

ROSARY ON COAST FOR LIFE will take place on Lisfannon Beach today Sunday 5th January at 3pm. All welcome,

PRAYING FOR THE HOLY SOULS: Our Lady of Montligeon Prayer Group meets every Monday in St Joseph's, Galliagh (Our Lady's side chapel), after 11.00am Mass, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. All welcome.

PILGRIMAGES TO MEDJUGORJE 7th –14th May **LOURDES** 4th - 9th July 2025 Deposits and Savings scheme available on Thursdays at Parish Office from 10.30am-12noon. contact Margaret 07732468511

DERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2025: led by Bishop Donal McKeown, from Monday 30 June to Friday 4 July, leaving from City of Derry Airport. Price £849 plus insurance and single supplement if required. Gift Vouchers are now available which can be used to assuage the cost from the Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, Derry. Also, enquiries can be made by email to derrypilgrim@outlook.com

ACCORD DERRY MARRIAGE PREPARATION WORKSHOPS
January 24th/25th February 21st/22nd March 28th/29th April 11th/12th
May 30th/31st June 20th/21st To book contact 546 www.accordni.com

JUBILEE YEAR For the occasion of the Jubilee Year of Prayer 2025, the Dicastery for Evangelisation has created a handbook to accompany Christian faith communities and parishes on the path of preparation for the Jubilee 2025. The handbook, inspired by the teachings of Pope Francis, is written as an invitation to intensify prayer, understood as a personal dialogue with God, and to lead readers to reflect on their faith, and their commitment in today's world. The booklet contains very useful guides and reminders of occasions of prayer, It can be downloaded at: <https://www.derrydiocese.org/news/teach-us-to-pray>

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 07956500793/07707311358 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 or by contacting the Parish Office 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



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MASSES

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm
Sunday 9.30am, 11.00am, 12.30pm
Weekdays Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat 10.00am
Tuesday & Thursday 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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Fr Joseph Gormley

Curate
Fr Kevin Mulhern

THE EPIPHANY –FOLLOWING THE MAGI TO JESUS

We all have dreams. These dreams are given to us by God to realize the fulfilment of the reign of God on Earth. When we're awakened by God crying out through the poor, the marginalized, and the environment, we can't help but move to action. We begin to appreciate that our dreams ought not be solo efforts, but a communal one, where all our individual energy is brought together and transformed by the Holy Spirit to realize Christ's dream for a world as God intends.

The birth of Jesus was a nightmare for Herod, whose false dream was to make sure the powerful maintained control through oppressive systems. The birth of our Messiah was a dream that became a reality: a reality that is still lived out in and through us today.

Every time we inch toward faith (for example, being vulnerable with our loved ones during difficult times), every time we inch toward hope (for example, raising the next generation), and every time we inch toward love (for example, advocating for a more just society), we make God's dream a reality.

People from every nation yearn to experience the salvation that the magi felt when they came across the infant, Jesus, and the holy family—not in a palace as they had originally expected, but in a humble situation—like the humble situations that so many of us know. Humble situations that help us to dream big and believe that since we are made in God's image and likeness, then God-incarnate can be made manifest in each of us.

2024 has passed and 2025 is upon us. And so, let us pray is that this year brings us at least a bit closer to our dreams. We pray that we continue to follow the stars and make room for God in our lives so that we reveal Jesus' dream for the world as reality.

MONDAY IS THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY AND CELEBRATES THE VISIT OF THE THREE MAGI TO JESUS IN BETHLEHEM. IT IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASS IS AT 10AM & 7:15PM

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS At the start of this new year and Jubilee of Hope we ask God's blessing on our seminarians and those discerning their vocation, remembering especially Gary Duddy, Gerry Friel, and Gary White as they begin their propaedeutic studies in Salamanca. With St Paul in our second reading this weekend, we pray: May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit."



ANNIVERSARIES We pray for the repose of the souls of Jimmy Weir Jackie Dunlop, Johnny & Lily Mellon, Rose & William Doherty, David Walker, Michael Kivelehan, David Montague, Breege McConnell,

SUNDAY COLLECTION. 29th Dec £1941.32 and €127.75 Standing Orders £375 Thank you for your continuing generosity to the collection .

INVITATION TO 33 DAYS OF FAMILY PRAYER: Bishop McKeown will lead the diocese in 33 days of Family Prayer towards Consecration to Jesus Christ through Mary, as part of a diocesan programme for the Jubilee Year of 2025, *Pilgrims of Hope*. It will be delivered online on the Diocese of Derry Facebook, each evening at **7.00pm**, starting on **Thursday 9 January 2025** and concluding on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Tuesday **11 February 2025**. Bishop McKeown explains, "*It is a journey I set out to make to entrust myself and my priesthood to Christ through the Mother of God. I extend an invitation to you and your families from the parishes of the diocese to join me*". Details and times of the prayer programme with a video message from Bishop McKeown can be viewed at derrydiocese.org/consecration

COME FOLLOW ME Eucharistic Procession Saturday 1st February at 1pm beginning at Long Tower Church. Derry and Medjugorje procession united at same time. All welcome.

OPEN DAYS

St CECILIA'S COLLEGE Open Day on Thursday 9th January from 5-8pm. Principals address 5.00pm and 6.15pm

SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE, Northland Road, Derry: Open Day is on Saturday 11th January. The principal's address is at 9.15am and 10.30am. Tours of the school will begin immediately after each address. Open Day ends at 12.30pm. All are welcome.

ANAM CARA - supporting parents after bereavement, are hosting their first Online Bereavement Information Evening of 2025 on Tuesday 7th of January 2025. This online talk is for bereaved parents only. 7pm - 8:30pm

Guest Speaker: Níamh Finucane

CHILDREN IN CROSSFIRE . Children in Crossfire would like to thank everyone for supporting their Advent Appeal this year, which will help children in inner-city Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. If you wish to donate, please remember to bring your box/envelope back to the church from this weekend of 4th & 5th January onwards. Your donations this year will go a long way in helping to children living in extreme poverty