

HOLY FAMILY MOSSEND

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



In this week's Gospel Reading and next week's, our Advent preparation for Christmas invites us to consider **JOHN THE BAPTIST** and his relationship to Jesus. In this week's Gospel, Matthew describes the work and preaching of John the Baptist.

Isaiah A descendent of Jesse will usher in a time of peace.

Romans St, Paul appeals for greater hospitality and inclusiveness.

Matthew John the Baptist appears in Judea preaching a message of repentance



PARISH WEBSITE www.holyfamilymossend.co.uk

Our website has undergone reconstruction and now has a whole new look with many more new features and additional information. The rotas for readers and Eucharistic ministers are also there along with links to the readings. A liturgy planner for our musicians is also included. Please take a look.

YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE		
MON	6.50pm 7.00pm	Evening Prayer Holy Mass
TUE	11.40am 12.00noon	Stations of Nativity Holy Mass
WED		
THU	9.20am 9.30am	Morning Prayer Holy Mass
FRI	9.20am 9.30am	Morning Prayer Holy Mass
SAT	9.20am 9.30am 6.00pm	Marian Prayer Holy Mass Vigil Mass
SUN	10.00am 12.00noon 6.00pm	Sunday Mass Sunday Mass Holy Hour

THE SACRAMENT OF FORGIVENESS IN ADVENT

Thu 12th Dec	7.00pm - 8.00pm	Fr. Mario Cero, <i>Comboni Missionary</i>
Sat 14th Dec	After 9.30am Mass	Fr. Grant
Mon 16th Dec	7.30 - 8.30pm	Fr. McGoldrick
Tue 17th Dec	11.00am - 12.00noon` 7.00pm	Canon O'Mahoney (<i>during Exposition</i>) CONFESSIONS IN SACRED HEART
Wed 18th Dec	7.00pm	CONFESSIONS IN ST. GERARD'S
Thu 19th Dec	After 9.30am Mass 7.00pm - 8.00pm	Fr. McGoldrick Holy Ghost Father
Fri 20th Dec	After 9.30am Mass	Fr. McGoldrick
Sat 21st Dec	10.30am - 3.00pm	MOTHERWELL CATHEDRAL <i>Confessions heard throughout the day by a number of priests</i>



'CREDIT CARDS' FOR CONFESSION

Some of you may remember the little 'credit card sized' plastic cards I designed and had made giving the format for confession including the Act of Contrition. These were meant as a help for people who hadn't been to confession for some time to return to the Sacraments free from the fear that they wouldn't know what to say. They proved very popular. I have recently had more of them made and they are freely available from the back of the church. I'd encourage you to give one to someone who has been away from the Sacrament as a way of encouraging them to return without the anxiety of not knowing 'what to say'.

SEASON OF ADVENT HOUR OF QUIET PRAYER

6.00 - 7.00pm
Sunday Evenings.



QUIET PRAYER 6.00pm
EVENING PRAYER and
BENEDICTION at 6.30pm

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Tomorrow - Monday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Our Blessed Lady (*transferred from Sunday 8th*),

- Evening Prayer at **6.45pm**
- Mass at **7.00pm**

ADVENT AT CARFIN GROTTA

Mass in the Glass chapel
Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu at **1.00pm**

Immaculate Conception
(*Mon 9th December*)
Mass with the Sacrament of
the Sick at **1.00pm**

STATIONS OF THE NATIVITY
TUESDAY 11.40AM



200 Club Winners

1. Martin McAtear £80
2. Mary Wynne £40
3. Heather Liengie £30

Keep Christ in Christmas stickers are available at the rear of the church. **£1.50 for pack of 100 or 10p for a strip of 5.**

Proceeds to Philippine Appeal

SCHOOL CONFESSIONS

I will hear the confessions of the schoolchildren on Monday 16th December

RENOVATIONS IN THE PARISH CENTRE

The Maher Lounge is 99% finished as is the Milne Room. Work in the kitchen has progressed at great speed and the kitchen is now fully functioning, even if some of the decorating work, tiling and flooring remains to be completed. However, none of that prevents the kitchen be fully used. Work in the backstairs to the four rooms and toilet above the kitchen area is well on the way to completion. In the very near future, we shall move into the hallway and entrance area but all the needs to be done there is decorative. A new main door has been ordered and should soon be here. This means that within a month or so - at the latest by the end of January, all internal work in the hall should be complete. I am sure you will appreciate the extensive work which has been carried out. We now have two comfortable function rooms, furnished and decorated to a high standard. **It would be good to see more use made of them in the new year.**

Within a few years, the roof of the parish centre will need 'looked at' - so many of the slates are loose, some of the gutters need replacing. But I have opted to address this at a later date. The greatest bulk of this

work has been financed solely from, the income to the parish centre, bar profits etc.

A few people have remarked on the fact that the church needs a bit of a 'spruce up' in the way of a paint and a clean. I am aware of that. However, there are a few things that need to be tackled beforehand—principally dealing with water ingress. You will all be aware of the paint peeling off above the 'Mane Nobiscum Domine' That is due to water getting in and so that must be dealt with before decorating. That is not the only leak we have. Hopefully this will all take place in the first few months of 2014.

I am still hoping to do all of this without asking for a 'second collection' but I am confident that should this change and I have to ask for a few special collections, Holy Family parishioners will rise to the challenge.

In the meantime, please keep in mind the tradition of giving a little extra gift at this time of the year (**The 'Christmas Collection'**). **This will be simply the offertory at Christmas Masses.** If you will be away on Christmas day, can I ask you perhaps to give something over the next few weeks. That will help to offset some of the cost of the work I hope to initiate next year.

Many thanks for all your support.

Fr. Jim

SIMPLY SOUP LUNCH

after Tuesday 12 noon Mass
Soup, tea/coffee / cake £2
Proceeds to Philippines Appeal.

Bring some extra money as **there will be a raffle too!**

Last week we raised £250

BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE

will visit the Parish Centre on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th December 4.00pm till 7.30pm.

If you can never find the time to give blood, here it is.



NEXT YEAR 'S FIRST COMMUNIONS

Anyone thinking of a joint celebration in our Parish Centre should let me know a.s.a.p.

3 course meal plus children's entertainer.
Adults £15, Children £7.50

The Sunday readings can be accessed via the parish website. Just follow the links. There is also a link to 'WEDNESDAY WORD' which has a reflection on the readings that may help you proclaim them with greater understanding and confidence.

NELSON MANDELA

A modern day prophet of justice and peace.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.



15TH DECEMBER 2013 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MINISTRY	Vigil	10.00 am	12.00 noon
Ministers of the WORD	Ellen Cochrane John Tracey Joe Nugent	George McAleenan Tom Timmons Caitlin Keeper	Mairead Skirka Delia McNeilly Paula Canavan
Ministers of the EUCCHARIST	Martin McMahon Eileen Mallaghan	Danny Mallon Louise Shearer	Agnes Hunter Josefina Agnis
Ministers at the ALTAR	Padrig /Cahal Liam/Marje	Danny / Antony Jordan /Anne	Brian/Aidan Liam/Rhys