

MASSES

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm
Sunday 9.30am 11.00am, 12.30pm
Weekdays 10.00am, 7.15pm

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday 10.30am-7.15pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 10.30am, and before evening Mass
Eve of Holydays & eve of First Fridays: 10.30am. and before evening Mass

BAPTISM COURSES

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

BAPTISMS: One month's notice
Every Saturday at 7.00pm

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PARISH GROUPS

Tues: 8pm Choir Practice
Thurs 7.45pm Scripture Group
New members welcome!

COME LORD JESUS

Lord Jesus come into our weakness

Come into our fears

Come into our anxieties

Come into our failures

Come into our divisions

Come into our grieving

Come into our loneliness.

Come into our darkness

Come into our doubting

Come into our despair

Come into our poverty of heart.

Come into our searching.

Come into our joys and hopes.

Come into our dying.

Come Lord Jesus, Come.

AN INSPIRED CHRISTMAS GIFT Trocaire is again offering Christmas Global Gift Plan - which will be delivered directly to hard pressed families in the developing world. available at Veritas shop Shipquay St or www.trocaire.org.



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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The long nine months of waiting for Mary are coming to an end. Bethlehem was all about counting heads when Joseph and Mary arrived. The first few spasms of pain let Mary know her child was nearing birth. It was over-



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crowded, not much of a welcome after the dusty roads, suspicious neighbours, Joseph's hurt and now the seeming unconcern of God for his Son's mother.

Soon he would take his first tiny lungful of God's good air and breath it out in a healthy reassuring scream. As she held him to her breast did she wonder about Gabriel's message and of the prophets? Had she sleepless nights thinking about what the future had in store?

Yes, some in every generation would call her blessed but there would come a time for parting with the flesh and blood that was formed from hers. Bethlehem is not all that far from Gethsemane, the crib not far from the cross. 'All generations will call me blessed'. Would she have to swallow these words at Calvary?

SYMPATHY We offer our sympathy to the family of Margaret White, Marinanus Park and Marjory Taggart Lindenwood Park and Sarah O'Donnell Marianus Park who died during the week. May they rest in peace.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE tomorrow Monday 21st December 7.15pm. Priests from all over the city will join us to hear Confessions in preparation for Christmas. This celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation concludes our Parish Novena. The opportunity to experience the forgiveness of Christ is an essential part of our Advent preparation for Christmas

PENITENTIAL SERVICES
Mon. 21st 7.15pm Holy Family
Tues 22nd 7.30pm. St. Mary's
Christmas Eve 11am-5.30pm.
St. Eugene's Cathedral

CONFESSIONS in Holy Family Church

Wednesday 10.30 am and after evening Mass for as long as there are penitents

Thursday : Christmas Eve Mass 10.00am.

Confession 10.30am for as long as there are penitents.

Confession available in St.

Eugene's Cathedral 11.00 5.30pm

ANNIVERSARIES We pray for Gerry Houston Tony Harkin, Danny O'Kane, Mary Coyle, Andy Nolan, Gretta Ward

SUNDAY COLLECTION 13th December amounted to £2221.79 and €100.25 Thank you.

CHRISTMAS BOX collection for the priests of the parish will be taken up at all Masses at Christmas .

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Thursday - Christmas Eve Vigil Masses 6.00pm 7.30pm & 9.00pm.

Thursday 25th Christmas Day 9.30am, 11.00am and 12.30pm.

Because of the large crowds we experienced in the past at the 6.00pm Vigil Mass we have added another vigil Mass for reasons of health and safety . Please come to any of the five other Christmas Masses if you wish to be more comfortable. Extra stewards will be needed at all Masses. Please leave your name and telephone number and Mass choice in the sacristy

NO 10.00am Mass or Confessions on Saturday There will be one Mass at 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

6.00pm Aaron O'Doherty & family

12.30pm Joshua Leonard & family

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

6.00pm Eimear Doherty

12.30pm Tiarnan McKeever

PARISH DRAW WINNERS

£2,500 Kathleen McGeehan
69 The Branch

£500 ,Jane Marie McDaid
62 Grangemore Park

£100 Damian mcBrearty
51 Whitehouse Park

£100 Ian McClelland
11 Waterfoot Park

£100 Kayla Doherty
57 Ballyarnett Village

Once again we thank all those who bought and sold tickets .

THEY THAT WAIT ON THE LORD a book by Fr Neal Carlin— Ideal Christmas reading or present £12 available in the Sacristy

"FOLLOW THE STAR" to the Celtic Garden Christmas Trail at the IOSAS Centre, Muff. An interactive family experience to recapture the true spirit of Christmas and learn about some of the Christian stories behind our favourite Christmas traditions. Contact the IOSAS Centre 00353) 749384866

The Undertones will play their first hometown show in two years when they take to the stage of St Columbs Hall in Derry on December 27. Opening act: The Gatefolds. Tickets are available from Cool Discs, Foyle Street, Derry. To Book Telephone: 44 28 7126 0770 or email info@cooldiscsmusic.com

PARISH PILGRIMAGES

HOLY LAND (half board)

From 9th-17th October 2016.

Cost: £1275.€1495. Deposit
£150.

3 nights Galilee, 4 nights Jerusalem Flying directly from Belfast

4 Days MEDJUGORJE / 3 Days DUBROVNIK (half board)

1st-8th MAY £649

LOURDES (full board)

16th –21st July £605

Tel Margaret 07732468511

Savings scheme now started in the Parochial House each Thursday evening from 8-9pm.

DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

Do you support for someone living with dementia? Then please come along to our Support Group and Memory Cafe. The Support Group meets in Da Vinci's Hotel on the first Wednesday of every month. It gives people the opportunity to meet in a confidential environment where they can share their experiences and receive support from those in a similar situation as themselves. The group will be meeting next at the Da Vinci's Hotel from 7pm-8:30pm on Wednesday 6th January 2015
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