

### 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  
Saturday :5.30pm-6.00pm  
Tuesday and Thursday :before or  
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

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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!

### LOVE IS GENTLE

This year spring came late  
and the buds still refused to  
open.

Tightly wrapped up in  
themselves, they were as hard  
as stones.

The wind shook them, the  
hail beat them.

The frost squeezed them in a  
fist of iron.

All three shouted 'Open up!  
Open up!'

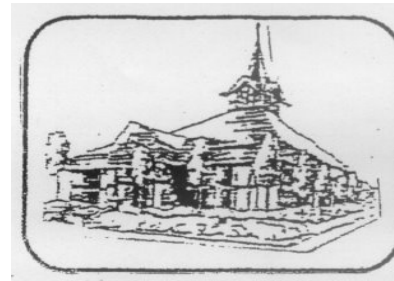
Instead of opening up, they  
retreated even more deeply  
their shells.

Then at last came the sun,  
issuing no threats making no  
demands just creating a more  
friendly climate.

And what happened?

Almost over night the  
countryside turned green as  
buds began to soften and  
expand; their shell cracked,  
and they burst out, giving  
praise for the gift of life.

When you really love you  
are most gentle- there are  
certain tasks which only  
gentleness can accomplish.



## HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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### A NEW LANGUAGE

On Pentecost Day the apostles spoke a new  
language.

What was this new language?

It was the language of peace rather than war;  
the language of cooperation rather than  
competition:

the language of forgiveness rather than  
vengeance;

the language of tolerance rather than bigotry;  
the language of friendship rather than hostility;  
the language of unity rather than division;  
the language of love rather than hate:

Through the gift of the Spirit, people of different languages learned  
to profess one faith to the praise and glory of God.

That is the real miracle of Pentecost, and it is a miracle which  
thankfully, still happens.



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**CONFIRMATION PLEDGE** Moderation is good for the human  
spirit in general and in the use of alcohol in particular. Moderation  
brings a sense of well-being. This weekend as our children are  
invited to take their 'Confirmation Pledge' at all Masses. We are  
challenged to look at our own drinking and the example we give  
them. They will be invited to stay off alcohol until they are 18 years  
of age and from illegal drugs for life. The congregation will also be  
asked to pray for them that they will have the moral strength and  
courage to keep these promises and use the gift of moderation

**SYMPATHY** We offer our sympathy to the families of Thomas Doherty Bealachmor Upper and Richard Dooley Templegrove who died during the week. May they rest in peace.

### ANNIVERSARIES

### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

**6.00pm** Cormac McKeever

**11.00am** Kelsie Hannaway

**12.30pm** Seosamh McKeever

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** 13th May  
£ 2017.92 €

**CEMETERY SUNDAY** The Annual Service of Intercession for the Dead takes place in the City Cemetery on Sunday 17 June at 6.00 pm

**ROSARY ON THE COAST** for life and faith and to keep the Eighth Amendment will be held today Sunday 20 May at 2.30pm at Benone Strand, Magilligan, and Lisfannon Strand, Tel . 07592558380 for information

**THE COLUMBA COMMUNITY** invites you to celebrate the blessing of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost Mass on Sunday 20th May at 3pm in St Canice's Oratory, Celtic Prayer Garden, Lenamore Road, Muff.

**KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBANUS** Pilgrimage to Knock. Sunday 27th May Cost £15.00 Tel: 07851 829282

**WHITE OAKS St.. CECILIA'S SCHOOL 50th Anniversary** Celebration holding a Weekend Retreat "**Sunlight in the Spirit**" for those in recovery from addiction who wish to deepen their relationship with God. 18th - 20th May Cost E150 (Residential) or E100 (non-residential). Please call the Centre on 00353 74 9384400 to book or email at [info@whiteoakscentre.com](mailto:info@whiteoakscentre.com)

**DERRY DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2018:** Those intending to travel and who have already obtained application forms should return these as soon as possible, with deposit; places are very limited and will be reserved on a 'first come, first served' basis.

**DERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOUGH DERG,** led by Bishop Donal McKeown, will take place Friday 22– Sunday 24 June. Coach travelling from St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry. For pilgrims travelling by coach, the cost will be £80 A non-refundable deposit of £20 is required to secure your place. Tel; Diocesan Catechetical Centre 71264087 or email: [rebecca.odoherty@derrydiocese.org](mailto:rebecca.odoherty@derrydiocese.org)

**LOUGH DERG 2018:** Season opens for One Day Retreats May 13, 15, 20, 22, 26, 27 & 28. Advance booking is essential. Tel +353 71 9861518 or email [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org)

**Anniversary Celebration** Dinner Friday 22nd June in the City Hotel at 7.30pm. Tickets are now on sale at our office, priced at £30. We welcome staff, past and present, past pupils, with guests/ partners

### MA IN CATHOLIC SCHOOL LEADERSHIP:

Working in Partnership with St Mary's College, Twickenham, the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre will offer this post-graduate degree, dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic school leaders. It is a great opportunity for those who aspire to, or have an interest in, leadership roles within the Catholic School system. Begins Autumn 2018. Information session in Saint Mary's College, Derry, on Monday 18 June at 4pm. If you would like to attend or require any further information please contact Thérèse Ferry on 71264087 or email [tferry@derrydiocese.org](mailto:tferry@derrydiocese.org).

**THE SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL** need volunteers for their shop in William Street to assist with sorting donated items and general shop duties. If you are interested either drop in or call 02871268325 for a chat with the manager.

### HOLY FAMILY PILGRIMAGES

#### LOURDES /NEVERS

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

**SOLAS A** Special needs charity has put out an urgent appeal for **Retired Teachers** to help provide 1:1 support to children, with additional educational needs, in primary schools across the Derry area. These are hugely rewarding voluntary positions and one morning per week, during term time, is required. Please contact Anne Cahill at Solas on 02890 247600, Mobile 07729 779242 or email [anne@solasbt7.com](mailto:anne@solasbt7.com) for info

**FOSTERING** in the WHSCT Area – Upcoming Information Evening **Tues 22nd May**, Da Vinci's Hotel, Derry. Staff will be present from 3.30pm onwards from the Recruitment team. Multi-media presentation and information sharing talk at 7.30pm Light refreshments will be served.

**I AM CONCERT** There will be a night of Music by I AM band, in Claudy Pastoral Centre on May 20th, starting at 7pm. Tickets can be obtained via the Hope Facebook page or pay at the door.