

### 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:

Every Saturday at 7.00pm

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### PARISH GROUPS

Tues: 8pm Choir Practice

Wed 8.00pm Adult Education

Thurs 7.45pm Scripture Group

New members welcome!

## SOME WORDS OF WISDOM from De Mello

A furniture company sent this note to one of its customers:

-Dear Mr Jones,

What would your neighbours think if we had to send a truck to your house to repossess the furniture that you still have not paid for?ø

They got the following reply:

-Dear Sir,

I have discussed the matter with my neighbours to find out what they would think. They all think it would be a dirty trick of a mean low-down company.ø

*Moral of the storey:* A sign of enlightenment is when you no longer care what other people think and say.

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**Traveller:** 'What kind of weather are we going to have today?ø

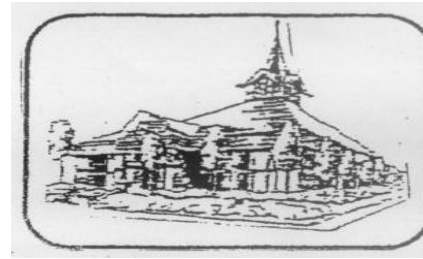
**Shepherd:** 'The kind of weather I likeø

Traveller: -How do you know it will be the kind of weather you like?ø

**Shepherd:** 'Having found out, sir, I cannot always get what I like, I have learned always to like what I get. So I am quite sure we will have the kind of weather I like.ø

*Moral:*

*Happiness and unhappiness are in the way we meet events, not in the nature of those events themselves.*

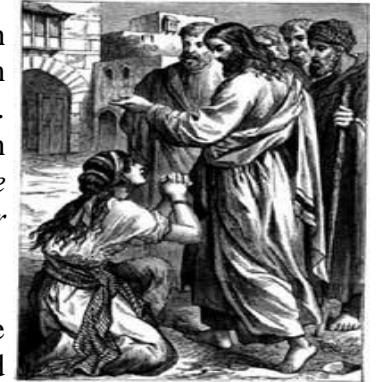


## HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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### A TEST?

If it is a test, the Canaanite woman passes with flying colours! Her faith is impressive. When Jesus ignores her initial appeal, she tries again. And when he knocks her back, she replies with a witty retort: *-Ah, yes sir; but even the house dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.*



At first, it seems that the woman has got one up on Jesus. He attempted to fob her off, and her quick wit has caught him out. We can imagine him chuckling as he concedes *-Woman you have great faith'.*

But the exchange also makes us wonder: what was Jesus really up to? By the end of the conversation, he is clearly impressed with the woman's faith, her wit and her wisdom. But why the test? Why does he try to fob her off, and why the dog reference?

In the Gospels, Jesus often tests his followers. He certainly tests Peter and the other disciples. He challenges them to think, and to come up with the right answers. Perhaps he is testing not only the woman's faith but also his disciples. In using the analogy of a *-house-dog* he may well be giving voice to the thoughts of his disciples. They would have little time for this Canaanite woman, a Gentile. They certainly would not have expected her to demonstrate such faith.

It was an exchange that would come back to them at a later date as they expanded their mission to the Gentiles. Paul would talk of God's mercy to all mankind - a far cry from *-house-dogs!*

**SYMPATHY** We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of Michael Quigley, Sheelin Park, Harry Coyle, Benview Estate and Jack Coyle 6 The Branch who died during the week. May they rest in peace.

**BAPTISMS** Our parish family welcomes:

Sofia Mai Collins  
26 Cornshell Fields  
Bartoaz Brejnak and Alan Brejnak  
14 Farland Way  
Oran Martin McCamphill  
503 Carnhill Estate  
Killian Richard Walsh  
18 Lawrence Hill

**Anniversaries** We pray for Johnny McCafferty, Nancy Stokes, Tom Stokes, Bernie Stokes, Esther McElhinney, John Paul Stokes, Edward Gallagher, Mickey Quigley

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** 10 August amounted to £ 1639.49 and p202.61. Thank you.

**MASS FOR THE SICK** with Eucharistic Blessing will take place in Termonbacca, on Tuesday 19th August, at 8 p.m. All welcome

**Accord Derry – Marriage Preparation Workshops**

September 5/6<sup>th</sup> 2014  
October 3/4<sup>th</sup> 2014  
Venue: Ardmore Parish Centre  
Booking now online  
[www.accordni.com](http://www.accordni.com) or Tel Accord Derry (028) 71362475

**Catechism Course Unit 2 – Do you want to understand your faith more deeply?** Could you commit to doing a little reading each day and meeting each Tuesday evening for 13 weeks to explore what the Catechism has to say? The study notes have been prepared by Maryvale Institute. *Spiritual Director:* Fr Roland Colhoun. *Introductory meeting:* Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 7:00-9:00pm, in Parish Hall (downstairs), at St Columb s Church, Waterside. *Cost of course:* £35. For further information please phone Parish Office, 71342303 or email [roland@derrydiocese.org](mailto:roland@derrydiocese.org).

**TR CAIRE** thanks you most sincerely for your generosity in supporting the organisation's work with people affected by conflict in the Middle East. Tr caire echoes the call of Pope Francis for your prayer for Christians and all other populations that are suffering at the present time, and for dialogue and reconciliation as the basis for peace. We remember especially people affected by conflict in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and Israel.

**Friends of St Brigids** presents Music Festival/ Fun Day in St Brigids College, Glengalliagh Road on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 12-6pm. Everyone Welcome.

**NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE** to Our Lady's shrine at Knock takes place on Sunday 14th September. Blessing of the sick 2.30 pm Mass 3pm. Chief Celebrant Archbishop Charles Brown Papal Nuncio. Everyone welcome. Children are invited to compose a prayer for their Grandparents and send it to CGA office Castlebar St Westport Co Mayo. All prayers will be displayed in the basilica and blessed during the Mass. For further info phone 098 24877 or email [info@catholicgrandparentsassociation.com](mailto:info@catholicgrandparentsassociation.com)

**TOUR De FOYLE – charity cycle 23<sup>rd</sup> August Bishop McKeown** and some of the other Church leaders are taking part in a 50 mile charity cycle around the banks of the Foyle to raise money for the Methodist Hostel in Crawford s Square and the Church s Food Bank The cycle is taking place on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August leaving St Columb s Park, Waterside at 7.30am. Please note that this is a charity cycle and not a race. We are inviting people to join the Church leaders on this cycle and those who are not able to do it to sponsor it by leaving a donation clearly marked  Charity Cycle  to any church or parochial house.

**PROJECT JUSTICE:** The Justice Committee of the Northern Ireland Assembly is currently running a public consultation on a proposed amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill that will ensure that private clinics, such as the Marie Stopes centre in Belfast, cannot legally carry out abortion. **Please sign a ‘submission postcard’ and show your support for the amendment and make clear your opposition to Marie Stopes.** Closing date for written submissions is Friday 12th September 2014. For submission postcards or further information on PROJECT JUSTICE, please contact Precious Life on 028 9027 8484 or email us at [info@preciouslife.com](mailto:info@preciouslife.com).

**Lough Derg invites you to a Family Day Retreat on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August.** Prayer & Reflection time for Parents, Grandparents, Aunts & Uncles Scripture-based children s activities, lunch & Family Mass. A faith and fun filled day out for all the family before school starts. 9:30am until 4:00pm. For bookings & further information contact Maureen - telephone 071 9861518 or email [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org)

**St Cecilia’s College** will re-open on the following dates:  
Year 8, 12 & 13 Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> August.  
Year 14 pupils Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August.  
All pupils expected to attend school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September. School will begin at 8.45 a.m.