

ALL-IRELAND RALLY FOR LIFE takes place in Dublin on Saturday 5th July. Make a stand to protect Ireland's unborn babies. Coaches will be travelling from towns across Northern Ireland. To book your seat contact **02890278484/ 07592280522** or email info@preciouslife.com

IS GAMBLING AFFECTING YOUR LIFE? Perhaps we can help. Tel: 028 71351329

ACCORD DERRY MARRIAGE PREPARATION WORKSHOPS

September 26th & 27th October 17th and 18th November 7th and 8th 2025 All of the above courses are now online for booking at www.accordni.com Please note that these courses are in person and not virtual

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 Tel: +353 (01) 404 8129

SEAN DAVIS "4 DAY OUTDOOR SUMMER FUN SOCCER ACADEMY" takes place at Templemore Sports Complex on Monday 7th to Thursday 10th July. Boys and girls aged 5 to 18 years are welcome. Times: 10:00 am to 3.00 pm. For further details Tel. Sean Davis 07787791880.

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 or visit website: www.atu.ie

SAFEGUARDING NOTICE If you have any concerns with regard to Safeguarding children or adults in need of protection within 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

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH



Sun 22nd June 2025

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MASSSES

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

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Parish Priest:
Fr Joseph Gormley

Curate
Fr Kevin Mulhern

THE SOLEMNITY OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL

Peter, whom Jesus in today's Gospel passage entrusts with the care of His Church, was very different than Paul. Peter's personality was rough and impatient. He was poor and uneducated. Now if Jesus had thought as worldly people do, He never would have chosen Peter as the first pope. Instead, he would have chosen someone like Paul, refined and educated.

Regardless of their differences, Peter and Paul came to the same end: martyrdom for the Holy Name of Jesus. In the year 67, Saint Peter was crucified upside-down in the circus of Nero and buried nearby in an out-of-the-way cemetery on a hill called the Vatican. Saint Paul, after being held a prisoner in Rome for many years, was beheaded just outside the walls of the city.

As with their Lord, these two men came to what seemed to be shameful deaths. Unfortunately, unlike their Lord, there was no report of Peter or Paul rising from the dead. They were simply failures. That's surely how they were sized up by many around them, both in the Roman Empire and perhaps even among some members of the Church. What kind of foundation had they laid for the Church?

Rome wasn't built in a day, and neither was the Roman Church, the church that spread from that city throughout the world. Twenty centuries later, the Church certainly is universal, with more than one billion members across the globe. But are we really any holier than those first members of the Church? Are we willing to put our lives or even our names on the line for Christ?

Our spiritual lives are never a "done deal." They are always under construction. The Mass we share in is a continual source of strength for us, as each week we struggle to be faithful disciples of Jesus. Each day is a building block of faith, in which, by our daily sacrifices, we build up others as well as our own spiritual lives.

HOLY FAMILY PADRE PIO GROUP Monthly devotions Tuesday 1st July. Rosary at 6:45pm and Mass at 7:15 Followed by Novena Prayers and Blessing with Relic of St Pio.

ANNIVERSARIES We pray for whose anniversaries occur at this time Gary Gillespie, Joe Heaney



SUNDAY COLLECTION 22nd June £2269.80 and €120.95 Standing Orders £375 We thank you for your continuing generosity to the collection

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS JULY

VIGIL Geraldine Duddy, Sean Martin, John Gilfeather

11.00am Frank Keogh, Sheila Keogh, Neill Barr

12.30pm Ann Heaney, Josephine Hasson, Michelle McGrone

READERS FOR JULY

VIGIL MASS Monica Barr, **9.30am.** Jim Campbell

11.00am: Martin Doherty **12.30pm** Louise McCloskey

VOCATIONS As we celebrate the Apostles Peter and Paul we pray for our seminarians and all those discerning a vocation to the priesthood, that they will "...fight the good fight... run the race to the finish...(and) keep the faith."

DERRY SEARCH YOUTH GROUP - 40 Years of Faith, Friendship & Fellowship! Join us as we celebrate Derry Search Youth Group's 40th Anniversary with a night of praise and worship on Sunday 6 July at 7.00pm in St. Mary's Church, Creggan.

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 contact Tony Brennan on tony.brennan@derrydiocese.org or tel the Diocese Office on 028 71262302 for booking form.

JOB OPPORTUNITY - DERRY DIOCESAN TRUST: Administrative & Financial Officer, Parish of Ballinascreen, Co Derry. Permanent post, 28 hours per week (working pattern to be agreed with Parish Priest). Reporting to the Parish Priest, the role entails provision of administrative and financial support. For application packs, tel 02871262302 or email: recruitment@derrydiocese.org. Completed applications must be returned later than 12noon on Monday 14 July 2025

GIVE BLOOD SAVE LIVES Blood Donation Sessions in Methodist Church Carlisle Rd on Mon 7th July 1pm-8.00p and Tuesday 8th 12.30pm—7.30pm. Want to know if you can give blood? Check out our eligibility quiz here: <https://nibts.hscni.net/donating-blood/can-i-donate/>