

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 at
8pm

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

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PARISH GROUPS

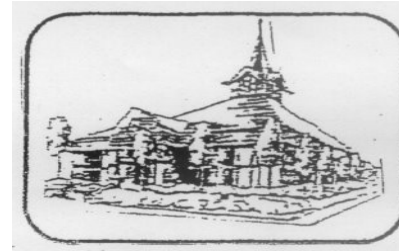
Tues: 8pm Choir Practice
Thurs 7.45pm Scripture Group
New members welcome!

NOTICE FROM BISHOP DONAL McKEOWN TO PARISHIONERS

An important key to maintaining and handing on the faith is *knowledge* of the faith. In seeking to help us deepen our knowledge, I have arranged for every person in the parish to have trial access to online resources from the *Augustine Institute* (USA). Every parishioner will have free 24/7 access on any device, including computer, smartphone and tablet with internet access, until 17 March. You will find high quality, videos, courses and other material that explain the Catholic faith, explore Scripture and reflect on the deepest meaning of Marriage and Baptism, as well as many other inspiring audio talks and books on a variety of topics relevant to our faith.

To access the content:

After the period of free trial access, the *Augustine Institute* hopes to be able to offer a service to parishes who then wish to subscribe, on a permanent basis. You are encouraged to look at this online material and your feedback is welcomed by your Parish Priest.



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FAREWELL

We in the Céilí Community leave your beautiful parish of Holy Family this weekend. We hope that we have helped to encourage and enrich your lives of faith. It was a real pleasure to work with you all in building the Kingdom of God in this area. We thank the Lord for your faithfulness to him and for your great warmth, welcome, generosity, hospitality and humour. We fell in love with the Derry accent and sayings. We depart to the Midlands enriched by your faith and your great sense of fun, even in difficult times.

Your mission is not ending. In fact, it is just beginning. The Parish has numerous gifted people and great potential to take the new evangelisation to a new level, proclaiming the Gospel with new zeal, new expressions, and in new ways. We leave you with the exhortation of Pope Francis in his document, *The Joy of the Gospel*, "*I dream of a 'missionary option', that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channelled for the evangelization of today's world rather than for her self-preservation.*"

With love and blessings,
The Céilí Community.

A WORD FROM FR O'KANE

On behalf of the people of the parish I thank the Ceili Community for all their hard work here during the past two weeks. I thank those people who opened up their homes to make them welcome, those who helped with the food and home visitation, the schools and anyone who helped in any way. What a blessing this Retreat has been to all. May we feel renewed and strengthened in our faith as shortly we open our hearts to the grace-filled Holy Week of Christ's passion, death and resurrection.

SYMPATHY We offer our sympathy to families of Jim Gibbons Inchview and Patrick Divin Kenmare Park and Rose Burke Sheelin Park and Kathleen Long 22 Groarty Rd who died during the week May they rest in peace.

BAPTISMS Our Parish Family welcomes: Eva Grace, Cooke and Nevach Catherine Cooke
11 Norburgh Park

ANNIVERSARIES

Myles O'Hagan Ann McLaughlin
Nan O'Kane, Patrick Taggart,
Annie Maguire, John Gill,
Laura Doherty. Kathleen McGill

SUNDAY COLLECTION 14th February amounted to £2284.39 and €124.60 Thank you.

DEBATE NIGHTS WITH BISHOP DONAL McKEOWN As part of Lent, the Derry Youth Community is inviting young people to come to question and discuss relevant issues with Bishop Donal McKeown. This is opened to people aged 16 to 21 and will commence today Sunday 21st February, from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm in St Mary's College, Northland Road.

Marriage Preparation Workshops April 15/16th & May 13th/14th In Ardmore Parish Centre Booking online; www.accord-ni.co.uk Courses are held on Fridays from 7pm to 10pm and continue on Saturday 10 -4pm. Fee is £125.00 per couple.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING
Jacqueline McCarron and Geraldine Canavan. Diocesan Designated Officer: Noel O'Donnell Tel 07596500793

I AM Alive, Christian ROCKS Concert: Easter Sunday, 27th of March, St Columb's Hall, 8pm-10pm. A 14 piece band will deliver music. Tickets: Adult £10, Students £7 and are available @ Veritas.

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Lenten Reflection Mornings': These gentle, guided gatherings, with time to pray and reflect, are a way of making a spiritual journey through the weeks of Lent. Facilitators: Thornhill Ministries Team. Mondays beginning 15 February from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm (5 weeks). Venue: Thornhill Convent, Culmore Road. Suggested Donation: £3.

Understanding the Jubilee': Discover the biblical background to 'The Jubilee Year of Mercy' and 'mercy' in the parables of Jesus. Thursdays 25 February & 3 March from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm - Thornhill College, Culmore Road.

CHILD CONFESSION WORKSHOP: For those wondering about Confession, this workshop provides a safe place to ask questions. Tuesday 1 March from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm in Thornhill Convent, Culmore Road. More information/booking, phone 71351233 email thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS & INFORMATION DAY will be held in the Maldrom Hotel Butcher St. on Thursday 24th March 10am-4.00pm. to provide information to carers of people experiencing mental health difficulties Tel 71371849 for more information.

BALLYMAGROARTY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION will be holding a prize bingo night in Ballymagroarty Community Centre at Shaw Court on Tuesday 1st March @ 9pm. Everyone welcome

THE CITY OF DERRY DRAMA FESTIVAL opens in the Waterside Theatre on 4th March. Seven different plays will be performed by drama groups from all over the island of Ireland. Tickets, including concessionary rates, can be booked through the theatre box office on 71314000.'

SLIMMING WORLD at Holy Family School on Thursday at 5pm and 7pm. Tel Valerie 07756455438

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.

EYE TESTING FOR THE HOUSEBOUND Local opticians Douglas & Cobane offer a FREE home visiting service for the housebound in the community. They also provide specialist eye testing for children with special educational needs. To make an appointment please visit the practice at 46 Spencer Road, or telephone 71 343803.

Ulster Scots Music and Dance Evening at Age Concern Malvern House, Chapel Road on Monday 22nd Feb at 7.30pm All those over the age of 60 are welcome Adm free telephone 71 347 478. for more info.