

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!

A GRAIN OF WHEAT MUST DIE

Each of us is like a grain of wheat planted by God.

Just as a grain of wheat must die so as to produce a harvest, so we must die to self in order to bear the fruits of love.

This dying to self is a gradual process and happens in little ways.

Every act of humility involves dying to pride.

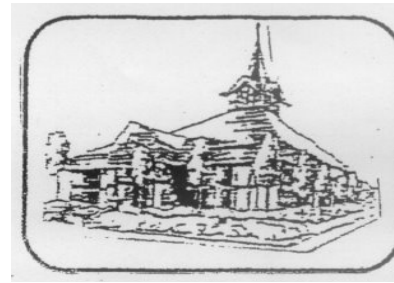
Every act of courage involves dying to cowardice,

Every act of kindness involves dying to cruelty.

Every act of love involves dying to selfishness.

Thus the false self dies, and the true self made in God's image is born and nurtured

It is by giving that we receive: it is by forgiving that we are forgiven; it is by dying that we are born to eternal life.



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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BRIAN

I first got to know Brian Boyle as a young priest in St.. Eugene's when he and Marian helped me with Youth Encounter. That friendship continued over the years and to my delight they became actively involved in this parish many years ago. They were the first to start the Pope John Paul II Youth group on Monday nights and the Children's Liturgy on Sundays. We owe a debt of gratitude to them both. Brian died last Sunday after a long illness. May his gently soul rest in peace.

On Tuesday last we had the first anniversary of Alec Bradley who also made such an important contribution to this parish in so many ways over the years.

Two significant anniversaries occur this week. Fr. John Doherty's Month Mind is coming on Tuesday at 7.15pm Mass and the second anniversary on Wednesday morning at 10am of Louise James family who died in the Buncrana tragedy. St.. Eithne's school has kindly agreed to provide the music at Mass on Wednesday morning.

SYMPATHY We offer our sympathy to the family of Jackie McCorristan Lindenwood Park who died during the week. May he rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES

Alec Bradley, Jim & Gerard Doherty, Siobhan McKeever. Mary O'Neill

If you have a child for First Communion who is at a school outside the parish and who would like to carry up the gifts please leave your name and tel number in the parochial house.

SUNDAY COLLECTION 11th March £2169.63 and €134.68
Thank you for your generosity

SERVICE OF HEALING AND RECONCILIATION for parents who have grieved after a miscarriage, abortion or death of a young baby will be celebrated at 6.00pm next Sunday 25th March. Anyone wishing to enrol their baby's name in the Memorial Book may do so in the Sacristy today Sunday after Mass. All welcome

A DAY RETREAT for Senior Citizens and their friends will take place in Termonbacca, on Thursday 22nd March. Cost for the day including meals is £15 stg. / 20 Euro. For bookings - Tel: 71 262512.

LENT RETREAT DAY: Thornhill House Wednesday 21 March 9:45 am - 2:30 pm led by Fr Paschal McDonnell ofm on the Theme 'Parable of the Family' Includes Eucharist and Lunch. To book, please contact Erin 71351233

Thornhill Ministries,

Poetry Evenings on the theme, "Noli Timere", exploring poems that comfort, console, challenge and transform. Dates: 7, 14, 21st March. Time: 7:30 - 9:00 pm. Suggested Offering £5.

PASSPORTS The N.I. Passport Office has issued now guidelines which restricts me from signing passports for people who are not known to me personally. Accordingly I recommend Irish Passports

What is happening in Ireland if the 8th Amendment goes. A meeting will be held on Sat. 24th March at 7pm in the PLAZA Buncrana: Speakers are John Waters renowned Irish journalist/author, Fr. Marcel philosopher USA and Kathy Sinnott former MEP, Tel 0872913186 for info.

CATHOLIC ACTION A meeting for Catholic Action with a focus on the Family will be held on Thursday 22nd March in the Drummond hotel at 7pm. Free Admission. All Welcome! The 2 Speakers will be John Lacken from the Catholic Voice newspaper and Anthony Murphy from the Voice of the Family.

IONA INSTITUTE NI invites you to: Conference: 'Into your hands...', Achieving Best Care at Life's End Keynote speaker: Baroness Nuala O'Loan. 24th March; venue: St Mary's University College 191 Falls Road Belfast BT12 6FE. For further details please contact Iona Institute NI, email: ionainstituteni@gmail.com, phone: 028 92 646861, web: https://ionainstituteni.org/. Early booking is essential.

COUNTY DERRY FLEADH LIMAVADY 24th May - 27th May 2018 - closing date for competition entries is Friday 13th of April contact Jimmyoharacce@gmail.com for registration forms and information

MASS ROCKS On Sunday, March 18, at 2:30 pm we will gather at our MASS ROCKS to pray the Rosary for the preservation of Life and Faith in Ireland. (If there is no accessible Mass Rock we suggest gathering at a local holy or monastic site.)

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DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND
22-27th May 2018.
Flying Belfast—Krakow
Cost £718 (hold baggage extra)
LOURDES NEVERES
4th –10th July 6 nights
MEDJUGORE
29th August 7 nights
Deposit £100
Savings scheme Thursday nights 8-9pm at Holy Family Parochial House
Tel 07732468511 for details

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

RESOURCE CENTRE
Meals on Wheels Service (Mon - Fri)
Hairdressing Service (Thur – Fri)
Luncheon Club Canteen Facilities (Open to the Public)
Home Maintenance, Daycare Services
Please call The Resource Centre to avail of any of our services. Tel: 71-352832

Consumer Parliament #Haveyoursay on Friday 23 March at the Guildhall, Derry
For further details and registration form, visit www.consumer council.org.uk/consumerparliament