

## 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:

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## BAPTISMS DATES:

9th & 23rd February

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## THE PLAYHOUSE

**On the Subject of Love** will tell the story of the Bishop of Derry Frederick Augustus Hervey. Tuesday 19th February to Saturday 23rd February, 8pm. Tickets £14/£10

**Design Den 2013** is offering all our young people the unique opportunity to participate in exciting interactive art workshops that will cover a wide variety of artistic techniques ranging from spray painting to digital photography. For booking and further information please contact The Playhouse on 71268027

**CONFIRMATION** Celebrate at Rafters, Fantastic Value Special Menu, 2 courses for £10.00 All children celebrating their confirmation, will have the chance to win, ONE DIRECTION, tickets, plus an XBOX 360. RAFTERS 71 266080

## Medjugorje Irish Centre Grand Prize

Every month for a year they are giving away one week's free apartment accommodation for up to 4 people. Text the word pilgrim followed by your name and county to 60777 or phone us and they can enter you into the draw for free For details of 2013 pilgrimages and €280 package deals Website: [www.med-irishcentre.com](http://www.med-irishcentre.com) tel 028 82241888



# HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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## INTO THE DESERT

[A desert for most of us is an inhospitable wilderness, a sea of useless sand, an economic wasteland. Well, so people thought until one day around a hundred years ago they were drilling for water and hit the liquid black gold of oil which has been spewing forth non-stop since and has brought such changes to our world- some would say good, perhaps more would say not so good.]

A friend who worked in a demanding job once told me he loved the Sahara desert because it has no distractions- just you and your thoughts. Personally I think I would go mad there but he described the bleakness and solitude as a spiritual experience. He said it enriched his soul and freed him from the concerns of the world.

Lent is based on the forty days that Jesus spent in the desert as he began his public ministry.

While the world indulges itself we are called to self-discipline. While people may be selfish, we are called to be generous.

While many forget God we are called to pray.

This is a time of change of heart and mind, of conversion, temperance, purification and renewal; time to 're-boot' the system. If not, then we may continue to live in the moral wasteland of our spiritual desert.

A final quote from Old Nick himself 'That day in the desert I thought I had him. I offered him food, after forty days with nothing to eat - No good! Then I tried the 'power plan' - He wasn't interested. Then his 'ego,' but defeat again. I had to go away with my tail between my legs, three times a loser. But I'll be back. Our paths will cross again, I'll nail him yet. Ah - 'cross,' 'nail' - now there's an idea. Watch this space'

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

**A PRAYER FOR EVERY FAMILY**  
The Rosary is said before evening Masses and on Saturday mornings. The 'Hail Mary's will be offered for individual families of the parish. Those families from outside the parish and who attend our church are invited to call to the sacristy where they can leave their names and addresses.

**BAPTISMS** Our parish family welcomes:  
Kayla Marie McGlinchey 22 Whitehill  
Ben Harley 38 Sheelin Park  
Jake Gareth Mullan 109 Galliagh Park  
Anna Marie Deehan 25, Farland Way.  
Jacob Noa Joshua Quinn  
11 Epworth St.  
Jenson Matthew Boston-Egan  
7 Governor Road

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

**OFFERTORY PROCESSION**  
**6.00pm Daniel Wilson & family**  
**12.30pm Jesisica Meehan & family**

**The Franciscan Friars** are leading a Holy Hour, with in Long Tower Church on Saturday 23 February, from 7.15 – 8.15pm. All welcome.

**Anniversaries** We pray for:  
Madeline McKenna, Hugh McDaid,  
Mary O'Neill, Margaret Doherty,  
Mary Doyle, Anne Ellis, Kevin Coyle.  
Anne McLaughlin, Joe Martin,  
John McGill Cecil Harkin

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** 3rd February amounted to £2226.93 and €75.30 Thank you for your generosity

**Pro-Life Devotions** Next Tuesday 19th February in St Columb's Church Waterside Rosary at 7pm followed by Mass at 7.30pm everyone welcome

**LEGION OF MARY** P.P.C. conference will take place in St. Joseph's Parish on Sunday 24th February at 3.00pm. All welcome.

**HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL CHOIR** has once again done the school proud as they have been selected to proceed to the semi final of BBC *Songs of Praise* competition. The school choir was one of only six primary schools to be invited to the semi-finals which will take place on 9th March in Liverpool. The performances will be screened on national BBC at a later date. We wish the children and Mrs Doherty every success.

**Spend one hour with me" Matthew 26:40.** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place at Columba House, Queen St, Monday—Friday from 9am - 5pm. Tel Columba House, 9am – 5pm, 71 262407.

## Thornhill Centre

**The Psalms: A Pathway to Prayer II** - presents a series of morning reflections on The Psalms, Four Tuesdays beginning 12 February. Time: 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. in Collon House, 21 Buncrana Road. Suggested donation: £4 per morning. To book, Tel: 71351233.

**Lenten Thursdays:** For the Thursdays of Lent. - begins at 10:30am and ends with a light lunch at 1:00 pm. A donation of £5 per morning is suggested. Tel 71351233 to book.

**Moments of Meditation':** Tuesday at 8:00pm Mary Murphy and Sr Perpetua McNulty will facilitate 'Moments of Meditation'. Using a piece of art, a poem and classical music, individuals will grow in their capacity for meditation and silence. Suggested Donation: £5 per night. Please note that the venue for this series is Columba House, Queen Street.

**IOSAS Centre and Celtic Prayer Garden:** A Healing Mass celebrated by Fr Neal Carlin will be held in St Canice's Oratory in Celtic Garden, Lenamore Road, Muff today Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 3pm. Refreshments afterwards. All welcome to attend.

**FOYLE WIDOWERS** There will be a meeting of this newly formed group in the Playhouse on Wednesday 6th February from 7-30- 9pm. This group is facilitated solely by local widowers, information Tel 71268027

## HOLY FAMILY PILGRIMAGES

**Lourdes: 16th- 21st July**  
2013 Cost £595 Deposit £150

**Fatima/Estoril 19<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> Sept**  
Savings scheme on Thursdays 8-9pm in Parochial House.

For details phone Margaret 07732468511.

**Four Churches' Gospel of Luke Project** Monsignor Eamon Martin and the other Christian Church leaders would welcome donations towards the Gospel of Luke project to mark the City of Culture 2013. If you would like to help with the door-to-door distribution of the Gospels which will take place during April & May, please contact 71351233.

**SURE START** Counselling Service available to everyone. The service is free. For more information tel 71267524 or 71367524

**FOYLE HOSPICE** . Bike & Hike July 2013 – Errigal Chllanege For further information and details contact Rachel at Foyle Hospice 71359888 or email [rachelbruce@foylehospice.com](mailto:rachelbruce@foylehospice.com).

**CHILDREN IN CROSSFIRE** would like to invite you to take part in the Firewalk Challenge To register for the event please contact [events@childrenincrossfire.org](mailto:events@childrenincrossfire.org) or ring 028 71 269898.