

## 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.

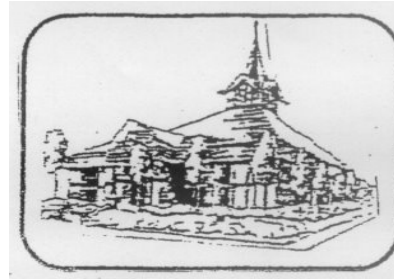
**ASH WEDNESDAY.** The ashes are from burnt palms of the previous year. Please leave your palms in the parochial house before Tuesday evening.. Ashes will be distributed at **10.00am and 7.15pm Masses on Wednesday.** Special Collection for the Shrines of the Holy Land will be taken up at all Masses on Ash Wednesday.

**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,

**ALLOTMENTS** Would you like to grow your own fruit and vegetables? Brand New Allotments becoming available from March on the Buncrana Road. To register your interest please contact Emmett Mullan tel on 71262894 email [Emmett.mullan@derrydiocese.org](mailto:Emmett.mullan@derrydiocese.org)

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

**GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS:** Is gambling affecting your life? Perhaps we can help. Tel: 028 7135 1329.



# HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Sun 23rd Feb 2020 Vol. 38 No 08

## 40 Days of Lent

Jesus prepared for this public mission by forty days of prayer and fasting. Following his example, we prepare for the celebration of our redemption by these forty days. Days are lengthening (hence the name 'Lent') towards the full light of the Spring equinox celebrated at the lighting of the Easter Candle. Lent is an annual preparation for our ultimate participation in the death and rising of Christ which is reached at the end of our mortal life on earth.

Lent begins with ashes as a reminder of the transience of mortal flesh. Acceptance of the ashes is a public statement that we are taking our salvation seriously and doing some form of penance or training for our journey to God.

A serious approach to Lent will put fundamental questions before us. Where have I come from? Where am I going in life? Do I live as if there was nothing beyond the material things of this life? Am I ready to face my God if He called me tonight? I wish you a prayerful holy Lent.

## Prayer

Loving Father, to prepare for His mission of proclaiming your kingdom to the world your Son Jesus was guided by Your Holy Spirit to the quiet of the desert. In these Lenten days, I pray that I will be guided by that same Spirit, to a place of renewal in my heart and mind, so that I will seek opportunities for daily personal prayer, personal sacrifices and acts of kindness. With Your help, may I too be truly prepared to share in the story of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

**SYMPATHY** We offer our sympathy to the family of Liam McCartney Donal Casey Court who died during the week. May he rest in peace.

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Tara McLaughlin Hugh McEleney  
Isobel & Patrick Crawley

**SUNDAY COLLECTION 23rd Feb**  
£1963.14 and €110.32 Standing  
Orders £375

**TROCAIRE BOXES** are ready for distribution. If you would be willing to help distribute please pick them up at the main door of the church.

**Lent 2020 in the parishes of the Diocese of Derry:** Throughout Lent resources and parish events for Lent will be published on the diocesan website and its social media channels. You are encouraged to follow and share these resources: Web: [www.derrydiocese.org](http://www.derrydiocese.org) Instagram: @DioceseOfDerry Twitter: @DioceseOfDerry Facebook: @derrydiocese You are also asked to recite daily during Lent the Diocesan Lenten Prayer on front page.

**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS** will take place in Scoil Eoghain, Moville, on Sundays, from 23 Feb - 5 April, from 4 - 6pm.

**DRIVING LICENCES** Fr O’Kane has a southern licence. Accordingly, he is not allowed to witness Northern

licence application forms. The parish sisters and the school principal may be fit to help.

**THORNHILL MINISTRIES Lenten Promise Cards** If you or someone you know "wants to do something for Lent," the scratch card reveals a pray/fast/give activity for each day. Cards available at Thornhill Ministries or Veritas, Shipquay Street **Oasis Day - "Sensing Mortality"** A hope-filled day led by Fr Paschal McDonnell to help find an oasis of peace and serenity in acceptance of what is. Includes Eucharist, reflection and pondering on mortality. Mon 24 Feb 9.30 am-1:30 pm Suggested Donation: £20 (guideline only).

**TERMONBACCA MASS FOR THE SICK** -Tues 25th Feb at 7.30

**SENIOR CITIZENS RETREAT** - Thursday 19th March - Cost for day - £15 Stg/20 Euro.

**SILENT WEEKEND RETREAT FOR LADIES** Fri 3rd - Sun 5th April

**LENTEN SHORT-TERM PLEDGE:** This enables a person who does not wish to make a life commitment to total abstinence to take a pledge for a limited period of time. If you would like to take the pledge for the six weeks of Lent, please go online [www.pioneerassociation.ie](http://www.pioneerassociation.ie) and follow the links to join.

**Accord Derry Marriage Preparation Workshops**

April 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> May 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>  
June 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> in Thornhill Ministries  
Culmore Road Booking now online at [www.accord-ni.co.uk](http://www.accord-ni.co.uk)

**ARISE** event for young adults (18+) at Knock Shrine, Catholic Youth Ministry Ireland (CYMI) invites young adults aged 18+ to join them for a faith event in Knock on Saturday 7 March. The event will involve workshops, fellowship, worship, speakers. If interested or to register please contact Yvonne in the Catechetical Centre tel 71264087 [yvonne.rooney@derrydiocese.org](mailto:yvonne.rooney@derrydiocese.org)

**Interested in working with young people in your parish? Consider this training opportunity!** The Diocese of Derry in conjunction with Youthlink is offering a training course for adults interested in working with young people in their parish. 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 4th March 6pm-9pm in Maghera Parish Centre. If you are interested in this course, more details and the application form [www.derrydiocese.org](http://www.derrydiocese.org) or contact [yvonne.rooney@derrydiocese.org](mailto:yvonne.rooney@derrydiocese.org) 28 71264087 All applications

**LENT ON LINE RETREAT** Do a 3 day retreat focusing on Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving available throughout

**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

Lent. Register with Priory Institute 0035314048124 This Lent retreat is free and offered entirely online must be in by Friday 28th February

**PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA** 9th – 16th September. 7 nights full board. £719. Tel Martin and Jeannie Doherty 07955170503

**MASS FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS** The Annual Diocesan Mass for those with Special Needs, and their families and friends, will take place in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Steelstown, on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 3.00pm. If you have a child who wishes to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation or First Communion at this Mass please tel the Catechetical Centre 71264087 email [ddcc@derrydiocese.org](mailto:ddcc@derrydiocese.org)

**PRECIOUS LIFE** will be hosting a talk given by Fr Stephen Imbarrato in the City Hotel, Derry on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb at 8:15pm. For more info tel 90278484 or [info@preciouslife.com](mailto:info@preciouslife.com)