

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 –11.00am
Saturday evenings 5.30pm-6.00pm
Weekdays Tuesdays and Thursdays
after evening Mass

BAPTISM COURSES

1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month
at 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

Thurs 7.45pm Scripture Group
New members always welcome!

MOUNTAINS

Jesus you often went into the hills to pray.

You preached your most famous sermon from a hilltop.

You were transfigured on Mount Tabor, died on Mount Calvary, and ascended into heaven from Mount Olivet.

It seems that you loved hills and mountains. Why was this?

Was it because you grew up among the hills of Galilee?

Or was it because heights enlarge our vision and cause our spirit to soar?

Lift us up strong Son of God, that we may see further.

Strengthen our faith that we may see beyond the horizon.

And when the valley closes in , help us to remember the view from the hilltop.

SPRINGTOWN SCOUT GROUP

are recommencing on Tuesday 6th Feb. in Holy Family School. Places are available in Beavers 6-7pm
Cubs 7-8pm Scouts 7-8pm Tel 07709422477 for information

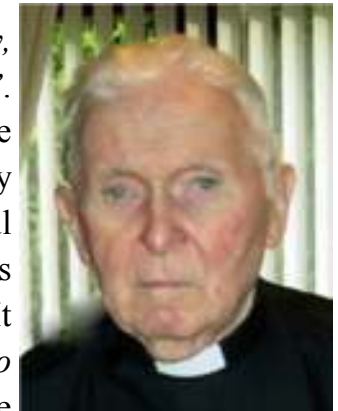


HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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FR JOHN DOHERTY RIP

Fr John Doherty once said to me ‘*Fr Paddy, I came home to die, but you had other ideas*’. Yes, Fr John had the same effect on me as he had on all who met him— you felt touched by his presence. For that was his gift. Joyful Presence. A priest at his ordination says ‘*Adsum*’ when summoned by the bishop. It means ‘*I am here and present*’... *I come to do your will*’. The Psalm you may have heard sung by Holy Family Primary School at his Requiem Mass on Tuesday has the words ‘*Here I Am Lord-*’ that same theme of service and readiness to accept the challenge to build up the Kingdom of God. For priesthood at its core is about witnessing- witnessing to a set of values that are different from the secular world, witnessing to the Kingdom of God where the first are last and the last first and where those at the margins take centre stage – that is what gives celibacy its meaning, renouncing wife, and children in order to give oneself more fully to that Kingdom and therein too is found the joy of priesthood. ‘*Adsum*’ means ‘*send me wherever God’s will allows- whether the jungles of Africa or the vast planes of British Columbia.*’ I invited him to help out here at Holy Family and what a gift he has been to us all for the past sixteen years, what a blessing, and what a honour to have been touched by his gentle grace!



SYMPATHY We offer our sympathy to the family of Fr. John Doherty who died during the week. May he rest in peace.

BAPTISMS Our parish family welcomes:

Daniel Logan McLaughlin
Drumlaheen Cres.

Reece Gerrard Pateras Barr's Lane
Shea Martin McCauley Glenbank Gdn
Amy Faith Donnelly, Oranmore Pk.
Thea Nevaeh Laura Thompson
Sheelin Park.

Klara Shields Ferry Hawthorn Grove
Logan Micheal Gill O'Riada Court
Jayce White Dunn St. Eithne's Park
Eabha Sophia Logue
Lyndhurst Manor

FIRST FRIDAY Friday is the first Friday of March. There will be a Holy Hour on Thursday from 7.45pm The sick will be visited by arrangement.

ANNIVERSARIES

Charlie Corr, Margaret Molloy,
Hugh MeEleney, Tara McLaughlin,
Seamus McLaughlin, Finn McCool,
Jane Ann Campbell Margaret Harkin

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

6.00pm Christopher Campbell &
Family

12.30pm Shaun Deery & family

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

6.00pm Nicole Donnelly

12.30pm Seosamh McKeever

SUNDAY COLLECTION 18th Feb
£2178.32 and €178.61.

**SHRINES OF HOLY LAND
COLLECTION** £200.00 Thank You

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS for
MARCH**

Vigil Mass Sr. Paula
Rhianna McLaughlin Sorcha Brady,

9.30am Myra Grant,
Doreen Rice Wray

11.00am Theresa Ferry,
Jackie Quigg Margaret Hamilton
Danielle Archer

12.30am. Elaine McCloskey

READERS FOR MARCH

Vigil Mass Sister Paula

9.30am Bill Heaney
Jim Campbell

11.00am Martin Doherty

12.30pm Louise McCloskey

MASS FOR THE SICK - will take place in Termonbacca on Tuesday 27th February, beginning at 7.30 p.m.

SPECIAL DIOCESAN MASS

The Annual Diocesan Mass for those with special needs, will take place in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Steelstown, on Saturday 10th March at 3.00pm. If you have a child who wishes to receive Confirmation or First Communion at this Mass tel the Catechetical Centre on 71264087

DIOCESAN VOCATIONS INFORMATION EVENING

Tuesday 27 February 6pm – 9pm, in the Parochial House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Enquiries can be made via the Diocesan Vocations Director: Fr Paul Farren, Tel 71 264087emailddcc@derrydiocese.org

PIONEER PLEDGE Anyone going off alcohol for Lent is invited to take a short term pledge for Lent until Easter Sunday. If interested tel. 71352285 or 351002

Thornhill Ministries,

Poetry Evenings on the theme, "Noli Timere", exploring poems that comfort, console, challenge and transform. Dates: 7, 14, 21st March. Time: 7:30 - 9:00 pm. Suggested Offering £5.

Lenten Retreat Day - 'The Parable of the Family' A threefold reflection on the parable of the family of origin, the family of Nazareth and the family of Humankind. Includes a celebration of Eucharist. Thursday 1 March. 9:45 am - 2:30pm. Suggested Offering £20.

The Quiet Hour Using art and scripture to lead into meditation. Tuesdays in Lent - 7:30 to 8:30 pm. Contact 71351233 for details or to book any of the above.

FIRST COMMUNION DRESSES

Foyle Hospice Shop in Waterloo Place has brand new First Communion dresses for sale contact 71362927

DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND

22-27th May 2018.

Flying Belfast—Krakow
Cost £718 (hold baggage extra)

LOURDES NEVERE

4th –10th July 6 nights

MEDJUGORE

29th August 7 nights
Savings scheme Thursday nights 8-9pm at Holy Family Parochial House

Tel 07732468511 for details

Rally to "SAVE THE 8TH" – a massive pro-life Rally will be held in Dublin on Saturday 10th March Coaches will be travelling to the Rally from towns across Northern Ireland. For further details please contact the Rally for Life Committee on 90278484 or click on www.rallyforlife.net

LIFESTART 'AT HOME IN SCHOOL' home/nursery transition programme. Is your child starting Primary 1 in September? If so then contact Carla or Jackie Lifestart's 'At Home in School' Family Visitor who will come out and explain the transition programme to you in your home. To find out more contact Carla at 71269833/07921371747.

AA Can't Stop Drinking? Call Alcoholics Anonymous 90351222 Two meetings weekly in immediate area Meetings daily within Derry area