

## 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

Saturday 5.30pm-6.00pm

Tuesday and Thursday :before or  
after evening Mass

## BAPTISM COURSES

1st & 3rd Thurs of the month 8pm

**BAPTISMS:** 1st and 3rd Saturday  
of the month at 7.00pm

**MARRIAGES** Three months notice

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Web www.holyfamily-parish.com

Parish Sisters 71260398

Holy Family School 71267798

St. Eithne's School 71377077

## PARISH GROUPS

**11am Choir** practices Tuesday at  
7.45 . New members welcome

**Scripture Group** Thurs 7.45pm  
New members always welcome!



## TO THE HOLY FAMILY

*Thanks for your love,*

*O Holy Family,*

*More precious than the  
warmth of the sun*

*And your decision to  
dwell here with us*

*Which is appreciated by  
everyone*

*To live as you lived at  
Nazareth.*

*This is our fervent prayer,  
To love as you loved at  
Nazareth*

*This is the love we seek to  
share.*

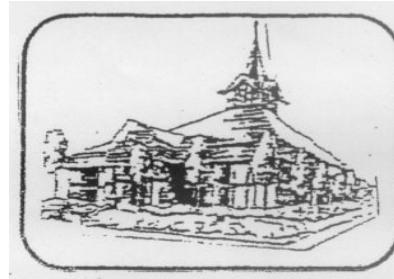
*For yours is the life to live  
by*

*Whether we are rich or  
poor,*

*Fond patrons of our  
Parish*

*And our homes forever  
more.*

*(Written by Liam O'Comain  
On the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the  
Holy Family Parish)*



## HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Sun 29th Dec. 2019 Vol. 37 No 56

## FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Being our Parish Feast Day we are honoured to welcome Bishop Donal McKeown here this Saturday to celebrate the 6.00pm Mass . We thank God for giving us a bishop who is a true shepherd of his flock and we pray to the Holy Spirit to guide, protect and inspire him during the coming new year of 2020.

Many of us perhaps see the notion of family in the context of a happily married man and woman, blessed with obedient children born in wed-lock and who go to Mass together every week. Yes, this is the ideal we are asked to strive after. The pastoral reality here in Holy Family, as in every parish, is much more complicated. Our Christian tradition clearly teaches us also to seek out where there is love and self-giving for there the grace of God is alive and active. This seems to be the thinking of Pope Francis.

The Holy Family of Jesus lived with brokenness and rejection. Most families endure hardship of one kind or another. The heroic ideal of a perfect family is a horizon not easily reached, some might say 'a mirage'. We can fall into the trap of talking about the ideal family today. It probably doesn't exist.

Our prayers for this Sunday's feast will be to encourage people in their brokenness, to acknowledge the heroism of parenthood, to show sensitivity to those who live with apparent failure and to encourage family prayer.

**SYMPATHY** We offer our sympathy to the family of James Toland who died recently.. May he rest in peace.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE** Tuesday at 11.30pm there will be a special half hour of prayer to welcome in the New Year 2020. The Eucharistic Blessing of Benediction will take place at midnight. We will ask God's protection on our homes and our parish. All welcome!

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

James McDevitt, Rose Tucker, William Lyons, Paddy Rice, Ellen Baker, Roy & Annie Beattie Michael Phelan, Rosie Mellon, Annie Beattie, Margaret McCourt

#### **READERS FOR JANUARY**

**Vigil:** Sr. Anne

**9.30am** Ken Austin

**11.00am** Jackie Conway

**12.30pm** Patricia Murphy

#### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR JANUARY**

**Vigil Mass** Betty McCallion  
Danny Kivelehan Sean Martin  
Gemma Meenan

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

**11.00am Mass** Jacqueline McCarron  
Lynn Kelly, Ebhlin Rafferty

**12.30 pm** Shannon McDermott

Michelle McGrone, John Gilfeather, Majella Heaney, Christine Bonner

**SUNDAY COLLECTION 22nd Dec.** £1992.12 and €91.08 Standing Orders £375 Thank you for your generosity to the Christmas Box collection

**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 2018, our sacristans, altar servers, Readers, Organists and choirs, our Parish Sisters, Stewards, Eucharistic Ministers, Counters, St. Vincent De Paul conferences, Finance Council, Children's Liturgy Team, Bereavement Group, Legion of Mary, Gardeners, Church cleaners, Flower Arrangers, and all who in any capacity contributed to the work of the parish.

#### **TRAINING OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

The Diocese in conjunction with Youthlink NI is offering an exciting training opportunity for young people aged 16-18 interested in Youth Work and Leadership Training. If you are interested contact Yvonne Rooney the Diocesan Pastoral Youth Leader 71264087

[yvonne.rooney@derrydiocese.org](mailto:yvonne.rooney@derrydiocese.org)

**SAFEGUARDING** Any concerns in regard to Safeguarding children or adults in need of protection within the Church contact: Noel O'Donnell,

Diocesan Pastoral Centre,, 71362475, mobile 07596500793 or Celine McKenna, Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 71362475, mobile 07707311358 PSNI ( 101) or Social Services: Gateway Team 71314090,

#### **TRAINING OPPORTUNITY FOR ADULTS**

The Diocese is also offering a training course for adults interested in Parish Pastoral Ministry. This course will be a Level 2 Certificate in Youth Work Practice and it will run over 5 Saturdays and a few evenings beginning on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 6pm-9pm in Maghera Pastoral Centre. If interested please contact Yvonne Rooney for details 71264087 or an application form [yvonne.rooney@derrydiocese.org](mailto:yvonne.rooney@derrydiocese.org)

**ST. EUGENE'S SCOUT GROUP** is looking for Scout shirts. If you have one and are willing to give it please contact Celine group leader on 71263800 or 07784553769

#### **Derry Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 28<sup>th</sup> July:**

We are inviting young people aged 16-18 to join us on pilgrimage to Medjugorje for 7 nights from 28<sup>th</sup> July-4<sup>th</sup> August. Cost is £599 and there will be a budget plan to help with this. Names and deposit of £100 are due by 20<sup>th</sup> of December. For more information or to book in please contact [lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org](mailto:lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org)

#### **GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS:** Is

#### **HOLY FAMILY PILGRIMAGES 2020 MEDJUGORE**

30th May –6th June  
Cost £589 Deposit £100

**LOURDES 3rd-8th July**  
Cost £699 Deposit £200

Tel Margaret 07732468511

for details

Savings Thurs: 8-9pm in

gambling affecting your life? Perhaps we can help. Tel: 028 7135 1329.

#### **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS:**

Can't stop? There *is* a solution. Tel AA 90351222 email [csoofaa@btinternet.com](mailto:csoofaa@btinternet.com). Web site: [www.alcoholicsanonymous.ie](http://www.alcoholicsanonymous.ie)

**SLIMMING WORLD** at Holy Family School every Thursday 5pm-7pm. Tel Valerie 07756455438

#### **Eye testing for the housebound**

Local opticians Douglas & Cobane offer a FREE home visiting service for the housebound. To make an appointment please tele71 343803

#### **PILGRIMAGE TO SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO, 20–24 April 2020.**

This is a fully escorted pilgrimage, accompanied by Spiritual Director. Includes a visit to Pietrelcina and Mass at the Shrine of St Michael the Archangel. Cost £619 pps For further details contact Marie on 077799112224 or Clare on 07778025587 (Cappagh Parish Padre Pio Group).