

### 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

Weekdays after evening Mass

### BAPTISM COURSES

1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month at  
8pm

### BAPTISMS: One month's notice

Every Saturday at 7.00pm

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### PARISH GROUPS

Thurs 7.45pm Scripture Group

New members always welcome!

## PRAYER

*I am neither a man of letters nor  
of science, but I humbly claim to  
me a man of prayer.*

*It is prayer that has saved my  
life.*

*Without it I would have lost my  
reason long ago.*

*If I did not lose my peace of  
soul, in the midst of my many  
trials, it is because of the peace  
that came to me through prayer.*

*One can live several days  
without food, but not without  
prayer.*

*Prayer is the key to each  
morning, and the lock to each  
evening.*

*It is a sacred alliance between  
God and us.*

*Let everyone try this experience  
and they will find that daily  
prayer will add something new  
to their lives something which  
cannot be found elsewhere.*

(Mahatma Gandhi)



## HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Sun 16th Oct 2016 Vol.33 No 41

Those experiencing unjust treatment at the hands of power will identify with the widow's struggle. From a position of weakness, she held her ground, until she got the hearing she deserved. Jesus tells this story to disciples whom, he expects, will suffer hardship and injustice in times ahead, conscious of the suffering that awaits him in Jerusalem.

Jesus tells it, apparently, to instil in his hearers how critical it was to 'pray continually and never lose heart'. The centrality of prayer in the life of Jesus, himself was always evident. It was the lifeblood of the communion he enjoyed with the Father, enabling him to remain ever in harmony with that Father's will. Prayer inspired action which was, similarly, at one with the Father's vision for the world. We can imagine how it sustained Jesus in times of hardship and rejection, most memorably in the hours of his passion.

Like the disciples we need to be continuously cultivating a life of prayer that will sustain us in the heat of the day. Without it, we are more readily consumed by the pressures of the moment and the actions and decisions which result can be far from God's will. And should some real injustice come our way we can be more easily cowed, or overwhelmed, by the consequences of having to stand alone in our struggle for what we believe to be right.

As with the widow whom the judge imagined he could avoid it is important to pursue those who would neglect responsibilities or ignore justice, A Christian cannot evade such an engagement, Our efforts however need the accompaniment and guidance of sincere prayer. Otherwise they become misplaced. Even where they don't, we can eventually lose heart and something very precious dies within us.

**SYMPATHY** We offer our sympathy to the family of Sadie Conaghan Cashelmore Park who died during the week. May she rest in peace.

**BAPTISMS** Our parish family welcomes:  
Tiernan Patrick Carlin Morrin  
35 Pinetrees  
Edie May Keating 10 Winchester Park

**ANNIVERSARIES**  
Annie McGratton, Cathal Healy  
Eddie Keogh

**SUNDAY COLLECTION 9th Oct** amounted to £2153.94 and €141.95 Thank you.

**MASS FOR THE SICK** will take place in Termonbacca, on Tuesday 18th October, at 8 p.m.

**CURSILLO** will hold two "3-Day Weekends" at the Carmelite Retreat Centre in Termonbacca at the end of October: Men's Weekend Thur 20th-Sun 23rd Women's Weekend Thur 27th- Sun 30<sup>th</sup>. These are residential weekends. For further information Tel 07708066939 or 07841100174

**THORNHILL MINISTRIES**  
*Quiet Moments of Meditation* Using art, music and Scripture, this series of gentle mornings offers a space for stillness and contemplation Wednesdays at 10:30am Thornhill Convent, Culmore Road, Suggested Donation £5.

**FIRST COMMUNION DATES:**  
20th May 2017 Holy Family School  
3rd June 2017 St. Eithne's School

**THORNHILL MINISTRIES** "*Let the Landscape Speak*" Drawing on the poetry of O Donoghue and Heaney, Mary Murphy will facilitate an exploration of poems where the landscape has been the vehicle of communication between the Author of All of Life, the poet and ourselves Thursdays 7:30-8:45 pm in Thornhill College, Suggested donation: £5. To book ring 7135123 email thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org.  
**THORNHILL MINISTRIES'** current courses include: Quiet Moments of Meditation Wednesday mornings, Poetry Workshops Thursday evenings Liturgy Planning Monday evenings Tel 71351233 www.thornhillministries.co.uk.

**ST. ANTHONY'S RETREAT CENTRE.** Afternoon Retreat "Christian Mindfulness" Sat. 19<sup>th</sup> Nov. Starts 2p.m. Finishes with Mass 6.30 Cost €25/£21 For more information contact Fr. Neal Carlin or Josephine at 074 9368370 or sarce@eircom.net

**DRAW TO PROMOTE TEMPERANCE IN IRELAND** and in the Developing World starts in mid November with the subscription being £6.50 per month for 6 months tel Andrew Doherty 71352285

**ACCORD PREPARATION WORKSHOPS**  
January 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> February 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>  
March 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>

Venue: Ardmore Parish Centre  
Bookings are now being taken online at [www.accord-ni.co.uk](http://www.accord-ni.co.uk) Course times Friday 7pm to 10pm continuing on Sat 10am – 4pm. Cost £120.00 per couple.

**Marriage and Relationship Counselling Service** *If you can't talk to each other – Try talking to us....* For an appointment or further information please contact  
Accord Derry 71362475  
E;derry@accordni.com

**DERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**  
2017 The Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage Office will now be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays 11 am – 1pm for those wishing to join the savings scheme for the 2017 pilgrimage. Tel 71260293 or The Pilgrimage Office Diocesan Pastoral Centre 164 Bishop Street

The WHSCT Adoption & Permanence Team, are holding an Information Session on 21<sup>st</sup> October at 2.00pm in Clooney Hall, Clooney Terrace, Derry. We would like to invite anyone over the age of 18years, who has an interest in adoption to come along to our Information Session.

**MARRIAGE FAMILY CARE ADOPTION SERVICES** is presently seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children. For a free information pack please contact us at 71 368592 or 90 691133 Email:[anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org](mailto:anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org) Website [www.familycaresociety.co.uk](http://www.familycaresociety.co.uk)

**An Evening of Song & Story** in the Playhouse on Friday 21st October at 7.30 pm featuring Aussie Bryson, Eamon Friel, Fergus Cleary, Paddy McCartney, Cathal McCann, Maureen Hegarty and others. In aid of HCPT-The Pilgrimage Trust. Cost £10 & £8.

**PARK MEDICAL** Great James St.. Health Centre. Flu Vaccinations on Saturday 22nd October If you normally get the flu vaccination, please contact the surgery 71378500.

**THE BIG KNIT** is hoping to knit 95,000 hats for the top of Innocent Smoothie bottles. For every hat, 25p will be donated to Age NI to help provide companionship, advice and support to older people during the winter months. For more details, contact Dorothy on 9024 5729 or email [bigknit@ageni.org](mailto:bigknit@ageni.org). Web: [www.ageni.org/thebigknit](http://www.ageni.org/thebigknit).

**LOST** Ladies Gold Rotary watch. If found please leave in parochial house.