

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:

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

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

PARISH GROUPS

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

CANCER RESEARCH

Fr O'Kane wishes to thank all those who sponsored him recently in the Slide down Shipquay St. The amount raised was £1600 plus p225.

THE PERFECT CHURCH

If you should find the perfect church

Without one fault or smear,
For goodness sake, don't join that church.

You'd spoil the atmosphere.

If you should find the perfect church

Where all anxieties cease,
Then pass it by, lest joining it
You spoil the masterpiece.

If you should find the perfect church

Then don't you ever dare
To tread upon holy ground
You'd be a misfit there!

But since no perfect church exists.

Made of imperfect men,
Then let's cease looking for that church

And love the church we're in.



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Sun 14th Sept. 2014 Vol.31 No 37

You have often heard me refer to *'Kingdom People'* and *'Kingdom Values'*. In today's Gospel we are asked to change our way of thinking. Human thoughts are often small-minded and self-centred in comparison to God's noble and generous love. *'Why be envious because I am generous?'* says Jesus. When Matthew was writing, his gospel some Jewish Christians resented the Gentile converts who were like late-comers in the parable: a bit like the aristocracy disdaining the newly arrived rich.

Envy is one of the seven deadly sins. It is a poisonous, negative response to somebody's good fortune. The cure for envy is to appreciate goodness wherever it appears and to bless the God of giving. We should be glad that God gives out of generosity not in the measure of what we deserve. The new Catechism states *'From envy are born hatred, detraction, calumny, joy caused by the misfortune of a neighbour, and displeasure caused by his prosperity'*.

Advertisers find chinks in human defences through the seven deadly sins, pride greed, lust, envy, anger, gluttony and sloth. People cannot enjoy what they have while tempted to look longingly at what they have not. Take St Francis, for example he opted for poverty and owned the beauty of the whole universe. Having nothing he possessed joy in everything.

SYMPATHY We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of Bernie Donnelly, 5 Whitehouse Park who died during the week. May she rest in peace.

BAPTISMS Our parish family welcomes:

Riley Caolan Anthony McCloskey
2 Carraigh Ard
Hayden Michael William Keenan
47 Drumard Park

SUNDAY COLLECTION 14th September amounted to £ 1775.73 and p145.26 Thank you.

Anniversaries We pray for Enda O'Flaherty, Stephen Mullin, Adrian Hegarty, Manus Doherty, Gavin Large, Sean Canney, Rosaleen Keogh, Lizzie Morrison, Tommy & Maureen Burke

FIRST COMMUNION DATES

Holy Family School: **Sat 30th May**
St. Eithne's School: **Sat 6th June**

ST PADRE PIO'S FEAST DAY, The Holy Family Padre Pio Prayer Group will hold a meeting in the Holy Family church, on **Tuesday 23rd September**, starting with Mass at 7.15pm. There will be two 1st class relics at the meeting. All welcome.

GROUP GUIDED PRAYER commences on Thursday 25th Sept. immediately after evening Mass. For quiet reflective prayer on the Gospel for Sunday. All welcome

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK The Legion of Mary is running a bus to Knock on Sunday 28th Sept. leaving Dunnes at 8.15am. Cost £15 includes tea and toast. Tel 71372039 or 07731805524

ACCORD DERRY – Marriage

Preparation Workshops

October 3/4th 2014

Venue: Ardmore Parish Centre

Booking www.accordni.com or Tel

Accord Derry 71362475

YOUTHLIFE *Growing through Change* programme for adults who have experienced bereavement and loss as a result of death, divorce or separation. Friday 26th until Sunday 28th September 2014 in The Sanctuary, Muff. no charge. contact Deidre on 02871377227 or visit us at www.youthlife.org or call into the office on 23 Bishop Street, Derry.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE EVENT

Belfast & Derry ó Londonderry Churches & Civic Leaders Sunday 21st September Guildhall 3pm

ADOPTERS NEEDED Family Care Adoption Services is presently seeking families who would be interested in adopting children aged between 2 ó 6 years. Contact Family Care Adoption Services: Derry: 71368592

Email email@familycaresociety.org
Website: www.familycaresociety.co.uk

COFFEE MORNING for Macmillan on Friday 26th September in the Community Centre Shaw Court from 10 am till 12 noon

Poetry of Light' ó Mary Murphy will lead six sessions exploring poems by Heaney, Hopkins, Mary Oliver and others. Thursday 2 October. 7.30-9.00 pm. in Thornhill College. Cost: £5 per night. To book, tel Thornhill Ministries at 71351233.

MINDFULNESS RETREAT

DAY ó silence and meditation where the soul finds a pathway to the Divine. Monday 27 October from 10.00 am to 2.45 pm. in An Grianán Hotel, Burt, Suggested Donation: £27 Booking essential. Phone Thornhill Ministries at 71351233.

THE IRISH CATHOLIC CATECHISM

for Adults is a new resource from the Irish Episcopal Conference, A Study Guide to complement the Catechism has also been published. Tel: 71 266888 Email: derryshop@veritas.ie Veritas is hosting an Information Evening for Adults on Thursday 25 September, at 4.00pm, in the St Columba Heritage Centre (Aras Colmcille), Long Tower, Derry. Everyone is welcome,.

ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY Carer Information Services Waterfoot Hotel from 7pm ó 9pm on Mondays in November. Tel 71348887 for details of other services available.

LITTLE ACORNS PRE SCHOOL Crèche places available for children aged between 2-4. Little Acorns operates Monday-Friday 8.45am-12.45pm. For places or inquiries please contact a member of staff on **02871308058** or **07593590275**.

PARK MEDICAL FLU VACCINATIONS Saturday 11 October and Saturday 18 October from 9. 00 am-12 noon. tel 71378500

THE WELFAIR PROJECT

Addresses the needs experienced by isolated and hard to reach vulnerable older people .If you are 50+ and feel that you have spare time that you could give to helping vulnerable older people please contact: MAJELLA STEWART at 71269327 or 07593621352.

RETIRED TEACHERS Unique volunteering opportunities for Retired Teachers to provide one-on-one support to children with additional educational needs in primary schools in the Derry area. One morning per week is required for a minimum of 15 weeks, full induction will be provided and will begin in October Please contact Sólás on 02890 247600 or email anne@solasbt7.com for further informationö.