

Jeanie O'Kane, Gerard tolan, Elizabeth Murtagh, Lily McGonagle, Mickey Russell, Daniel McCarthy, Maureen Montgomery, Aisling Anderson, Donna Fitzsimmons McMahon.

Months Mind: Kate Devlin,

Recently Deceased: Francis Loughran, Bernard Tolan, Ethel Crilly, Brian McGarrity, Joanne Cavanagh (nee Prenter) James Charles McErlean.

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Baptism Lines, Marriage Lines etc: will be copied from our register and we will telephone when they are ready. Identification is needed for all Certificates.

Funerals: If you would like your loved one's funeral recorded, please let us know when we are taking the details or let the undertaker know. We need to know beforehand if it has to be recorded.

Marriages: If you want your Marriage to be recorded please inform us when booking the wedding. It is not automatically recorded on the day.

Readers: David Wasson, Brian Lundy, Kathleen Osbourne, Arthur Kealey, Chris McMullan, Paul Currie, Michael Stevenson, Betty Magee, James Baker, Michelle McCullogh, John McParland, Wilma Lynch, Kate Lynch, Jinno Carloe, Daniel, Rose Kilmartin, Sr. Kathleen Savage, Joseph Bennett.

Music Sunday: 7pm Vigil Tanya and Anne, 10am Mass Betty & James, 12 noon Mass Organist Mark P. Laverty & Holy Cross Choir. 7pm folk Group.

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Poetry & Presence begins on Thursday 1 October at 7pm in the Belfast Jesuit Centre, opening with the theme of Water in this Season of Creation. You're invited into a quiet, reflective evening of poetry, art, music, and Scripture: a space to pause, breathe, and let the imagery of water in God's story speak to the depths of your own heart Thursday 1 October 7.00pm, Belfast Jesuit Centre. To register, visit belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk/poetry-presence/

The Belfast Jesuit Centre will host a special hybrid book launch on Monday 19 October at 7.00pm for *Conquest or Leaven: Reflections of a Catholic Priest in Palestine/Israel* by Fr David Neuhaus SJ.

Books will be available at a discounted rate. to register. Visit

<https://belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk/hybrid-book-launch-conquest-or-leaven-by-david-neuhaus-sj/>

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{Church Services TV}

Office Hours: Weekdays 9am – 5pm

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thur 6 – 8 Houben

CLOSED 1-2, SUNDAYS 9.30AM -1.30.

6-8 PM, SICK CALLS 24/7



Sunday 13th September 2026 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Passionists Community: Fr. Charles Cross CP Superior

& Parish Priest, Fr. Aidan Troy CP. 07517889434 (24/7) Assistant,

Bro. Conor Quinn CP

Weekday Masses: Monday – Saturday 10am.

Weekend Masses: Sat. Vigil 7pm, Sun. 10, 12, & 7pm, Novena to Our Lady of Sorrows Monday 7pm, First Friday: Healing Mass of St. Charles & Penance Service 7pm.

Confessions: 20 Minutes before each mass by the celebrant of the mass.

Sick Calls: are normally covered by the Priest on duty

Tel: 90748231 pastoral care of sick in hospital is covered by The Hospital Chaplain.

Baptisms: From September onwards 2nd Saturday of the month 12noon Baptism Meeting first Sunday of the month 1pm.

Funerals: are celebrated at 10am mass (unless there is more than one funeral or because of time due at the cemetery).

Wedding Bookings: Please contact Parish office 028 90748231.

Pre Marriage-Courses: Wilma 07791148340 after 6pm.

City Hall forms www.groni.gov.uk.

Relic of St. Charles: available at Chapel of Passionist saints.

Requests for Home Blessings: Can be made with any of the priests.

Please phone Parish office 028 90748231.

Children's liturgy: Sunday 12 noon.

