

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

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PARISH GROUPS

Tues: 8pm Choir Practice

Wed 8.00pm Adult Education

Thurs 7.45pm Scripture Group

The Further Thirst

There is a thirst in every human heart.

Each of us is like that lonely Samaritan woman.

We are thirsting for something, something that will satisfy all our longings.

But we often search in the wrong places.

We draw water from many wells;

the water of praise to quench our thirst for self-esteem;

the water of success to quench our thirst for importance;

the water of pleasure to quench our thirst for joy;

But we still get thirsty.

Only God can give us what we are looking for.

He alone can cause a spring to well up inside us.

The water from this spring will sustain us in our journey to the Promised Land of eternal life.



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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THE DEEP END

Today's Gospel is a beautiful story of Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well. It is full of metaphor and you can approach it from many positions: the woman having an encounter, a spiritual experience, direction from God. Or Jesus, a spiritual guide, a teacher, a comforter, challenging. Jesus meets her where she is at. He shouldn't even have acknowledged her as she is clearly an outcast, a Samaritan woman with a reputation. This woman experiences conversion and growth at this well, not just physical quenching of thirst, but a spiritual one.

Today we can think of the millions of women and girls who make the hazardous journey to wells every day in search of water. According to the UN 1.1 billion people are 'water insecure'. Trocaire is working in Malawi with their local partners to provide water security for many communities. By 2020 it is estimated that water available for agriculture in the region will drop by 50%. We all have a part to play in this with climate change one of the biggest contributors to water shortage. This is a problem that requires more than charity giving to solve. We need to radically change how we use the resources given to us.

The woman in today's Gospel experiences conversion at the well; we too are in need of conversion so that we live more in solidarity with those who are suffering and thirsting for justice.

'Give me this water so that I may not be thirsty'

SYMPATHY We offer our sympathy to the family of Wayne Mulcahey 28 Farmhill who died during the week. May he rest in peace

BAPTISMS Our parish family welcomes:

Christopher Dermot Glenn
10 Sheriff's Glen
Kai McAnenny 18 O'Casey Court
Dion Mark Dean Harris
2 Carraig Ard Coshquin Road
Charlie Fox McConnellogue
17 Oranmore Park

During Lent there will be an **extra Mass** Monday—Friday at 5.00pm
Stations of the Cross after evening Mass on Mondays and Fridays

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL
6.00pm Katie Devlin

12.30pm Danielle Bristow

OFFERTORY PROCESSION
6.00pm Kori Daniels & family

12.30pm Ava Morrison & family

Anniversaries We pray for:

Joan Gallagher, James Sherrard ,
Terry Hynes, Marjorie & Jack White,
Bernie White, Monica McLaughlin,
Cissie & Jim Irvine,
John and Celine Grant

SUNDAY COLLECTION 16th
March amounted to £2050.02 and
€148.08 Thank you .

Mass for the Sick with Eucharistic Blessing will take place in Termonbacca on Tues 25th March at 8pm All are welcome.

BISHOP DONAL MCKEOWN will be installed as Bishop of our diocese on Sunday 6th April at 3pm in St. Eugene's Cathedral. Our parish has been allocated 10 tickets. If you would like to be included in a draw to select these ten people please leave your name and telephone number in the Sacristy after Mass. The draw will take place on Friday.

SERVICE OF HEALING AND RECONCILIATION for parents who have grieved after a miscarriage, abortion or death of a young baby will be celebrated at 7.15pm on **Tuesday 25th March**. Parents are invited to hand them over to the loving care of the Father during Mass. White flowers to be brought up to the altar will be made available. Anyone wishing to enrol their baby's name in the Memorial Book may do so in the Sacristy today Sunday after Mass. The book will be brought to the altar during the Mass. All welcome

LEGION OF MARY Acies Ceremony takes place today Sunday 23rd March at 3.00pm in St. Joseph's Church Galliagh. All welcome

MASS in honour of Blessed Alexandrina will be celebrated in Termonbacca on Sunday 30th March at 7:30 pm. Everyone welcome.

DERRY YOUTH COMMUNITY
Are you a young person of faith aged between 18 and 25, who is interested in a 10- month, 'time-out' period where you will come together with 5 other young people and live in community? You will live in a structured, secure environment, from where you will be expected to reach out to other young people in schools and parishes to facilitate faith-based activities. More information available on www.derryyouthcommunity.com
Closing date for applications May 16th

ST JOSEPH'S BOYS' SCHOOL UNION will be hosting a Family Fun Day on Saturday 29 March from 1pm until 5pm everyone welcome.

Derry Credit Union Young People's Awards 2014: Nominations are now being accepted for this year's awards. Anyone may nominate a young person aged from 11-18 worthy of recognition for their contribution to or achievements in arts, sport, business & entrepreneurship, leadership, courage, carer and volunteering. Forms may be collected at Derry Credit Union and may also be downloaded from www.derrycu.com. Deadline for nominations is Friday, 28 March, at 5.00 pm in at Derry Credit Union, Abbey Street.

Mc MILLAN COFFEE MORNING
Every Friday at 10am-12.30pm in Community Centre Shaw Court.

HOLY FAMILY PILGRIMAGE
LOURDES: 16-21ST JULY.
£625. Deposit £200.
Savings and Deposits Parochial
House Thursdays 8-9pm
Tel 07732468511

MARIANUS GLEN SCHEME
consultation about future plans will take place in the Community Centre Shaw court on Wednesday 26th March from 10am-7pm

THORNHILL MINISTRIES is organising a trip to the Holy Land 14-23rd September 2014. For further details, phone 71351233.

TEA PARTY & DANCE for older people in Brooke Park on 31 March from 12 noon—3.30pm All welcome

CHILDREN IN CROSSFIRE
Hunger Run 5K Challenge today Sunday at 2pm at Derry City Council carpark or £5 Register on the day Tel 71269898

BHCP are walking from Sainsbury to the peace bridge in high heels on 29th March. All money to Macmillan nurses,

FIRST COMMUNION
If you have a child for First Communion and need help with Communion dresses and outfits Tel Ellen at 07742217887