

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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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!

A.A .Fridays and Sundays at 8.00pm
in Upper Room.

A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Lord, in this new year,
May we have enough
contentment to keep us
agreeable,

Enough trials to keep us
strong,

Enough sorrow to keep us
human,

Enough failure to keep us
humble,

Enough forgiveness to set
us free

Enough wealth to meet our
needs,

Enough faith to banish fear

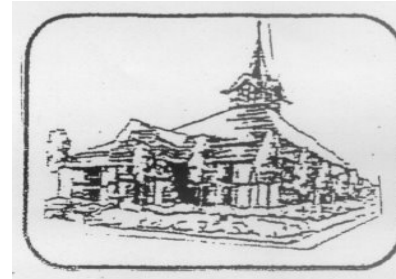
Enough hope to keep our
hearts up,

Enough love to share with
those a round us.

These 365 days
are your gift; help us to live
each one as if it were our

last. When it is over may we
offer a year well lived as

our gift to you.



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Sun 30th Dec 2018 Vol. 36 No 55

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

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 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 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, acknowledge the heroism of parenthood, show sensitivity to those who live with apparent failure and encourage family prayer. As our parish is named after this wonderful feast we will give thanks tomorrow night, New Year's Eve, from 11.30pm to midnight for our great parish and ask God's continued blessing on all our families during the coming year of 2019.



We Wish you all a Happy and Holy New Year

SYMPATHY We offer our sympathy to the families Billy Kelly, Norburgh Park and Liam Hillen Killary Road who died during the week. May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES

Annie Beattie, Michael Phelan
Patrick Rice, James McDevitt
Rose Mellon, Kathleen Mahon

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

6.00pm Ollie McGarrigle & family

12.30pm Megan Coyle & family

SUNDAY COLLECTION 23rd Dec
£1906.46 and €123.95

Thank you for your generosity to the Christmas Box collection

NEW YEAR'S EVE Monday at 11.30pm there will be a special half hour of prayer to welcome in the New Year 2019. The Eucharistic Blessing of Benediction will take place at midnight. We will ask God's protection on our homes and our parish. All welcome!

READERS FOR JANUARY

Vigil: Sr. Anne

9.30am Ken Austin

11.00am Jackie Conway

12.30pm Patricia Murphy

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS ST FOR JANUARY

Vigil Mass Betty McCallion
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, Ebhlin Rafferty

12.30 pm Shannon McDermott
Michelle McGrone, John Gilfeather,
Majella Heaney, Christine Bonner

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.

FOYLE ADVOCATES provides a listening ear and can provide support to anyone attending Hospital or Doctors Appointments/PIP Assessments. Office hours 12pm-4pm, 26 Bishop Street, Tel 71263461

**BERNADETTES
PLAYGROUP,** Hazelbank have places available for September 2019. If your child is born between 2 July 2015 and 1 July 2016 you can apply for a place through the Education Authority Apply between 2 January and 31 January through the Education Authority website. If you need help please call to the Playgroup.

**ANNUAL DERRY DIOCESAN
PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** will take place from **4 - 9 July 2019**. The Pilgrimage Office, 164 Bishop Street, Derry, is now taking enquiries from anyone who might intend to participate in it. The opening hours of the Office are: Thursday & Saturday 11am - 1pm.

NEW JOB OPPORTUNITY

Marketing and Programme Manager for the Celtic Garden & IOSAS CENTRE We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic person to who will promote the use of the Celtic Prayer Garden, develop spiritual programmes and lead retreat groups. Further information on our Facebook page – IOSAS Centre & Celtic Prayer Garden. Contact the Centre at goldenagecentre@hotmail.com or call (00353) (0)74 9384866 for your application pack. Closing date 5pm on 18th January 2019.

**HOLY FAMILY
PILGRIMAGES 2019**
MEDJUGORE 2nd –9th July
£579 Deposit £100
LOURDES
11-16 July . Cost £689
Savings and Deposits Thursday
8-9pm in Parochial House

**CHILDREN IN CROSSFIRE
ADVENT BOXES** Please return them in January Your donations will help Children in Ethiopia and Tanzania have access to education, food, clean water and health care.

SLIMMING WORLD at Holy Family School every Thursday 5pm-7pm. Tel Valerie 0775645543

AA Can't Stop Drinking? Call Alcoholics Anonymous 90351222 Two meetings weekly in immediate area Meetings daily within Derry area

DATA PROTECTION

Because of the new legislation the names of those who are in hospital are not available from now on. Accordingly, the only way we have of knowing if you have a relative from the parish in hospital will be if you fill in the cards available in the church front porch. Please leave the card in the sacristy or parochial house and Fr O'Kane will try to give your loved one a visit as soon as he possibly can,