

### 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 Thurs of the month 8pm

BAPTISMS: 1st and 3rd Saturday  
of the month at 7.00pm

MARRIAGES Three months notice

Parochial House 71267070

Email:office@holyfamily-parish.com

Web www.holyfamily-parish.com

Parish Sisters 71260398

Holy Family School 71267798

St. Eithne's School 71377077

### PARISH GROUPS

11am Choir practices Tuesday at  
7.45 . New members welcome

Scripture Group Thurs 7.45pm

New members always welcome!

A.A .Fridays and Sundays at 8.00pm  
in Upper Room.

### Mary

'In order to welcome the gift of the  
body of Jesus we must look more  
fully at the woman who conceived  
him and gave him birth—Mary

For none like her enveloped his body  
Touched his body, loved his body  
Washed his body, venerated his  
body

The body of Christ, flowed from her  
body,

The fruit of her womb

It was her body that nourished his  
body

Her breasts gave him the energy and  
nourishment to grow:

Her touch to protect him

And revealed to him that he was  
loved;

Her presence made him sing with  
joy;

The light in her eyes called forth the  
light in his.

Before she was touched and  
sanctified by his words,

She had been touched and sanctified  
by his body;

The temple of God

The sacred place where God resides.

(Jean Vanier taken from 'The  
Broken Body)

### THE OTHER SIDE OF CHRISTMAS

The tills, they ring and choirs sing  
A jolly jingle may follow you.  
Red and green are everywhere  
But some of us feel blue.

This rushing round to buy and wrap  
Disheartens lonely souls  
Christmas parties leaving out  
Those who'll be all alone.

This merry month will be for some  
The saddest time of year  
As Christmas bells are ringing  
And we are caught up in the cheer.

May we wrap our love to give  
To those who'll be alone  
When an empty chair, can cause despair  
Because someone's not at home

Lord, let your gentle touch this Christmas Day  
Fall as soft as snow  
On hearts that ache or about to break  
A pain too many know.

*P O'Kane*



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**SYMPATHY** We offer our sympathy to the family Mary Morrison Barr's Lane who died during the week. May she rest in peace.

**PENITENTIAL SERVICE**  
tomorrow Monday 7.15pm.

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Kathleen Friel, Nellie Brady,  
John & Mary Donaghey Pat O'Kane  
Laura Devine

**SUNDAY COLLECTION 15th Dec.**  
£1872.12 and €78.69 Standing Orders  
£375

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

**ORATORY** The Oratory will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday

**GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS:** Is gambling affecting your life? Perhaps we can help. Tel:71351329.

**TRAINING OPPORTUNITY FOR ADULTS** The Diocese is also offering a training course for adults interested in Parish Pastoral Ministry. This course will be a Level 2 Certificate in Youth Work Practice and it will run over 5 Saturdays and a few evenings beginning on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 6pm-9pm in Maghera Pastoral Centre. If interested please contact Yvonne Rooney for details 71264087 or an application form [yvonne.rooney@derrydiocese.org](mailto:yvonne.rooney@derrydiocese.org)

### **CHRISTMAS MASSES**

**Tuesday- Christmas Eve Vigil Masses 6.00pm 7.30pm & 9.00pm.**

**Wednesday 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

**Derry Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 28<sup>th</sup> July:** We are inviting young people aged 16-18 to join us on pilgrimage to Medjugorje for 7 nights from 28<sup>th</sup> July-4<sup>th</sup> August. Cost is £599 and there will be a budget plan to help with this. Names and deposit of £100 are due by 20<sup>th</sup> of December. For more information or to book in please contact [lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org](mailto:lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org)

**CHILDREN IN CROSSFIRE** want to thank everyone who took an Advent box this year and for your continued support. please return your donations to the chapel in January. For any more information [shauna.oneill@childrenincrossfire.org](mailto:shauna.oneill@childrenincrossfire.org) or tel 71269898

**SLIMMING WORLD** at Holy Family School every Thursday 5pm-7pm. Tel Valerie 07756455438

### **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS:**

Can't stop? There *is* a solution. Tel AA 90351222  
email [csoofaa@btinternet.com](mailto:csoofaa@btinternet.com). Web site: [www.alcoholicsanonymous.ie](http://www.alcoholicsanonymous.ie)

### **MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND,**

hosted by Catholic Marriage Encounter Ireland, offers married couples of all ages in a good relationship, private time to rekindle the joy of their love. The next (residential) Weekend (*Fri 8.00pm to Sun 4.30pm*) will be held in **Dromantine Retreat Centre, Newry, from 31 January- 2 February.** For further information and to book, visit (new) website [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie) or phone **0770 281 2321** [NI] or **00353 (87) 2162436.**

**Holy Land Pilgrimage Retreat:** 24 Sept – 8 Oct 2020. Applications now available. For more information or to book, please contact Thornhill Ministries, Derry, at 028 7135 1233 or [thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org](mailto:thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org). Website: [www.thornhillministries.co.uk](http://www.thornhillministries.co.uk)

**LOST** Ladies glasses at retail park Buncrana Rd on Sat 14th Dec. If found please tel Julie 07745161772

### **HOLY FAMILY PILGRIMAGES 2020 MEDJUGORE**

30th May –6th June  
Cost £589 Deposit £100

**LOURDES 3rd-8th July**  
Cost **£699** Deposit **£200**  
Tel Margaret 07732468511

for details

Savings Thurs: 8-9pm in

**SAFEGUARDING** Any concerns in regard to Safeguarding children or adults in need of protection within the Church contact: Noel O'Donnell, Diocesan Pastoral Centre,, 71362475, mobile 07596500793 or Celine McKenna, Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 71362475, mobile 07707311358 PSNI ( 101) or Social Services: Gateway Team 71314090,

### **Eye testing for the housebound**

Local opticians Douglas & Cobane offer a FREE home visiting service for the housebound. To make an appointment please tele71 343803

### **PILGRIMAGE TO SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO, 20-24 April 2020.**

This is a fully escorted pilgrimage, accompanied by Spiritual Director. Includes a visit to Pietrelcina and Mass at the Shrine of St Michael the Archangel. Cost £619 pps For further details contact Marie