

### 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@holymfamilyparish.com

Parish Sisters 71260398

Holy Family School 71267798

St. Eithne's School 71377077

www.holyfamily-parish.com

### PARISH GROUPS

Tues: 8pm Choir Practice

Thurs 7.45pm Scripture Group

New members welcome!

## CONFESSIONS in Holy Family Church

Tuesday

Confessions after evening Mass for as long as there are penitents

### Wednesday : Christmas Eve

**Mass** 10.00am

**Confessions** 10.30am

Confession available in St. Eugene's Cathedral 11.00-5.30pm

### CHRISTMAS MASSES

**Wednesday - 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 at the 6.00pm Vigil Mass we experienced in the past we have again added another vigil Mass to ease congestion. So please come to any of the five other Christmas Masses. Volunteers are needed to help as extra stewards for all Christmas Masses. Please leave your name and telephone number and Mass choice in the sacristy

**NO 10.00am Mass** on Friday or Saturday There will be one Mass on Friday at 7.15pm



## HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Sun 21st Dec 2014 Vol. 31 No 49

**Just a few days left** to bring your Christmas preparations to completion. Gifts bought and wrapped, Christmas tree gleaming in the corner, postal deadlines, cards coming and going (always that unexpected one at the last minute!). Tinsel. Food preparation. Stocking up for the quiet days next week of slumping before the T.V. Inertia and peace so welcome after these busy days of frantic buying and confusion but busy days of thoughtfulness and love no less. Hoping everything will be just right. But plans can go wrong as they did for Mary.

Accusations of infidelity and pleadings of innocence were not part of them. Neither did poor Joseph expect this, so hurt, so lost, not knowing what was going on. If ever a reassuring angel was needed it was now.

Familiarity has dulled the human pain and drama. The misunderstandings, false assumptions, fear and disappointment in this weekend's Gospel also have a place in the jigsaw puzzle of our own lives where our plans also go astray.

Not the perfect situation for the Messiah to be born into. But it was the right one. God only wants a little room, a heart prepared to trust, just that little bit, in the unknown, the unplanned, the unexpected, for God is Emmanuel ó God always with us.ó

*The Priests of the Parish wish you all a holy and happy Christmas*

## JESUS

*You were born in an outhouse. A shed. You want to be born and live in the outhouse of my life*

*That place where I am weak, Frail broken and sinful – Even areas where I dare not look.*

*Give me wings to soar into your arms—to be free - and the joy in my heart to sing with the angels around your crib.*

## CHRISTMAS MASSES

Our churches are full at Christmas, the Vigil Masses especially. For health and safety reasons we have had to make every effort to reduce the crowd at the 6pm Vigil Mass by adding another Mass at 7.30pm and encouraging people if they possibly can to go to another where they have a better chance of getting a seat. We also are calling in extra stewards to welcome you and to help with crowd control. They will also help with the collection. Please co-operate with them

**BAPTISMS** Our Parish family welcomes:  
Araya Beattie 55 Glenabbey Drive.  
Ericka Ferry 10 Glenvale Road

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** 14th December amounted to £ 2148.86 and p210.65 Thank you.

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

**Anniversaries** We pray for John King

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**  
6.00pm

12.30pm

**OFFERTORY PROCESSION**  
6.00pm Caoimhin Wray & family

12.30pm

**PARISH DRAW WINNERS**

**£2,500** Philomena Brown  
Liscannor Park ,

**£500** Ann Richardson  
Kernmare Park ,

**£100** John McGonagle Sion Mills

**£50** Orla McLaughlin Prehen

**£50** Ann McCourt The Meadows  
Once again we thank all those who bought and sold tickets .

**POLISH CHRISTMAS MASS** will take place on Christmas Eve at 8 pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Steelstown Road

**ACCORD DERRY** Marriage Preparation Workshops *January 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> and March 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> May 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> 2015* in Ardmore Parish Centre Bookings are now being taken online [www.accordni.com](http://www.accordni.com)  
Contact Accord Tel 71362475  
derry@accordni.com

**The Sister Aloysius Memorial Concert** Colmcille Ladies Choir will be joined by Columbans, Colmcille Juniors, actor and writer Mary Murphy, flautist Shauna Cassidy, and pianist Declan Carlin to present a night of festive music and verse in memory of Sister Aloysius McVeigh of the Sisters of Mercy today Sunday 21st December, 8pm. Tickets: £8 (proceeds to Foyle Hospice). Box Office (02)71268027 or online at [www.derryplayhouse.co.uk](http://www.derryplayhouse.co.uk)

## Cross-Community Carols

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 6.30pm  
**at Institute FC Grounds, Drumahoe**  
6.30pm Carols together with reps from the four main churches 7.15pm

**North West Regional College**, Derry Limavady and Strabane, is now offering an exciting range of new part-time courses, beginning in January 2015. So, if you're looking for something new , call 7127 6000, or visit [www.nwrc.ac.uk/parttime](http://www.nwrc.ac.uk/parttime)

## HOLY FAMILY PILGRIMAGES

- 1) **LOURDES** 16-21st July  
Dep £150 Cost £605 (plus coach)
- 2) Saint John XX111 comes from Sotto il Monte, near Padua. To honour this new saint we have our first pilgrimage to this area of his birth. It is also associated with St. Anthony whose relics are there. Also four days at Lake Garda **15-22<sup>nd</sup> September. Deposit £200 Cost £795**  
Contact Margaret 07732468511 or 71267070. Saving scheme now open. Thursdays 8-9.

**SEAN DAVIS** Christmas 3 day indoor -Funø Soccer will take place at the Sports Complex on Monday 29th December to Wednesday 31st for boys and girls aged 5-17. Tel. 71263044

**PICK-UP A PAINTBRUSH COURSE**...beat the January blues & paint yourself a rainbow... painting for beginners classes will run every Tuesday from 2-4pm, starting Tuesday 6th January in the Gasyard Centre for just £3 per session. To book a place call 71262812 or 07513870237 or email [bluebellartsproject@hotmail.com](mailto:bluebellartsproject@hotmail.com).