

## 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 -11.00am  
Saturday evenings 5.30pm-6.00pm  
Weekdays Tuesdays and Thursdays  
after evening Mass

## BAPTISM COURSES

1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month  
at 8pm

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

## MARRIAGES

Three months notice  
Parochial House 71267070  
Email: office@holyfamily-parish.com  
Web www.holyfamily-parish.com

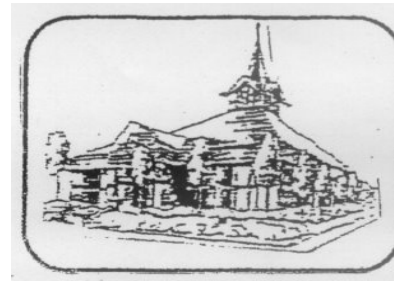
Parish Sisters 71260398  
Holy Family School 71267798  
St. Eithne's School 71377077

## PARISH GROUPS

Thurs 7.45pm Scripture Group  
New members always welcome!

## 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

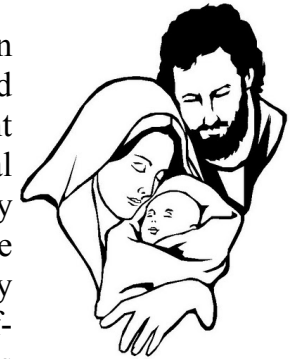
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## FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Many of us perhaps see the notion of family in the context of a happily married man and woman, hopefully blessed with obedient children born in wed-lock. Yes, this is the ideal we are asked to strive after. The pastoral reality here in Holy Family however is much more complicated. Our Christian tradition clearly teaches that wherever there is love and self-giving, the grace of God is alive and active. This seems to be the thinking of Pope Francis.

The Holy Family of Jesus lived with poverty 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. We just gave out 2,000 prayer cards over Christmas to honour this the Year of the Family As our parish is named after this wonderful feast we will give thanks tonight, New Year's Eve, from 11.30 to midnight for our great parish and ask God's blessing on all our families during the coming year of 2018.



**We wish you all a happy and holy New Year**

**FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY** Saturday is the Feast of The Epiphany and is a holyday of obligation. Masses will be Vigil Mass Friday at 7.15pm and Saturday 10.00am, and 6pm. The Saturday evening Mass at 6pm will satisfy the obligation for the Feast Day or Sunday but not both.

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Rose Mellon, James McDevitt,  
Michael Phelan, Paddy Rice,  
Jackie Dunlop, John & Lily Mellon  
Bill Quigley

**NEW YEAR'S EVE** Sunday at 11.30pm there will be a special half hour of prayer to welcome in the New Year 2018. The Eucharistic Blessing of Benediction will take place at midnight. We will ask God's protection on our homes and our parish. All welcome!

**THE HOLY FAMILY PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP** will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday 2nd January starting with Mass at 7.15pm, There will be a 1<sup>st</sup> class relic at the meeting. Please note that all our meetings from now on will be held on the 1st Tuesday of every month.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** 24th Dec  
£2025.89 and €109.95

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 2017, 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. As a small token of appreciation we are giving out a special pen at the end of each Mass to everyone who helps the parish in any way.

#### **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION 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

**CHILDREN IN CROSSFIRE** Please return your advent boxes as soon as possible

#### **READERS FOR JANUARY**

**Vigil:** Sr. Anne

**9.30am** Ken Austin

**11.00am** Jackie Conway

**12.30pm** Patricia Murphy

**ANAM CARA DONEGAL**, an organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its next monthly Parent Evening on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January from 7.30pm-9:00pm in the Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal. Anam Cara Donegal offers a safe and comfortable setting where you can 'drop the mask' and be yourself among people who understand. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, or whether this was recent or not.

#### **Accord Derry Marriage Preparation Workshops**

January 12/13<sup>th</sup> February 16/17<sup>th</sup>

March 9/10<sup>th</sup> April 13/14<sup>th</sup>

May 11/12<sup>th</sup> June 8/9<sup>th</sup>

Booking online at  
[www.accordni.com](http://www.accordni.com)

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

#### **DIVINE MERY PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND**

22-27th May 2018.

Flying Belfast—Krakow

Cost £718 (hold baggage extra)

Savings scheme Thursday

nights 8-9pm at Holy Family

Parochial House Deposit £100

Spiritual director Fr O'Kane

Tel.71267070 or 07732468511

**OLDER PEOPLE NORTH WEST (AGE CONCERN DERRY)** New Year Activities and Health MOT Day  
Older People North West would like to invite everyone to get their new year off to a healthy start by coming along to our health MOT day on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January from 12pm to 4pm in Malvern House on Chapel Road. New programmes we have on offer for 2018 are yoga, a positive mental health programme, a falls prevention exercise programme and the development of a choir in partnership with Magee's Community music programme. Our regular classes and services will continue as usual, such as Tai Chi, art classes, sequence dancing, line dancing. For further information, telephone: 7134 7478, e-mail [development@olderpeoplenorthwest.org](mailto:development@olderpeoplenorthwest.org) or call into the centre on Chapel Road.

**GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS**  
Cant stop gambling—need help?  
Tel 71351329