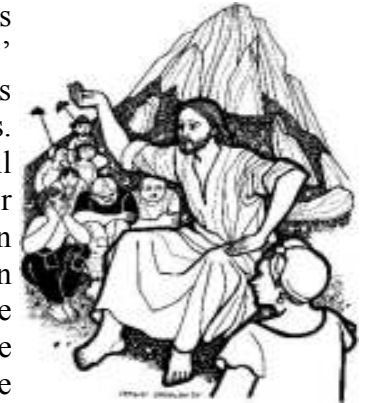
*'Lord, give us the kind of trust in you that will sustain us in times of difficulty, that will make our lives fruitful, and that will keep our hope unfading'.*



## HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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Each day there are many decisions that each of us must make. We possess the freedom to say 'yes' or 'no' to one another or to God. Each of us has the potential to change the direction of our lives. We do so when we repent, for we are all responsible for our conduct and accountable for our behaviour. By following Jesus we are often reminded that there must be a connection between what we say and what we do. That is the example of Jesus. He spoke and he acted. He touched and he healed. He forgave and he encouraged. As we read through the Gospels we can easily see that forgiveness was a big part of Jesus' life. Even while he was hanging on the cross dying, Jesus said to those who had crucified him, 'Forgive them for they do not know what they are doing. Forgiveness is something which is extraordinarily powerful. Yet we know in our ordinary everyday lives that is never easy to say sorry to someone or welcome someone back who has hurt us in some way. But if we try to copy Jesus' example of love, if we try to forgive and understand one another then each of us can be a source of great goodness in our homes, parishes and communities each day. When we come to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we ask for God's forgiveness. As we prepare for the sacrament, we may feel vulnerable and nervous, but Jesus does not seek to test us in the Sacrament, he offers to help us and heal us. By celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation our lives are renewed by the love of God and we are encouraged on our journey of following Christ. May the words of today's Gospel help us to know that there is a choice before us. Let us choose the way of peace and reconciliation so that we can help one another to experience the gentleness and mercy of Christ.



**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** takes place on Tuesdays from 10.30am-7.15pm. in the Upper Room from 11am.

### OFFERTORY PROCESSION

**6.00pm** Chloe McKinney & family

**12.30pm** Cillian O’Kane & famil

**Anniversaries** We pray for:

Richard Kelly, Joe, Martin,  
Kevin Coyle, Jeannie McLaughlin,  
Hugh McDaid, John Gill, Theresa  
Stokes, Martin & Mary Rielly

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** 9th  
February amounted to £1815.44. and  
€184.04 Thank you .

**IS GOD CALLING YOU TO  
SERVE AS A PRIEST?** Join us for

a time of information, prayer,  
questioning and reflection. St  
Eugene's Cathedral, Derry Saturday  
1<sup>st</sup> March, 11.00 am. For further  
information: [www.derrydiocese.org](http://www.derrydiocese.org)  
Fr Paul Farren Tel:71264087  
E:ddcc@derrydiocese.org

### GROUP GUIDED PRAYER

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

**MASS** for the Sick with Eucharistic  
Blessing will take place in  
Termonbacca, on Tuesday 18th  
February, beginning at 8 p.m. All are  
welcome .

**MASS** in honour of Blessed  
Alexandrina will be held in  
Termonbacca on Sunday  
23<sup>rd</sup> February at 7:30 pm. Everyone  
welcome.

### THORNHILL CENTRE ,

**SEASONS OF THE SOUL** – 1-Day  
Retreat, where the sights and sounds  
of springtime are a background to  
personal reflection. Poetry and music  
appropriate to this season of rebirth  
and renewal will support us in our  
contemplation. Date: Tuesday 18  
February. Time: 10.45 am - 2.45  
pm. Venue: An Grianán Hotel, Burt,  
Co Donegal. Suggested Donation:  
£25 stg (includes refreshments and  
lunch). To book, please phone  
71351233.

### 1-Day Gregorian Chant Seminar -

Nick Gale (Solesmes & Rome) will  
lead this beautiful seminar with  
simple chants for Lent and  
Easter. An opportunity not to be  
missed for individuals and choirs who  
love this ancient chant. Date:  
Saturday 1 March. Registration:  
9.45 am. Concludes: 3.00  
pm. Venue: St Columb’s  
College. Cost: £10 stg pp  
(concessionary fee for choirs/  
groups). Please bring a packed  
lunch. To book, phone Thornhill  
Ministries at 71351233.

**RETIRED TEACHERS** Unique  
volunteering opportunities to help  
provide one-on-one support to  
children with additional educational  
needs in primary schools in the Derry  
area. One morning per week is  
required for a minimum of 15  
weeks. For further information”.

contact Sólás on 028 90247600 or  
email [anne@solasbt7.com](mailto:anne@solasbt7.com)

### DAY TRIP TO ST PATRICK’S COLLEGE, MAYNOOTH

The  
Seminarians of the Diocese warmly  
invite you to participate in a Day Trip  
to our National Seminary, St Patrick’s  
College, Maynooth on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
February The trip will consist of a  
tour of the College, dinner in Pugin  
Hall and the celebration of Mass in  
the magnificent College Chapel.  
Cost, including travel, is £25 / €30.  
For full details and to reserve a place  
contact Marie Duddy, Tel. (028)  
71342303 or email Sean O’Donnell:  
[sodmuff@hotmail.com](mailto:sodmuff@hotmail.com)

### ADOPTERS NEEDED NOW

Family Care Adoption Services is  
presently seeking families who would  
be interested in adopting children  
aged between 2 – 6 years and who  
need the love and attention of a  
caring and understanding family If  
you would like to find out more  
please contact Family Care Adoption  
Services on: Belfast: 90691133 or  
Derry: 71368592  
email@familycaresociety.org :  
[www.familycaresociety.co.uk](http://www.familycaresociety.co.uk)

### HOLY FAMILY PILGRIMAGES

**MEDJUGORJE:** 7-14th May.  
Deposit £150. Last 3 places left.

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

Savings and Deposits Parochial  
House Thursdays 8-9pm  
Tel 07732468511

**ACCORD DERRY** Marriage  
Preparation Workshops *March*  
7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> in Ardmore Parish Centre  
[www.accordni.com](http://www.accordni.com) Contact Accord  
Tel 71362475 [derry@accordni.com](mailto:derry@accordni.com)

**ACCORD** – Marriage and  
Relationship Counselling. *If you can’t  
talk to each other try talking to us.*

Further information contact Accord  
71362475 Mon-Thurs 9.30 am to  
1.30pm E: [derry@accordni.com](mailto:derry@accordni.com)  
[www.accordni.com](http://www.accordni.com)

**CHI GONG** is an Eastern form  
movement and meditation. It offers  
healing and peace. Fr Paddy  
recommends it .There will be a  
session here in the Upper room on  
Friday at 6.00pm led by Liam Kelly.  
Adm free. All welcome.

**PILGRIMAGES** to Fatima, San  
Giovanni - June & October. Tel Sean  
Mulrine 71265926