

MASSES

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm
Sunday 9.30am 11.00am, 12.30pm
Weekdays 10.00am, 7.15pm

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
every Tuesday 10.30am-7.15pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 10.30am, and before
evening Mass
Weekdays after evening Mass

BAPTISM COURSES

1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month at
8pm

BAPTISMS: One month's notice
Every Saturday at 7.00pm

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PARISH GROUPS

Thurs 7.45pm Scripture Group
New members always welcome!



NOVENA PRAYER

Mother of Perpetual Help, we come before your holy picture to be inspired by the example of your life. We recall your faith and trust when you accepted God's call to be the Mother of His Son. Help us, your children, to accept with joy our own calling in life. When you learned that your cousin Elizabeth was in need you immediately went to offer your help. May we like you, be concerned for others.

We think of you Mother at the foot of the Cross. Your heart was crushed to see your Son in agony; but your joy was great when He rose from the dead, victorious over the powers of evil. Mother of Sorrows, help us to accept whatever trials and disappointments come our way and never to lose heart. May we share with you and with your Son the joy of having courageously faced up to all the challenges of life. Amen



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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MISSION SUNDAY. Ireland has a strong missionary heritage with many countries across the globe having welcomed scores of nuns, brothers and priests who left everything behind to spread the gospel in foreign lands. They often worked with the poorest of the poor, standing beside those who were disadvantaged, fighting for the rights of the dispossessed as well as setting up schools to educate children and hospitals and medical centres to care for the sick. These missionaries who have travelled far afield to spread the good news are the people who come first to mind when we think of mission. They are the ones who answered the call to be witnesses to Christ 'to the ends of the earth'.

Recently I asked you to support the work of the Sisters of Mercy in Nigeria by building a home for a family costing \$500 dollars. Your generosity was overwhelming. The amount donated came to nearly \$7,000. thus providing 14 homes not one as suggested. Thank you for your generosity.

NOVENA

Do you have a special intention that you want granted? Have you a favour to ask God? Has someone you love asked you to pray for them? Have you a problem that needs resolved? If you can answer 'yes' to any of these questions please come along to our annual Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Many people have had their petitions answered over the years. Our Parish Novena begins tomorrow (**Monday**) at the 7.15pm Mass and will end before Christmas with our traditional Penitential Service. Please pick up a petition card at the main door of the church and place it in the special petition box **before 7.05pm** on Monday night. Please tick if you do **not** want it read out. We hope that many will take part in our Novena this year again.

SYMPATHY We offer our sympathy to the family of Robert Lamberton Shanreagh Park and Leigh Ocone nee Parkhouse Whitehouse Park who died recently. May they rest in peace

BAPTISMS Our parish family welcomes:

Hayden Isobella Best
18 Sheriff's Glen
Bailey Eileen Quigley
Glenvale park

ANNIVERSARIES

Paddy Gallagher, Frank Quinn,
Andy McClea, Berna Stewart
Billy Nelis, Patrick Maguire
Kathleen Gallen, Frankie Boyle

MISSION COLLECTION 16th Oct
amounted to £2312.90 and
€173.41 Thank you.

FIRST COMMUNION DATES:

20th May 2017 Holy Family School
3rd June 2017 St. Eithne's School

ATTENTION

ALL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS If you are willing to come to Mass in Altnagelvin Hospital at 8.00pm on Saturdays and then bring Holy Communion to the sick in the wards please hand in your name and telephone number to the sacristy after Mass today.

ANNIVERSARY MASS for the Fr Joe Shiels will be celebrated in St. Brigid's Church on Thurs at 7.30pm.

THORNHILL MINISTRIES

Quiet Moments of Meditation Using art, music and Scripture, this series of gentle mornings offers a space for stillness and contemplation Wednesdays at 10:30am Thornhill Convent, Culmore Road, Suggested Donation £5.

THORNHILL MINISTRIES "Let the Landscape Speak" Mary Murphy will facilitate an exploration of poems where the landscape has been the vehicle of communication between the Author of All of Life, the poet and ourselves Thursdays 7:30-8:45 pm in Thornhill College, Suggested donation: £5. To book ring 7135123 email thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org.

DRAW TO PROMOTE TEMPERANCE IN IRELAND and in the Developing World starts in mid November with the subscription being £6.50 per month for 6 months tel Andrew Doherty 71352285

ACCORD MARRIAGE PREPARATION WORKSHOPS

January 13th/14th February 10th/11th March 10th/11th
Venue: Ardmore Parish Centre
Bookings are now being taken online at www.accord-ni.co.uk Course times Friday 7pm to 10pm continuing on Sat 10am – 4pm. Cost £120.00 per couple.

MARRIAGE AND RELATIONSHIP COUNSELLING SERVICE *If you can't talk to each other – Try talking to us....* For an appointment or further information please contact Accord Derry 71362475 Email;derry@accordni.com

DERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2017 The Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage Office will now be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays 11 am – 1pm for those wishing to join the savings scheme for the 2017 pilgrimage. Tel 71260293 or The Pilgrimage Office Diocesan Pastoral Centre 164 Bishop Street

THE BIG KNIT is hoping to knit 95,000 hats for the top of Innocent Smoothie bottles. For every hat, 25p will be donated to Age NI to help provide companionship, advice and support to older people during the winter months. For more details, contact Dorothy on 9024 5729 or email bigknit@ageni.org. Web: www.ageni.org/thebigknit.

An Evening of Music and Reflection at St Eugene's Cathedral, On Friday 18 November at 8pm With a Retiring Collection in Aid of the Suffering People of Aleppo, Syria Celebrant: Fr Paul Farren Music: St Eugene's Cathedral Choir

Pensioner of the Year Award

Older People North West are currently seeking nominations for their Annual Pensioner of the Year Award. If you are aware of an older person who does a lot of voluntary work including helping others, fund raising, involved in community gardens/ community organisations/ youth clubs then why not nominate them for this lovely award?. For more information and nomination forms please telephone 71347478. The closing date for nominations is Tuesday 8th November

FOYLE HOSPICE Halloween Funday & Disco? Saturday 29th October 3pm – 5pm In the Main Hall, Guildhall.—facepainting, balloon modelling, Majella the witch Story Teller, Halloween paper crafts & our Spooktacular Photobooth!! Tickets now available from Foyle Hospice Fundraising office, 61 Culmore Road or phone 71359888.

PLAYHOUSE Grimm Tales 2: Electric Book-aloo! Everyone's favourite Halloween storyteller at The Playhouse from Thursday 27 to Monday 31 October. Family tickets are four for £30 or £10 each. To book 71268027

or www.derryplayhouse.co.uk

LOST Ladies Gold Rotary watch. If found please leave in parochial house