

Holy Family Mossend, Parish Newsletter

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+ feast of the baptism of the lord +



He saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him.

It was at this that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John.... And a voice came from heaven.

You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

THE WORD OF GOD



ISAIAH

invites all to the rich banquet of life God provides for his people. In baptism we share in the life of God.

JOHN

Faith in Jesus leads us to love one another and gives us the ability to overcome evil.

MARK

tells how Jesus was baptised by John the Baptist in the river Jordan, and the signs that accompanied his baptism.

CENSUS

One of the projects I intend for this **125th anniversary year** is to carry out a parish census. The last census was taken in 1995 and is now quite out of date. I did update it every year and the last real updating was done for the parish mission about six years ago. I shall give out Census forms which I invite you to complete and please return. A new feature of the census will be to compile e-mail addresses for those who have them (and wish to share with me).

Sincere Sympathies

to the family of the late Annie Timmons who entered eternal life last Sunday and was buried from our church on Friday. *May she rest in peace.*

CONFESSIONS and HOUR OF ADORATION

return again next Thursday evening 7.00pm - 8.00pm

ENROLMENT OF CHILDREN IN HOLY FAMILY PRIMARY

Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu **THIS WEEK**

200 CLUB WINNERS

£50 Tom Rowan Unitas Court
£25 J Nugent, Homer Place

Report 2008

Total money £2335
Prize money £1050
Surplus to parish £1485

Thanks to all who support the 200 Club

NOW IN THE STALL

DAY BY DAY £1.00
WESTERN CALENDARS £2.90

HAVE YOU TAKEN YOUR CHILDREN TO VISIT THE CRIB?

Remember the Adoption Society (donation basket at the side).

There are also chocolate coins (one each) for small children a reminder of the gold that one of the three kings brought to the baby Jesus. Tell the story and point out the significance of the gold coins

YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE

MON	6.50pm 7.00pm	Evening Prayer Holy Mass
TUE	11.40am 12.00noon	Holy Rosary 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	Holy Mass Holy Mass

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is now on the website.
www.holyfamilymossend.org.uk

HALL BOOKINGS

Please phone Robert
Tel 304518.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

There will be a St. Patrick's night Dance on Saturday 14th March. On the vigil of the feast, Monday 16th, the evening Mass will be a Mass in honour of St. Patrick and there will be complementary drinks, refreshments in the hall afterwards.



THIS YEAR'S FIRST COMMUNICANTS

Are invited to come forward TO THE PRIEST in the Communion Procession, obviously not to receive Holy Communion, but a blessing indicating as such by CROSSING THEIR HANDS OVER THE BREAST AND BOWING THEIR HEAD.

LECTIO DIVINA

Monday 12th January after evening Mass. We shall take as our text the Gospel for the Sunday *previous*, (I.e. Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, **Mark 1:7-11**. *Texts to help you prepare are in the porch of the church.*



LEAVING THE CHURCH AT COMMUNION TIME?

WHY???

Where are you going to that is more important than giving Our Lord a few more moments of your time?

This is HIS time, especially if you have just received Him in the Blessed Eucharist.

To be out on the street within seconds of receiving Our Lord in the Eucharist displays a lack of reverence and possibly a lack of faith in the great gift of the Eucharist.

What example are we giving to our children when we treat the Eucharist so casually?

We tell our children it is rude to leave the table whilst others are still eating. What's good enough manners for our own dinner tables is all the more good manners for the Lord's table!!!



Pasta Night

(Lasagne- Meat or Vegetarian with Complementary glass of wine)

The Parish Centre on Friday 30th January

£5.00 per person

All profits go to Fr. Martin Chambers in Ecuador.

TO BOOK A PLACE

Add your name to the list in the porch and the number of places to be reserved, indicating the preference for meat or vegetarian lasagne.

DEPOSIT It would also be good if you could put a £5.00 deposit in an envelope along with the name of the person in whose name the table has been booked and post in thro the chapel house letterbox sometime during the week.

The things children say

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to 'honour' thy Father and thy Mother, she asked, 'Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?' Without missing a beat one little boy (the oldest of a family) answered, **'THOU SHALL NOT KILL.'**

LADIES

A year past last month our Ladies Guild reluctantly folded up due to a drop in active members and the difficulties in establishing a 'working committee' to organise events, speakers etc. At that time it was suggested that after a substantial break we might organise an open meeting to see if there were not ways to work around the problems which led to the closing of the Guild. Afternoon meetings for those who didn't like coming out in the dark nights???, meetings held once a month in place of every week, ??? More social events to attract a younger age group???. I propose that in a few weeks time we should hold this open meeting to see what ideas we might come up with. **In the meantime TALK AMONGST YOURSELVES AND SEE WHAT YOU COME UP WITH.**

GUILD

EACH YEAR the Catholic Church baptizes about 1,000,000 infants and 80,000 adults, and receives into full communion almost 100,000 people from other Christian denominations.



NEXT WEEEKEND - 2nd Sunday of the Year

	Vigil	10.00 am	12.00 noon
O.T. READING	Robert Rennie	Fiona Tonner	William Higgins
N.T. READING	Tom Gorman	Donald Waring	Angela Brennan
INTERCESSIONS	Pauline Eadie	Mary Tougher	Brian Timmons
OFFERTORY	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER
EUCH. MINISTERS	Danny Mallon	Marie Lennon	Margaret Tosh
ALTAR SERVERS	C McKeown L McCrory D Waring/	T and A Timmons / K McCormack/J Carr	B Timmons /M Curran C Lawrie / L Shearer