



SACRED HEART PARISH

Sunday 20th April 2025

Easter Sunday



Priest: Kieran C.P.



**“He is not
here; He
has risen,
just as He
said.”**

MATTHEW 28:6

Deacon: Joe Baxter



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~Mass Times~

Saturday Vigil:	8.00pm:	Easter Saturday Vigil
Sunday Masses:	9:30am:	Easter Sunday
	11:30am:	Easter Sunday
Weekday Masses:	Monday 10:00am:	Easter Monday
	Tuesday 7:00pm: Novena	Suerissa Hamill, 1st anniversary Mass
	Wednesday 10:00am:	
	Thursday 10:00am:	Jim Boyle, Funeral Mass
	Friday 10:00am:	

Confessions & Adoration: Saturday: 5:00pm - 5.45pm.

Divine Mercy: Friday 2:15pm, Exposition, Prayer and Confessions

~Sacrament of Baptism~

Baptisms are held on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month at 12.30pm.

Please contact the parish office to arrange a baptism.

~Weekly Collection~

£1118.94

~Building Fund~

£306.00

Thanks You For Your Generosity

~Anniversaries~

Sean McCartan

Christine Thompson

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

~Recently Deceased~

Jim Boyle

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

~Sanctuary Candles~

Aidan Fleming

Danny McCartan

Deirdre Hughes

Vicky Kane

*A Donation of £5 per candle
is greatly appreciated*

~A Spiritual Communion~

Jesus, I believe that you are present in the **Most Blessed Sacrament**. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You Sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart, I embrace You as if you are already there, and I unite myself wholly to You.

**The Lord asks of you only this, that you act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with your God.
(Micah 6:8)**

Dear brothers and sisters, Happy Easter!

Today throughout the world there resounds the message proclaimed two thousand years ago from Jerusalem: "Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified, has been raised!" (Mk 16:6).

The Church relives the amazement of the women who went to the tomb at dawn on the first day of the week. The tomb of Jesus had been sealed with a great stone. Today too, great stones, heavy stones, block the hopes of humanity: the stone of war, the stone of humanitarian crises, the stone of human rights violations, the stone of human trafficking, and other stones as well. Like the women disciples of Jesus, we ask one another: "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" (cf. Mk 16:3).

This is the amazing discovery of that Easter morning: the stone, the immense stone, was rolled away. The astonishment of the women is our astonishment as well: the tomb of Jesus is open and it is empty! From this, everything begins anew! A new path leads through that empty tomb: the path that none of us, but God alone, could open: the path of life in the midst of death, the path of peace in the midst of war, the path of reconciliation in the midst of hatred, the path of fraternity in the midst of hostility.

Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ is risen! He alone has the power to roll away the stones that block the path to life. He, the living One, is himself that path. He is the Way: the way that leads to life, the way of peace, reconciliation and fraternity. He opens that path, humanly impossible, because he alone takes away the sin of the world and forgives us our sins. For without God's forgiveness, that stone cannot be removed. Without the forgiveness of sins, there is no overcoming the barriers of prejudice, mutual recrimination, the presumption that we are always right and others wrong. Only the risen Christ, by granting us the forgiveness of our sins, opens the way for a renewed world.

May the light of the resurrection illumine our minds and convert our hearts, and make us aware of the value of every human life, which must be welcomed, protected and loved.

A happy Easter to all!

Pope Francis



Beginning Experience. The loss of a partner through death, separation or divorce is devastating. Beginning Experience is offering a programme of bereavement support in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Ave., Belfast on three Saturdays (26th April, 24th May and 21st June) Booking is essential. To find out more, contact Pauline on 07519289185 or Marie on 07896119669 or email belfastbe@yahoo.com.

Divine Mercy Sunday. Would you like your soul to be as pure as the day you were baptised? St Pope John Paul II canonized Sister Faustina (1905 – 1938) on the Sunday after Easter in 2000 and declared the second Sunday of Easter would be known as Divine Mercy Sunday. In a revelation to Sister Faustina, Jesus told her, 'I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that go to confessions and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy'. The conditions for receiving this great grace, including going to confessions, can be fulfilled by attending any of the following Churches on Divine Mercy Sunday, 27 April this year. St Peter's Cathedral at 2pm, St Paul's, Falls Rd at 2pm, Sacred Heart, Oldpark Rd at 2.15pm, St Patrick's, Lisburn at 3pm and All Saints Ballymena at 2pm.

AA Meeting upstairs in the Parish Centre every Monday & Friday, 6.30pm-7.30pm, Thursday at 7pm.(Ladies Group)

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) meeting upstairs in the Parish Centre on Wednesday's at 7pm-8pm.

Cocaine Anonymous (CA) meet every Tuesday at 7pm upstairs in the Parish Centre.

Lifeline-24hr 7 days a week 0808 808 8000
Samaritans anytime night or day 116 123
St Vincent De Paul 028 90351561
Cancer Lifeline 028 90 351999
AA 02890351222

Al-Anon Family Groups 028 9068 2368
PIPS 0800 088 6042
Youth Education Health Advise 02890 757 809
Diocesan Safeguarding Officer Philip O'Hara 07534 992 124

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in Thee