

**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  
 Eve of Holydays & eve of First  
 Fridays: 10.30am. and before  
 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**

Tues: 8pm Choir Practice  
 Thurs 7.45pm Scripture Group  
 New members welcome!

All of us have stood forlornly in graveyards. Where everything speaks of death. Yet it was precisely in such a place that the resurrection was first announced. It was fitting that it was here, where death seems to reign supreme, that the good news of Jesus' resurrection was first announced.

Through the voice of the liturgy, the same message is given to us: Do not look for your loved one in the grave. He/she is not there. Jesus overcame death, not just for himself, but for all of us. He is the first to rise from the dead, but we will follow him. For a Christian, then, there is no such thing as death in the sense of final extinction. Our dead are not dead. They are alive, and live a more real and beautiful life than ours. And they are not far from us. Those who die in grace go no further from us than God, and God is very near.



# HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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Our parish has just experienced one of the most traumatic weeks in its history. We return to as near normal as we can to celebrate the death and resurrection of Christ. But most of all our hearts are with Louise and all those who grieve at this time. May they find peace in the days that lie ahead. And may this community continue to be a support and encouragement.

I am grateful to the City Council for their help in providing stewards for the crowds, to the PSNI for the police escort to the cemetery where at every junction policemen and women stopped the traffic to let us pass and saluted the five coffins.

I am grateful the principals, staff and pupils of the three schools, St. Eithne's, St. Joseph's and St. Mary's for helping with the funeral liturgy. To Joe and Patrick from Audio Visual for looking after the sound.

I am grateful to my fellow priests and friends for their prayers, encouragement and affirmation.

May I conclude by wishing everyone a Happy Easter!

*Fr Paddy*

**SYMPATHY** We offer our sympathy to the families of Sean, Mark and Evan McGrotty Ruth and Jodie Lee Daniels, St. Eithne's Park and Paddy Joe Sheehan Bealchmor who died during the week. May they rest in peace.

**FIRST FRIDAY** Friday is the first Friday of April. Confession will be at the usual time on Thursday. There will be a Holy Hour on Thursday from 7.45-8.45pm

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Maggie Murray, John Breslin, Joan Theresa Gallagher, Colm Curren John and Celine Grant  
Laura O'Doherty Monica McLaughlin

**SUNDAY COLLECTION 20h March** amounted to £2210.25 and €150.25 Thank you.

#### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER For April**

**Vigil Mass** Joanne Gallagher  
Danny Kivelehan Monica Barr  
Gemma Meenan Sean Martin

**9.30 am Mass** Brian Doherty  
Brendan Brady Una Morrison  
Eugene Mellon

**11.00am Mass** Jacqueline McCarron Lynn Kelly, Eamon McChrystal  
Maureen O'Hagan

**12.30 pm** Shannon McDermott  
Matthew Woodcock John Garnon

Michelle McGrone

#### **READERS FOR APRIL**

**Vigil:** Paddy Breslin,  
Myra Merrigan

**9.30am** Brenda Coyle,  
Patricia Houston

**11.00am** Martin Doherty,  
Kathleen Quinn

**12.30pm** Gabriell Deans,  
Marcella Patterson

#### **TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS –**

today Easter Sunday, 12:45pm, St Mary's Church, Lisnaragh Road, Dunamanagh, All welcome.

**ACCORD** Are you interested in joining a team that helps prepare couples for Marriage? For further information: Rosemary Tel 71362475

**I AM Alive, Christian ROCKS** concert today Easter Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> of March, St Columb's Hall, Derry, 8pm-10pm. Join us in a musical celebration of our love for Jesus and his love for us. A 14 piece band will deliver music in a fresh new way that will lift your soul and inspire your faith. Tickets: Adult £10, Students £7 and are available @ Veritas.

**CEMETERY SUNDAY** The Annual Service of Intercession for the Dead takes place in the City Cemetery on Sunday, 12 June 2016 at 6.00 pm

#### **OVERNIGHT PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK:**

Join Veritas and James Kilbane for this Pilgrimage, departing on Thursday 7 April from Derry at 8am. Mass in Apparition Chapel at 4pm, Celebrant Fr Gerry Gillespie, music by James Kilbane. Overnight stay in the McWilliam Park Hotel, Claremorris Total cost £85 For booking and further information contact: Marie or Lucy at Veritas Tel; 7126 6888.

**BUS TO KNOCK** for Divine Mercy Weekend 2-3rd April Tel 00353749320734 for details

#### **ARTS FOR THE THIRD**

**AGE** Music Classes for Men with Mickey Joe Harte and Terry McCafferty. Calling all you budding musicians 55yrs + every Tuesday for 5 weeks in Pilots Row Community Centre, from 2.30pm - 4.30pm Cost: Free just come along

#### **THE LIFE & TIMES OF EDDIE**

**DAVIS** A Photographic Exhibition from the archives of well known Derry Footballer and Entrepreneur Eddie Davis, will be held in Eden Place Arts Centre, Pilot's Row on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April from 2pm - 6pm and continues from Monday to Friday 2pm-4pm & 7pm-9pm. Admission free. Everyone welcome.

#### **PARISH PILGRIMAGES HOLY LAND** (half board)

From 9th-17th October 2016.

**Cost:** £1275.€1495. Deposit  
£150.

3 nights Galilee, 4 nights Jerusalem Flying directly from Dublin

#### **LOURDES** (full board)

16th –21st July £605

Tel Margaret 07732468511

Savings scheme now started in the Parochial House each

Thursday evening from 8-9pm.

#### **CONCERT AT FIRST DERRY**

**PRESBYTERIAN** Church On Monday 18 April at 8pm the Washington & Lee University Singers along with our local choir Allegri will perform in a joint concert. Adm free

#### **CITY OF DERRY & DISTRICT GARDENING SOCIETY SPRING**

**SHOW** St Peter's Church Hall, Culmore Road Saturday 2nd April: 2.00pm - 4pm  
Admission: Adults £3.00 Children free, to include tea/ coffee.

#### **Doire Colmcille GAC Easter Youth**

**Camp March 29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>** held at Pairc Colmcille. 3 days of sports, games and activities from 11am-2pm each day. Registration £20 per child (non-member) and £15(members). Contact Ciaran 07712592180 for details