

MASSES

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm
Sunday 9.30am 11.00am, 12.30pm
Weekdays Mon. Wed. Friday **10.00am**,
Tuesday & Thursday **7.15pm**

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
every Tuesday 10.30am-7.15pm

CONFESSIONS

Friday 10.30am –11.00am
Saturday evenings 5.30pm-6.00pm
Weekdays Tuesdays and Thursdays
after evening Mass

BAPTISM COURSES

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

BAPTISMS: 1st and 3rd Saturday
of the month at 7.00pm

MARRIAGES

 Three months notice

Parochial House 71267070
Email: office@holyfamily-parish.com
Web www.holyfamily-parish.com

Parish Sisters 71260398
Holy Family School 71267798
St. Eithne's School 71377077

PARISH GROUPS

Thurs 7.45pm Scripture Group
New members always welcome!

CHILDREN IN CROSSFIRE

Thank you for your generous donation to Children in Crossfire's Advent campaign of £625.84. As you know from previous years, the positive impact we are able to make is down to the generosity of kind people especially at Christmas time. I am so grateful for your support again this year because it helps us keep making that difference for children in Tanzania and Ethiopia. Children in Crossfire gives some of the world's most vulnerable children the start in life they deserve. Best wishes. Richard Moore.

CHILDLINE FOYLE Volunteer Information Meeting on Thursday 22nd February from 5pm–6.30 pm. At ChildLine Foyle, Exchange House, Queens Quay, Derry Book a place by: EmailingAmanda.doherty@NSPCC.org.uk or calling 028 2044 1734

Calling all Quizzers! Are you over 60? Get a team of friends together and enter the 2018 Jim Guy Perpetual Cup Quiz. For an entry form and further information, please contact Age Concern Derry/Older People North West 71 347478.

SPRINGTOWN SCOUT GROUP

are recommencing on Tuesday 6th Feb. in Holy Family School. Places are available in Beavers 6-7pm
Cubs 7-8pm Scouts 7-8pm Tel 07709422477 for information



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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INTO THE DESERT

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

While some over-indulge we are called to self-discipline.

While some 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, purification and renewal; if not, then we may continue to live in the moral wasteland of our spiritual desert.

A desert 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 high pressure job once told me he loved the desert because it has no distractions- just you and your thoughts. 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 distractions of the world.

What Old Nick himself might have said: *'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'.*

SYMPATHY We offer our sympathy to the families of Joan Coyle, 11 Shaw Court and Marie Duffy Shanreagh Park who died during the week. May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES

Frankie & Johnny Murphy,
Daniel McLaughlin, Patrick Taggart
Mary Doyle, Anne Ellis
Lizzie McDaid, Laura Doherty

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

6.00pm Beth Harkin & Family

12.30pm Sean-Owen McKay & family

SUNDAY COLLECTION 11th Feb
£2005.42 and €95. Thank You.

We have been asked to have a collection for the **World Meeting of Families** it will be taken up next weekend. As we do not have second collections here please put a little extra in the collection basket

NO MORE 'NO SHARE' I hope you understand but the option not to share a Mass for a loved one with others cannot be maintained as there are now so many intentions and only half the Masses as before. Other parishes already have this system in place.

SPECIAL DIOCESAN MASS

The Annual Diocesan Mass for those with special needs, will take place in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Steelstown, on Saturday 10th March at 3.00pm. If you have a child who wishes to receive Confirmation or First Communion at this Mass tel the Catechetical Centre on 71264087

CURSILLO will hold two "3-Day Weekends" in Termonbacca, Men's weekend Thursday 22nd until Sunday 25th February. Women's weekend Thursday 8th until Sunday 11th March. For further info tel 07708066939 or 07841100174.

DIOCESAN VOCATIONS INFORMATION EVENING

Tuesday 27 February 6pm – 9pm, in the Parochial House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Enquiries can be made via the Diocesan Vocations Director: Fr Paul Farren, Tel 71 264087 email ddcc@derrydiocese.org

PIONEER PLEDGE Anyone going off alcohol for Lent is invited to take a short term pledge from Ash Wednesday - Easter Sunday. If interested tel. 71352285 or 351002

Volunteers for World Meeting of Families – Dublin – 21st to 26th August 2018 If you are interested in working for this historic event as a volunteer, please come to meet Madeleine Frissung, the Volunteer Outreach Co-ordinator Ardmore Parish Centre, on Saturday 24th February starting at 10am. There will be an opportunity to complete the Garda vetting paperwork. Please register your interest to: Safeguarding Office Diocesan Pastoral Centre Email: safeguarding@derrydiocese.org tel. 71362475

THORNHILL MINISTRIES:

The Examen of St Ignatius 5 Monday Mornings 10:30 am;
Going Deeper' into spiritual life 6 Tuesdays Mornings 9:45 am
The Quiet Hour 5 Tuesday Evenings using art and scripture to lead into meditation 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm. All held in Thornhill House, Culmore Road Contact 71351233 for details

FOSTERING in the WHSCT area - Information Evening Wednesday 21 February, Da Vinci's Hotel, Derry at 7.30pm, WHSCT urgently needs people to foster children in the Western Trust area. Contact details: 82835264 or 71314240, or Vanessa.Nelis@westerntrust.hscni.net

Adult Faith Education for Lent A 4 week programme focusing on the question 'Who is Jesus?' will begin in the new Emmaus Room beside Pennyburn church on Wednesday 21st February at 8pm. Each session will finish at 9pm. Topics will include The Person of Jesus, Adult Prayer – loving listening, Introduction to the Bible, Catholic Social Teaching – the Church's best kept secret. Peter Boucher will facilitate each session and everyone is welcome.

FIRST COMMUNION DRESSES

Foyle Hospice Shop in Waterloo Place has brand new First Communion dresses for sale contact 71362927

DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND

22-27th May 2018.

Flying Belfast—Krakow
Cost £718 (hold baggage extra)

LOURDES NEVERE

4th –10th July 6 nights

MEDJUGORE

29th August 7 nights

Savings scheme Thursday nights 8-9pm at Holy Family Parochial House

Tel 07732468511 for details

LIFESTART 'AT HOME IN SCHOOL' home/nursery transition programme. Is your child starting Primary 1 in September? If so then contact Carla or Jackie Lifestart's 'At Home in School' Family Visitor who will come out and explain the transition programme to you in your home. To find out more contact Carla at 71269833/07921371747.

AA Can't Stop Drinking? Call Alcoholics Anonymous 90351222 Two meetings weekly in immediate area Meetings daily within Derry area

ENERGY OF LIGHT DISCOS

Friday 23 February 8.30pm – 10.30pm in Millennium Forum - Studio Theatre Cost: £3 This is a monthly disco for 15+ who are experiencing limited physical, sensory and or learning disability. Tickets for this performances are on-sale through our box office 71 264455