Bulletin Reflection 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 12th & 13th Sept. 2026

All politics is local, it is said. The Church is local in the community of Holy Cross parish. The message of Jesus come down to us personally answering His Word today before we ask how other people or places are doing.

The Word of God is struggling to be heard amid the noise of war and destruction in so many places. There is more of 'an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth' as in the Old Testament. Instead **listen to Jesus today** speaking to us and to all people:

"If a person nurses anger against another, can they then demand compassion from the Lord?" [1st Reading at Mass today] The answer must be **NO**.

"The life and death of each of us has its influence on others."
[2nd Reading at Mass today] **We are Influencers** whether we know it or not. It is God who wants us to influence for good in a World of evil.

"Lord, how often must I forgive another if they wrong me?"
[Gospel at Mass today] Peter resorted to mathematics in his question to Jesus with his 'how often'. He needed to be reminded of **the astonishing promise of Jesus**, *"Whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in Heaven,"* The Sacrament of Reconciliation **[Confession]** puts this within reach of each of us.

Our **Eternal Destiny is decided on how I:** 1) Forgive others. 2) Work for deep reconciliation with others and 3) Render humble and living service to others.

We have a lot to do, let us get started and take once more to heart the Word of God.

This is the only hope for our World and it is our own personal **Key to Heaven**.

Aidan Troy, C.P.

S.V.D.P: Meeting Wednesday night at 7pm in the Houben Centre.

Holy Cross Choir: 7:30pm Wednesday. In the Houben Centre

AA: Wednesday 7pm – 8:00, Saturday 11 – 1pm Houben Centre

NA: Sunday 7:30 – 8:30pm in the Houben Centre

Prayer Group: 8pm Sunday in the Houben Centre

Legion of Mary: 7pm Thursday in the Houben Centre.

First Friday Film: 8pm in The Houben Centre.

Old School Café: 9:30am – 1:30pm. Monday – Friday

We Welcome new volunteers

Weekly Bingo each Tuesday: From 7pm Flax Room

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Ardoyne Shankill Health Partnership:

Monday: Gentle Exercise & Relaxation 10:30 – 11:30am

Tuesday: Dancing Sessions/Tea & coffee 10:30 – 12noon

Wednesday: Sewing 10:30 – 12:30, Relaxation Stress Management

-2-3pm. **Thursday:** Art/Painting class 12:30 – 2:30pm.

Friday: Crochet/knitting class 10am – 12noon. Tel: 028 90756638.

Legion of Mary Auxiliary Membership: The Legion invites you to become an auxiliary member. There are no meetings to attend. You simply pray the Legion prayers at home every day. This is a great support to the mission of the Church. Contact the Parish office, if you feel called to be and auxiliary Legionary. Contact Conor 07798865887.

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Feast Days this Week: 14th the Exaltation of The Holy Cross, 15th Our Lady of Sorrows, 16th St. Cornelius, 17th St. Robert Bellarmine, St. Hildegard, 19th St. Januarius, Blessed Virgin Mary

A Unique Pilgrimage 23rd September 2026

Travel to Lourdes with us in September for a Pilgrimage like no other, as Pope Leo XIV will be visiting THE Sanctuary. We have limited spaces available on our Pilgrimage with flights from Dublin and Cork. Book on line or talk to our team. info@joewalshstours.ie. Tel: Ireland 01241 0800, Uk 0808 1890468.

Stella Maris, the Catholic seafarer's charity is looking for volunteers to help with ship visiting, knitting woolly hats and make appeals at Christmas and Easter for eggs and toiletries, For further information please contact peter.mullen@stellamarismail.org or 07745543959

Additional Masses during Lent: Monday Novena Mass as usual 7pm, Wednesday 7pm.

Confessions: 15 Minutes before each mass by the celebrant of the mass.

Music Sunday: 7pm Vigil Tanya and Anne, 10am Mass Betty & James, 12 noon Mass Organist Mark P. Lavery & Holy Cross Choir. 7pm folk Group.

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