



## HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Sun 19th August 2012 Vol. 29 No32

### August Bonfires

Several years ago some Spanish visitors staying in a local 'B and B' were alarmed at the large fires here in Ballymagroarty on 15th August. They asked a friend of mine what was happening. Quick as a flash and to allay their fears he said *'The young people here have such devotion to Our Lady that on this feast day of the Assumption they are honouring her in this special way!'* They went away deeply impressed.

We congratulate those who have organised the *Summer Festival* for our youth and in doing so distracted them from this pagan practice of lighting bonfires. Well done to all concerned! Thank you to those who contributed to their collection last weekend.

### Vigilance and Balance.

Worrying news regarding the alleged incidents at Sheelin Court and Ennis Place have caused concern about the safety of our children. Parents should warn them not to engage with strangers. At the same time we must not over react. We do not want our children to live in fear or lose their childhood innocence. It's a matter of balance May their *angel guardians* protect them.

#### 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:

**30th June**

**7th, 14th 28th July**

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**SYMPATHY** We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of John Paul Stokes 81 Drummard Park who died during the week. May he rest in peace.

**BAPTISMS** We welcome into our parish family:

Bobby Gerald Brennan 132 Woodbrook  
Evan Stephen Newman 17 Northmeadows

**NEXT BAPTISM** dates 1st September Fri. 14th and Sat 29th Sept.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** 12th August amounted to £1908.41 and €152.54  
Thank You.

**Anniversaries** We pray for  
John Collins, Jim Collins, Brian Henry, Edward Gallagher

**EXPOSITION** and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will continue this Tuesday, after 10am Mass until 7.15 pm.

**MASS** for the Sick with Eucharistic Blessing will take place in Termonbacca on Tuesday 21st August, beginning at 8p.m. All are welcome.

**Mass for the Deaf Community** will be celebrated in St Eugene's Cathedral, at 7.30pm on Wednesday 29 August. Celebrants: Fr Mike Depcik, a Deaf Oblate of St Francis De Sales, Chicago, USA, and Fr Eamon Graham, Derry Diocesan Chaplain to the Deaf Community. The Mass will be

celebrated verbally and in sign language, with a Powerpoint projection of the text of the Mass. Everyone welcome. Buffet for everyone in the Irish Cultural Centre, Great James Street, after Mass.

**ST. MARY'S COLLEGE** Pupils will receive their GCSE results on Thursday and Sixth Form Enrolment will also be held in the College from 9.00 a.m. onwards. Pupils seeking a place in Sixth Form are asked to contact the College on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug Tele:71362154 to arrange an appointment.

**St Cecilia's College** will re-open for Year 13 pupils return on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August. Year 8 & 14 pupils begin school on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August. Whole school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

**Host a Coffee Morning** for Foyle Hospice this September. Ireland's Biggest Coffee Morning is supported by Bewleys in aid of local Hospice Services and all hosts will be provided with Bewleys Coffee, posters, invites and boxes. Call Foyle Hospice Fundraising 7 1 3 5 9 8 8 8 or email [rachelbruce@foylehospice.com](mailto:rachelbruce@foylehospice.com)

**CHILDREN IN CROSSFIRE** Three Day Cycle Challenge on 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> September, Derry to Enniskillen to Sligo to Donegal Town to Derry. To register contact 028 71 269898 or [events@childrenincrossfire.com](mailto:events@childrenincrossfire.com)

**ALZIMERS SOCIETY** Foyle Memory Walk 2012 Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>

September St Columb's Park, Registration from 1:00pm

**FOUND** Boys bike. Tel: 71308978

**Na Magha Hurling and Camogie Club** annual Summer Camp Monday 20th - Friday 24th August 11.00am-2.00pm . contact Mal: 07746633001.

**PARENTING N.I**—are delivering a 6wk programme aimed at parents who have separated, divorced or thinking of divorce. Starting on Thur 20th Sept—25 October from 7pm-9pm. To register call 0808 8010722

**SILVER SAVER CAMPAIGN** is calling on food retailers to introduce a pensioner 'Discount Day' to help older shoppers cope with the rising cost of living enabling them to maintain a healthy diet. Show your support, sign a petition at [www.silversaver.org.uk](http://www.silversaver.org.uk) or Tel 028 90312089

**NWRC** A limited number of course places are still available – to find out more call into the College at Strand Road from Thurs 16 th Aug - Thurs 24th Aug, 10am-12.30pm or 2-4pm. Tel: 028 7127 6000 or visit [www.nwrc.ac.uk](http://www.nwrc.ac.uk)

**Good Morning Northwest** is looking for volunteers to make daily calls to the elderly and vulnerable adults in the Derry area. tel Shauna at 71353694 or call at 82a Brookdale Park



