



# HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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## THE GAMES

In these seventeen days there will be moments of high drama, despair and exhilaration as the world's finest athletes compete for gold in the Olympic Games

Sport can teach us much about life for here humanity shines at its most beautiful and best. It goes way beyond competitions. Just wait and see the commitment, daring and character on display in the Paralympic Games.

There is a spirituality of sport. The human body is Temple of the Spirit. Without sacrifice, discipline and self-control, sport, and indeed life in general, can end in disaster. In sport, good habits or skills have to become automatic muscle memory. Sport reminds us of the value of faith in

o n e s e l f .  
Tasting success or learning from failure generates joy for everyone who accepts that God is an appreciative spectator- no matter if medals are won or not .Sportsmen and women do well to bear in mind the challenge of Rudyard Kipling's poem "If", [spelled out, I am told, above the players' entrance to the Centre Court at Wimbledon]: "*If you can meet with triumph and disaster and treat those two impostors just the same*". St Paul says ' *I have run the good race and fought the goods fight*' he does not say if he has won – only that he did his best and that is all God expects from you and me.

Sport funnels aggression away from conflict into competition. It answers questions of identity such as '*Who am I?*' and '*To whom do I belong?*' 'Belonging, being bonded together, whether in a local team or in representing one's country, furnishes a sense of identity .There is a natural pride in representing your people whether at parish, county or national l e v e l .

May these Olympic Games promote peace among the nations and satisfy our yearning for spiritual communion between people from every part of our global city, Earth.

**FIRST FRIDAY** Friday is the first

**Friday of August** The sick in Hazelbank, Lindenwood Park and Templegrove will be visited on Thursday and Friday. There will be a Holy Hour on Thursday from 7.45-8.45pm

**NEXT BAPTISM** dates 4th & 18th August

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS for AUGUST**

**Vigil Mass** Brendan Ferris  
Donal Dunne Mark Mc Chrystal,  
Peter King Ella McCallion

**9.30am** Sheila Dunne  
Kathleen Cullen

**11.00 am** Neil Barr, Jackie Knox  
Frank & Sheila Keogh,

**12. 30 p.m.** Ann Heaney  
Gerry Mc Monagle, Fidelma Coyle  
Majella Heaney

**READERS for AUGUST**

**Vigil Mass** Myra Merrigan

**9.30am** Michael Roddy

**11.00am** Edel Keogh  
Luke Keogh

**12.30pm** Marcella Patterson  
Louise McCloskey

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** 22nd July amounted to £1739.86 and €123.10— Thank You.

**Anniversaries** We pray for Hugh Davis Elizabeth Collins, Tommy White, Joe McCullagh, Jack McGeady, Sarah Quinn, Maureen Brown

**EXPOSITION** and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will continue this Tuesday, after 10am Mass until 7.15 pm.

**Blessed Alexandrina** Mass in her honour of will take place in Termonbacca, next Sunday at 7.30p.m.

**SPIRITUAL BOOKS SWAP SCHEME** now open in the side porch.

**Fr Neal Carlin** will conduct a short Healing Service and Blessing for all who wish to participate in a guided tour of the Celtic Peace Garden and lunch on 1st August and 22nd August. Music, memories and laughter with Tracey McRory and Dinny McLaughlin. Donation €10/£8 Booking is essential. Tel IOSAS Centre 00353 7493 84866

**BHCP** collection outside the church grounds on 11/12th August. to help with the summer Festival which runs from 15th-19th August. Family Fun day on 19th August at Ringfort Rd.

**BINGO BUS** The Galliagh Bingo is running a bus service to Bingo in St. Joseph’s Parish Centre, Galliagh, which starts at 9.00 pm. Anyone wanting to use this service must be at **Ballymac Stores** before **8.30pm**, as the bus must keep to schedule. cost for a return ticket is £2. A member of the Bingo Staff will collect the £2 fare. For information, tel. 07526471907 or 078 03320379, email [stjosephsparishcentre@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stjosephsparishcentre@hotmail.co.uk)

**RED CROSS** are looking for volunteers to care for people in your local community? Contact Colleen Dall at 71865151 or 07921067233 [cdall@redcross.org.uk](mailto:cdall@redcross.org.uk)

**FOUND** sum of money at the main door of the church. Owner contact parochial house.

**YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL** Clonmacnois 9th-12th August. All 16-35 years old welcome. The festival has been nicknamed ‘Holy Oxygen’ Donation only. Book on line at [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie).

**Gam-Anon** - support group for family and friends living with a compulsive gambler. Phone 07928741788

**Questions about Dementia?** The

Alzheimer's Society Community Road Show will be visiting Tesco Lisnagelvin on Thursday and Friday, 2nd and 3rd of August from 10.00am - 4.00pm Visit us to receive free information about dementia and support.

**LOUGH DERG** The traditional 3-day pilgrimage season continues until Wednesday 15th August. For further information (+353) 71 98 61518 or [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)

**Good Morning Northwest** is looking for volunteers to make daily calls to the elderly and vulnerable adults in the Derry area. tel Shauna at 71353694 or call at 82a Brookdale Park

**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:**

**30th June**  
**7th, 14th 28th July**

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