

## 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!

**THANKS** As we approach the end of the year we would like to express our appreciation of all those who gave their services voluntarily to the parish during 2015, our sacristans, altar servers, Readers, Organists and choirs, our Parish Sisters, Stewards, Eucharistic Ministers, Counters, St. Vincent De Paul conferences, Finance Council, Pastoral Council Children's Liturgy Team, Bereavement Group, Legion of Mary, Gardeners, Church cleaners, Flower arrangers, those who took part in the Big Invite and all who in any capacity contributed to the work of the parish.

**The Undertones** will play their first hometown show in two years when they take to the stage of St Columbs Hall in Derry on December 27. Opening act: The Gatefolds. Tickets are available from Cool Discs, Foyle Street, Derry. To Book Telephone: 44 28 7126 0770 or email [info@cooldiscsmusic.com](mailto:info@cooldiscsmusic.com)

## DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

Do you support for someone living with dementia? Then please come along to our Support Group and Memory Cafe. The Support Group meets in Da Vinci's Hotel on the first Wednesday of every month. The group will be meeting next at the Da Vinci's Hotel from 7pm-8:30pm on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2016  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2016



# HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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## SEEKING REFUGE

Mary and Joseph were travellers looking for refuge, who were turned away from several doors before benefitting, we assume, from the kindness of a stranger who offered them a place to stay. They were away from home, Mary was heavily pregnant, and they were in need. Sound familiar? Sadly, millions of people are in similar situations in our world today. In recent months we have been forced to think about the plight of the refugees and homeless people. The heart breaking stories and images of families fleeing from their homes in war-ravaged countries have been unavoidable. If Christmas means anything to us, it should impress on us the importance of doing what we can to help and welcome strangers. We are Christians because Christmas happened, because God sent Jesus to become one of us, and to teach us how to live lives of compassion and mercy.

## FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Our bishop, Donal McKeown visits us this weekend when we celebrate our parish Feast Day. He will say the 12.30 Mass on Sunday.

**SYMPATHY** We offer our sympathy to the family of Philip Lanigan Dundrum Park who died during the week. May he rest in peace.

**BAPTISM** Our parish family welcomes: Lottie Jamie Newman  
17 Northmeadows

**ANNIVERSARIES** We pray for  
Annie Beattie Patsy McConnell, May Garnon, Nellie Brady,

**SUNDAY COLLECTION 20th December** amounted to £2206.38 and €199.88- Thank you.

**FIRST FRIDAY** Friday is the first Friday of January

**NEW YEAR'S EVE** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 11.00pm on Thursday and at 11.30pm there will be a special half hour of prayer to welcome in the New Year 2016. The Eucharistic Blessing of Benediction will take place at midnight. We will ask God's protection on our homes and our parish. All welcome

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER For JANUARY**

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

**9.30 am Mass** Brian Doherty  
Marie McClelland Una Morrison  
Eugene Mellon

**11.00am Mass** Jacqueline  
McCarron Lynn  
Kelly, Eamon McChrystal  
Meave Deans

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

**THEY THAT WAIT ON THE LORD** a book by Fr Neal Carlin—  
£12 available in the Sacristy

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

From 9th-17th October 2016.

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

3 nights Galilee, 4 nights Jeru-  
salem Flying directly from  
Belfast

**4 Days MEDJUGORJE /  
3 Days DUBROVNIK** (half  
board)

1st-8th MAY £649

**LOURDES** (full board)

16th –21st July £605

Tel Margaret 07732468511

Savings scheme now started in the  
Parochial House each Thursday  
evening from 8-9pm.

**READERS FOR JANUARY**

**Vigil:** Paddy Breslin,  
Myra Merrigan

**9.30am** Brenda Coyle,  
Patricia Houston

**11.00am** Martin Doherty,  
Kathleen Quinn

**12.30pm** Gabriell Deans,  
Marcella Patterson

**SEAN DAVIS** Christmas 3 day  
indoor 'Fun' Soccer will take place at  
the Sports Complex on Monday 28th  
December to Wednesday 30th for  
boys and girls aged 5-17. Tel.