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**HOPE - FOR OUR PILGRIM JOURNEY** The Priory Institute two week on-line Summer School is reflective, informative and interactive and will run from 11 August. The course includes eight recorded presentations and two on-line zoom discussions and is very flexible as it is delivered entirely online. Find out more and register [prioryinstitute.com](http://prioryinstitute.com) Tel: +353 (01) 404 8129

**Part-Time Certificate in Religious Education for Primary School, with Online Delivery:** ATU St Angelas is inviting applications for this programme, which begins Autumn 2025. The programme is open to Qualified primary school teachers and Qualified post-primary school teachers who wish to transfer to primary school teaching. Parents, sacramental preparation teams and parish catechists who have a specific interest in the area of primary religious education may also apply. Closing date for Applications is Friday 15 August 2025. For further information, contact Mary Kearns, Senior Administrator, School of Education, ATU St Angelas, Lough Gill, Sligo. Email: [mary.kearns@atu.ie](mailto:mary.kearns@atu.ie) or visit website: [www.atu.ie](http://www.atu.ie)

**SAFEGUARDING NOTICE** If you have any concerns with regard to Safeguarding children or adults in need of protection with in the Church please contact Marie Gormley, the Diocesan Liaison person 07956500793 or at the Safeguarding Office Pastoral Centre 164 Bishop Street or PSNI or Social Services: Gateway Services WHSC Trust 71314090 for Duty Social Worker

**PRIVACY NOTICE** The Diocese of Derry complies with GDPR regulations. A privacy notice is available on the Parish Website Live stream and recordings of Mass and Services in Holy Family Church are available on line. Parishioners should note that the first 2 rows of seats are visible on line.

# HOLY FAMILY CHURCH



Sun 13th July 2025

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## MASSES

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm

Sunday 9.30am, 11.00am, 12.30pm

Mon ,Wed ,Fri, Sat 10.00am Tues and Thurs 7.15pm

## CONFESSIONS

Saturdays from 10.30am-11.30am & 5.15pm-5.50pm

Tues ,Thurs 6.45pm – 7.10pm

## BAPTISMS

Saturday at 4.30pm

## MARRIAGES

Three months notice and marriage preparation necessary

## PAROCHIAL HOUSE

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Webcam: Click on website and follow the links

Parish Office 9.45am-1.45pm Mon– Fri

Parish Priest:

Fr Joseph Gormley

Curate

Fr Kevin Mulhern

## THE ROAD FROM JERUSALEM TO JERICHO

The priest and the Levite were self-centred people. When the crunch came they put themselves first. The Samaritan on the other hand was an unselfish person. He put the other person first.

The priest and the Levite were guilty of the sin of omission. Sins of omission may be our worst sins, yet we think that as long as we don't do harm to anyone, we're okay. But perhaps we have watched someone being hurt, and not intervened on his/her behalf? There are people who stay clean by distancing themselves from anyone in trouble.

The Samaritan was a carer. Carers are special people. They are the salt of the earth and light of the world. They don't care out of a sense of duty. They care because their heart will not allow them to do otherwise.

Each of us has the capacity to care. Small opportunities to care come our way everyday. It's within our power to say a kind word, to offer a little sympathy, to give support. These are little drops of oil and wine which can take some of the pain out of a wound.

The road from Jerusalem to Jericho represents the road of life. At the end of the story Jesus said to the lawyer '*Go and act like the Samaritan*' Those words are spoken to us too. And since we are still on that road, we can still carry them out.

**SYMPATHY** We offer our sympathy to the family of Danielle Coyle, Barr's Lane who died during the week. May she rest in peace.

**BAPTISM** Our parish family welcomes: Ruadhan Lamberton Beraghvale



**ANNIVERSARIES** We pray for whose anniversaries occur at this time James Cassidy, John Mongan, May Hasson, Billy Dunne, Mary Jo Kelly, Margaret Holloway, Brendan Kelly, Charles O'Doherty

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** 6th July £2152.55. and €116.45 Standing Orders £375 We thank you for your continuing generosity to the collection

**VOCATIONS** We pray for our seminarians and the men who are considering a vocation to the diocesan priesthood, that they will be the Good Samaritans of our time - compassionate, taking pity on the weak, comforting the afflicted, soothing the wounds of those who are hurting, giving without counting the cost.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL NOTICE:** The SVP Office will close for summer holidays on Friday 11 July @ 1pm, reopening on Monday 28 July. Please note all volunteers will be on holidays during this time.

**DIOCESE OF DERRY THREE-DAY PILGRIMAGE TO LOUGH DERG** led by Bishop Donal McKeown starts on Friday, 26 July, and concludes on Sunday, the 28 July. Bus will leave St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, on Friday 26 July at 11.00am. Cost £95 including transport. Cost for those making their own way to Lough Derg, £70. Pre-booking is required for those travelling by bus. Please email [tony.brennan@derrydiocese.org](mailto:tony.brennan@derrydiocese.org) or tel the Diocese Office on 028 71262302 for booking form.

**THE ANNUAL PIONEER PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK Shrine** will take place on Sunday 20 July. Prayers will be offered at Our Lady's Shrine for all who work in alcohol and drug treatment centres around Ireland. Contact Fr Robert McCabe via [prayer@pioneers.ie](mailto:prayer@pioneers.ie) for further details

**Mary's Meals Walk:** 'Two Bridges Walk' on Sunday 3 August, over the Foyle Bridge and Peace Bridge. We will meet in Sainsbury's car park at 11.45am to begin the walk at noon.—distance is approx 5 miles. The walk is part of a series of walks taking place across Ireland to raise awareness of Mary's Meals and the work they do. You can register for the walk at <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/step> or telephone Helen Quinn, 07814441701.

**ACCORD DERRY MARRIAGE PREPARATION WORKSHOPS**  
**September 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 2025**  
All of the above courses are now online for booking at [www.accordni.com](http://www.accordni.com)  
Please note that these courses are in person and not virtual