

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:

Every Saturday at 7.00pm
Parochial House 71267070
Email:office@holymfamilyparish.com

Parish Sisters 71260398
Holy Family School 71267798
St. Eithne's School 71377077
www.holymfamily-parish.com

PARISH GROUPS

Tues: 8pm Choir Practice
Wed 8.00pm Adult Education
Thurs 7.45pm Scripture Group
New members welcome!

EASTER

When I am very old I shall be young just once a year on Easter Day.

My vision shall be clear and I shall hold my beads in youthful hands to pray,

For always will he early rise for me and hang before my wondering eyes white blossom on the tree.

He will with infinite love unfailing bring to my dry soul the Spring.

And in the garden early will surprise my heart with mysteries.

For always there is sun on Easter morn though rain may pour

And greying men are only born an hour before.

*Because he died two days ago,
He lives today and brings to bear new life from hopeless things—a bright array of beauty like the snow;*

God and man are newly wed, sin is dead.

So I can be thus bold and sing and say, without fear

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HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Sun 20th April 2014 Vol.31 No 16

WHY HE ROSE

That Jesus rose is a sign that God's love is stronger than death, his mercy stronger than hate and his peace stronger than fear. By entering fully into human life, and by experiencing the bitterness of death, Jesus became a Brother and Saviour to all people. The death of Jesus was part of God's plan. Jesus is the Pioneer and Leader of our salvation: pointing the way and leading the way along the road of obedience and suffering.



At Easter we still feel the pain of the world, the pain in our families and among our friends, and the pain in our own hearts. But a new element has been introduced into our lives. It doesn't remove the pain but it gives it a meaning. It lights it up with hope. All is different because Jesus is alive and speaks his words of peace to us as he spoke them to the apostles.

Faith in the resurrection of Jesus is the basis of our hope of eternal life, a hope which enables us to bear patiently the trials of life. Therefore, there is a quiet joy among us and a deep sense of peace because we know that life is stronger than death, love is stronger than fear, and hope is stronger than despair.

*-Had this one day not been, or could it cease to be-
How smitten, how superfluous were every other day.*

THE PRIESTS OF THE PARISH WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY EASTER

SYMPATHY We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of Stella Cooke, 11 Norburgh Park who died during the week. May she rest in peace.

EASTER GARDEN We present our Easter Garden again this year. Just like the crib tells the Christmas Story, the Garden tells the Easter story of Christ victorious triumph over suffering, sin and death. We thank all those who prepared it.

THANKS to all those who helped in any way during the ceremonies of Holy Week and Easter

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

If you have a First Communion child who is attending a school outside the parish and who would like to carry up the gifts at Mass please leave your name address and telephone number in the Parochial House

Anniversaries We pray for Nana O'Donnell, Kathleen Maguire, John Breslin, Norah Lyons, Molly Davis

SUNDAY COLLECTION 13th April amounted to £1706.27 and £148.85. Thank you .

MASS in honour of Blessed Alexandrina will be held in Termonbacca on Sunday 27th April at 7:30 pm. Everyone welcome.

TROCAIRE BOXES All remaining Trocaire Boxes should be handed in as soon as possible. This year the Government has agreed to match your donations £1 for £1. However all returns must be made by end of April at latest.

NATIONAL VIGIL FOR LIFE Sat 3rd May Merrion Sq. Dublin

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBANUS Bus trip to knock Sunday 25th May £10.00 return Tel. 07511769723

MAKING OUR FAITH FLESH AND BLOOD: BEING CHRIST'S BODY TODAY" with Timothy Radcliffe at Drumalis Retreat and Conference Centre, Larne on Saturday, 17 May The cost of the day is £35 per person and includes refreshments and lunch. For further information contact Drumalis during office hours tel 28272196/28276455 or email drumalis@btconnect.com

LITTLE HANDS SURESTART COMMUNITY LIBRARY: Do you have any books/ DVDs you would like to donate? Call down to the Little Hands SureStart Community Library at the SureStart Family Centre on Ringfort Road, all donations will be welcomed and greatly appreciated. For further information contact the Library Administrator on 02871267524

Mc MILLAN COFFEE MORNING Every Friday at 10am-12.30pm in Community Centre Shaw Court.

LONGTOWER PRIMARY SCHOOL will celebrate 100 years since the boys' school opened in May 1914. We invite interested locals to join our committee to organise the centenary celebrations. In addition, we would be very grateful for any memorabilia, such as pictures, photographs, letters and anecdotal stories. These will be carefully looked after and returned to their owners. For further details contact Longtower Primary School on 02871261484, or the principal, Mrs Joyce Logue at jlogue356@c2kni.net

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS available in the local area 7 nights a week. Contact AA at 90434848

THORNHILL MINISTRIES is organising a trip to the Holy Land 14-23rd September. Tel 71351233.

CHILDREN IN CROSSFIRE invite you to take part in this year's Camino De Santiago pilgrimage 2014! 26th June ó 3rd July they will embark on a 100km journey to Santiago de Compostela. If interested or would like more information please call the office on 71269898 or contact Shauna.oneill@childrenincrossfire.org

HOLY FAMILY PILGRIMAGE

LOURDES: 16-21ST JULY.

£625. Deposit £200.
Savings and Deposits Parochial House Thursdays 8-9pm
Tel 07732468511

GOOD MORNING NORTHWEST are looking for volunteers to make morning calls to the elderly and vulnerable adults in the Derry area. If you have a morning or two to spare, why not volunteer. For more details please contact Shauna 71353694 or call into our office at: 82a Brookdale Park, Galliagh,

FUN SOCCER ACADEMY Sean Davis Easter 3 Day Indoor soccer academy takes place at Templemore Sports Complex from Wednesday 23rd to Friday 25th April for boys and girls aged 5 to 17 years. For bookings and further details Tel. Sean Davis, 71263044

THE STORY OF BERNADETTE play in Greencastle Community Centre on Sun 20th Sun 27th April Tel 003537493 81084 to book. Wheelchair access. All proceeds to help send the sick to Lourdes.