



**PARISH OF ST TERESA OF AVILA**  
**IN THE PASTORAL COMMUNITY OF UPPER FALLS**  
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**SUNDAY 01<sup>st</sup> December 2019 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT CYCLE C**

*It's hard to listen to the news without hearing the words 'waiting lists', it seems that many people have their names on a waiting list. Advent is a waiting time, but it is an entirely different way of waiting. Christians wait in 'joyful hope', so there is a purpose to our waiting: it is to be filled with both joy and hope. These gifts are important to us especially for a world that needs to dispel both the darkness and the fears that are presented to us. In this coming month many people will stand, or sit in a queues waiting to go somewhere, or to buy something. Let us pray for more light, for more joy and hope in our lives, so that our waiting will have purpose of prayer, mission and caring for those in need.*

**Sunday Masses Holy Spirit 5.00pm Vigil St. Matthias' 10.00am St Teresa of Avila 12.00pm**

**Weekday Masses St Teresa of Avila Tue – Sat 10.00am**

**Confession - Or on request**

**Holy Spirit** Saturday 4.30pm before Mass **St Teresa of Avila** First Thursday after 10am Mass & on request.

**PLEASE NOTE:** There will be no 10am Weekday Mass in St Matthias's Church until further notice. (See above for Mass times)

**30 November 2019, 5pm Holy Spirit Church *Do This In Memory Of Me.* (Mass for First Holy Communion children).**

**CANDLES WILL BURN THIS WEEK** Hannah Teresa Mc Manus (R.I.P.)

**REST IN PEACE**

**Recently Deceased:** Gerard Williams

**Months Mind** Therese Lavery

**Anniversaries** Isobel Armstrong, Mary & Jim Rodgers, Mary Mc Ardle, Frederick Reilly, David White, Joe O'Brien, Joseph Mc Auley, Rita & Michael Lavery, Marie & Arthur Magennis, Hugh Burns, Mary Dunne, Liam Dempsey & Kathleen Rea

**OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS** Weekly Collection £ 1130.25 Fundraising £651.90

Second Collection today is Monthly Stipend

**Thank you for your generous financial support to all our collections**

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

St Teresa of Avila Parish is requesting new members to the Parish Pastoral Council.

If you are interested in becoming a member, or wish to nominate an individual to the Council, please fill in the slip below and leave in the Parish Office or give to a member of the Parish Pastoral Council.

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

TELEPHONE NO:.....

E-MAIL.....

Closing date for nominations is 08<sup>th</sup> December.

**CAROL SERVICE**

In St Teresa's Church on **Thursday 19th December at 7.00pm.**

Followed by the end of year Parish Draw in the Parish Centre at 8.00pm. Refreshments will be served..

**ALL WELCOME**

**Would all promoters of the Parish Draw please have their envelopes in before the 18th December**

Anam Cara Belfast, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 11th December at 7:20pm in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Belfast, BT8 7XP. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

**Dates to remember** 1 December, Advent begins. 03 December 2019, 7pm St Oliver Plunkett Church *Community Carol Service*. 4 December 19 *St Mary's* Grammar school carol service 19th December 2019, 7pm St Teresa's, *Parish Carol Service*. 25 December 2019 Christmas (HDO). Vigil Masses: Holy Spirit 6pm (children's Mass), St Teresa's 9pm. Christmas Day, St Matthias 10am, St Teresa's 12noon. 26 December 10am St Teresa's *St Stephen's Day*. 1 January 2020 10am St Matthias' Mass: Mother of God (first day of season). 6 January 2020 Epiphany of the Lord (HDO) Mass 10am St Teresa's

First Saturday Devotions will take place on the Saturday 7th December in St. Teresa's Church Glen Rd at 3pm Exposition, Confessions, Rosary and Act of Consecration and 4pm Mass and Holy Family Church Limestone Rd at 3. p.m. Exposition, Confessions, Rosary and Act of Consecration and 4p.m. Mass.

**FRIENDS OF ST TERESA'S PTA (St Teresa's Primary School, Glen Road.)** are holding their annual Christmas Fair this Sunday 1st December 12noon – 4.00pm.

**Abortion Consultation:** It is the responsibility of the Northern Ireland Office to implement the Bill. A public consultation on the implementation of a legal framework for abortion services in Northern Ireland is now underway. This consultation will influence the precise details of the legislation.

Overview on Consultation

<https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/nio-implementation-team/a-new-legal-framework-for-abortion-services-in-ni/>

Form for Response to Consultation

<https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/nio-implementation-team/a-new-legal-framework-for-abortion-services-in-ni/consultation/intro/>

Advice from SPUC

<https://www.spuc.org.uk/NIconsultation>

#### **Saint Vincent de Paul/St Teresa's Youth Centre "Together for Change"**

St Teresa of Avila Parish Christmas Appeal 2019 The Giving Tree/Hamper Distribution is an annual initiative in partnership with St Teresa's Youth Centre and the Saint Vincent de Paul Society.

**Giving Tree:** There will be labels on the tree with a child or young person's age and gender on it. To donate, please take one of the labels, buy a Christmas Present suitable for the child's age and gender. Gift wrap it, reattach the label to it and leave it back under the tree. We will then ensure that it reaches the appropriate child or young person. This initiative caters for children between 0 and 17. The closing date for donations is Wednesday 18th December. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

**Hampers/Regina Coeli:** Donations for this appeal can be left in the Youth Centre. Food items for the hampers and gifts suitable for the women who reside in the Regina Coeli would be much appreciated. The young people in the youth centre put together marvellous hampers which are distributed with the toys from the Giving Tree to families in the parish who find the festive season financially challenging. The contact number for St. Teresa's Youth Centre is 02890610850. Thank you for your continuing generosity without which we could not support those in the parish experiencing many difficult issues. The local members of St. Vincent de Paul and Youth Centre members and staff wish you a Happy and Holy Christmas.

**A Celtic Christmas by Candlelight** Join the award-winning St Agnes' Choral Society for a Celtic Christmas on Friday 13th December at 7.45pm in St. Peter's Cathedral, Belfast. With donations in aid of Belfast City Hospital's Renal Unit, the company will take you on a journey with some beautiful Christmas music, thoughts and reflections. They are delighted to be joined by South Down Choral Society and Schola Cantorum. Tickets are £12 (£6 chn) and are available from St. Peter's Cathedral, online at [www.tinyurl.com/agneschristmas](http://www.tinyurl.com/agneschristmas) or by calling 07786837198.

**TROCAIRE** Global gift cards are now available Buy a Trócaire Gift of Love and send some love around the world this Christmas. Four ways to buy: By phone 0800 912 1200. In person at Trocaire 50 King Street. Belfast. Online at [www.trocaire.org/gifts](http://www.trocaire.org/gifts)

**Development of Glenmona Site.** Public Consultation Events will take place on the follow dates: Tuesday, December 3 at the Glenowen from 2pm-7pm. Wednesday, December 4 at Gort Na Móna GAC from 10am to 2pm. Thursday, December 5 at St Teresa's Parish Centre from 2pm to 6pm.

**ST GALL'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR – SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2019 1.PM – 4PM. CHRISTMAS BALLOT – TOMBOLA STAND – TEA – COFFEE!!! ALL WELCOME**