

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
Parochial House 71267070
Email:office@holyfamilyparish.com

Parish Sisters 71260398
Holy Family School 71267798
St. Eithne's School 71377077
www.holyfamily-parish.com

PARISH GROUPS

Tues: 8pm Choir Practice
Wed 8.00pm Adult Education
Thurs 7.45pm Scripture Group
New members welcome!

.GOOD NEWS

We thank all those who have made donations towards the costs involved in restoring the church after the recent flood in particular, an anonymous gift of £500.

We thank all those who gave of their time that Tuesday night and since. John Boyle, SDLP counsellor for the area, has just informed me that over 3/4 million pounds has been allocated to the resolving the drainage problem in this area of the city. In the meantime we hope to build a ramp at the Lourdes Grotto to divert the water to better drains on the church grounds.

RETIREMENTS

Mr Cosgrove has retired as principal of St. Eithne's. We thank him for his years of service to our parish which began in January 1998 and wish him every blessing in the future.

Tommy McDermott of Holy Family School has also retired. Likewise we wish him good health and every blessing. We thank him for his great contribution to the education of the children of our parish.

∴A teacher changes the world, one



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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PLACES YOU WOULD RATHER NOT GO

Today we celebrate the two founders of the Christian church, Peter and Paul, in some ways not ideal disciples. Peter, originally Simon, was the fisherman who made many mistakes along the way including denying Jesus, but became the rock upon which Jesus built his church. Paul, formerly Saul, turned from persecuting Christians into the greatest missionary and theologian in the early Church.

The Gospel we hear today tells us something about his discipleship to which Peter and Paul were called. It is not easy, and it is not always what we would expect. Jesus tells Peter *∴When you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and somebody else will put a belt round you and take you where you would rather not go*. We are told that Jesus is indicating how Peter is to die.

Yet his next words are still an invitation. *∴Follow Me*. Peter is left in no doubt that discipleship will not be a bed of roses. He will not be able to *∴walk where he likes* and do his own thing. Following Jesus is going to take him to places he would rather not go. If Simon or Saul had known what was ahead, would they have taken the path they did?

So it is with our lives. We never know what is around the next corner and what we may have to deal with whether illness, loss or the many other obstacles that can come our way. The twists and turns of life may indeed bring us where we rather not go.

But we are called to follow Jesus, and trust that he has a plan for us.

BAPTISMS Our parish family welcomes:
Fionn Daithi McCafferty

Anniversaries We pray for
Lily Caldwell, Pierce McCaul,
David Gallagher

SUNDAY COLLECTION 15th June
amounted to £1875.85 and p122.26
Thank you

IRISH CATHOLIC Please note the
price of the Irish Catholic newspaper
is now £1.30.

PIONEERS' AND FRIENDS' PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK in
honour of Venerable Matt Talbot will
take place on Sunday 20th July Main
celebrant: Most Rev Charles Brown,
Papal Nuncio. Bus leaves from
Steelstown Church car park at 8
am. Cost £10. Snack and four course
evening meal an additional £25. Tel
71352285 or 71291231 to book.

MARIAN DEVOTIONS in
Termonbacca on Tuesday 1st July,
beginning at 7.30 p.m. all welcome

CARMELITE PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK on Sunday 27th July - cost
including meals £36stg / p46 further
details and bookings, tel 71262512.

ARAS CHOLMCILLE HERITAGE CENTRE to ensure that Columba's
long legacy, stretching back for 1500
years would be understood,
celebrated, shared and illustrated for
generations to come. This you will
find has all been beautifully carried
out at Aras Cholmcille ~ the St
Columba Centre. The Centre is open
Monday to Friday, 9.30am to 4.30pm,
Saturday and Sunday, 1.00pm to
3.00pm, during the summer months.
Entrance price £3.00 adult/£2.00
concessionary/£1.00 child.

BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE next blood donation
session will be held in Bloodmobile,
Rafters car park on Friday 18th July
2-4pm and 5.15-8pm. In order to
maintain vital supply of blood the
Service needs not only existing donors
but also new donors

YOUTHLIFE VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT DRIVE - for those aged 25+ Would you like to
build experience and skills while
gaining confidence? Interested in
making Derry a better place? If yes to
any of these questions then
volunteering for Youthlife could be
for you ó Full induction and training
will be given. For more information or
for an application for contact Deidre
on 02871377227 or visit us
@ www.youthlife.org or call in and
chat with us at 23 Bishop Street.

SUMMER SERENITY at the IOSAS
Centre and Celtic Garden, Derryvane,
Muff, on Wednesdays 16th July /
30th July / 13th August / 27th August
2014. Join us for an afternoon of food,
faith and fun in the beautiful Celtic
Garden and IOSAS Centre. Hot lunch
at 12:30pm followed by a tour of the
Celtic Garden and a short healing
service and blessing. Music and story-
telling until 4pm. Cost p10 / £8 per
person. Individuals and groups
welcome. Booking Essential (00353)
74 93 84866.

SHANTALLOW LIBRARY PRESENTS SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 1st July ó30th
August.

MYTHS AND LEGENDS CRAFT SESSION for children aged 4-11
Thursday 17th July. Booking essential
Tel 71354185

AL-ANON Is someone in your
family addicted to alcohol? Is the
addiction causing stress in the family
and problems in your home? If so,
there is help for you at Al-
Anon family groups. These currently
run on Thursday evenings at 8.30pm
and Sunday evenings at 8.00pm, in
Melrose Day Centre, Glendermott
Road, Waterside, Derry or White Oaks
Centre, Derryvane, Muff. on Tuesday
evenings at 8.00pm. Contact Al-Anon
family groups on 90682368 for further
details.

HOLY FAMILY PILGRIMAGE

LOURDES: 16-21ST JULY.

£625. Deposit £200..
Savings and Deposits Parochial
House Thursdays 8-9pm
Tel 07732468511 or call with
Fr. O'Kane

Unique volunteering opportunities for Retired Teachers to provide one-on-one support to children with additional educational needs in primary schools in the Derry area. One morning per week is required for a minimum of 15 weeks, the start date will be September Please contact Sólás on 90 247600 or email anne@solasbt7.com for details

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
available in the local area 7 nights a
week. Contact AA at 90434848

BRIDES ACROSS THE BRIDGE
on Saturday 5th July, Guildhall Square
at 3:30pm. Open to everyone ó
married, single, old, young, female
and male. Dresses available to hire for
the day. Register now at Foyle
Hospice. £10. Call 028 71359888,
email rachelbruce@foylehospice.com
or visit www.foylehospice.com.