

# St. Joseph's Redemptorist Church

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Dundalk Radio FM 97.7 broadcasts Mass from St. Joseph's every Sunday at 9.00am.

**Third Sunday of Advent  
11th December 2016**

### Mass Times

Saturday: 9.30am  
Vigil: 6.30pm  
Sunday: 9.30am; 11.00am; 12.30pm

### Holy Days

Vigil 7.30pm  
Morning: 9.30am; 11.00am  
Evening: 7.30pm

### Weekdays:

Mon-Fri: 8.30am, 9.30am & 7.30pm

### Devotions

Sunday: 7.00pm

### Novena to St Gerard:

Wednesday: 9.30am & 7.30pm

### Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual

Help: Saturday 9.30am

### Confessions

Saturday: 10.00am-12.00Noon  
4.00pm-6.00pm

Mon-Fri: 10.00am-11.00am  
7.00pm-7.20pm

### Baptisms

Sunday: 1.30pm

Required Baptism preparation meetings take place on 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month. Baptism card can be obtained in Reception in the Monastery to be filled in before Baptism Meeting.

Next Meeting Dates:  
3rd & 17th January

### Reception Hours

**Monday-Saturday:**

9.30am-5.30pm

**Sunday:**

10.30am-1.00pm

**Advent Devotions** this Sunday evening at 7pm and the theme will be '*Joy, a Blessing from the Lord.*'  
Everyone welcome.

### **The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent is called**

**Gaudete Sunday:** Gaudete is a Latin word and means 'rejoice'.

The joy of the kingdom is anticipated. The signs of the kingdom are given to the messengers of John the Baptist. Joy, prayer and thanksgiving should characterize the Christian community. Let us be attentive to the signs of the kingdom in our own time and place.

**The Collection** for the St. Vincent de Paul taken up last week-end came to €6,921.00. Sincere thanks for such extraordinary generosity.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** our communal celebration of the sacrament of reconciliation will take place on Monday, the 19<sup>th</sup> of December at 7.30pm. For other confession times see programme for Christmas/New Year available in the porch of the Church.

**We offer condolences and sympathy to the family and friends of the recently deceased:**

*Caroline Breen  
Eamonn McGuirk*

May they rest in peace.

### **Martha Ministers**

The next team scheduled is

### **St Alphonsus Villas:**

Team Leaders:

Margaret Johnston & Joan McCabe. 13th December.

See you all there!

### **WEEKLY ENVELOPE**

Weekly envelope

Collection totalled: €431.30.

Thank you!

**The Christmas Carol Service** will take place on Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> of December at 7pm. This is a time of song, prayer and reflection.

**We welcome into the family of God the recently baptised:**

*Clara Faye Cooney*

**The Children's Christmas Party** takes place this Sunday from 3pm to 5pm in St. Gerard's Hall. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Pope Francis** in his exhortation about the family says: *The light of Christ enlightens every person. Seeing things with the eyes of Christ inspires the Church's pastoral care for those who are living together, or are only married civilly, or are divorced and remarried. The Church encourages them to do good, to take loving care of each other and to serve the community in which they live and work.....Pastors are to avoid judgements that do not take into account the complexity of various situations, and they are to be attentive, by necessity, to how people experience and endure distress because of their condition. (paragraphs 78-79)*

**Bereavement Support:** One to one Bereavement Support - confidentiality assured. Appointment not necessary (No cost involved); Thursday mornings 10.30am – 12.30pm in Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Dundalk. Enquiries: 042-9336393

**Employment:** Would you like to work part-time or full-time? Are you unemployed due to accident, illness, injury, disability or in recovery from depression. We can help you seek employment. For further information on this service please contact EmployAbility Service Louth. Phone Number 042-9386718.

**Anam Cara**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its next monthly Parent Evening on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> of December from 19:30 to 21:00 in the Armagh City Hotel. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether the death was recent or not.

**An Advent Calendar** is available at [www.catholicbishops.ie/advent-calendar](http://www.catholicbishops.ie/advent-calendar) It contains lots of information and catechesis.

**Dundalk Cursillo** will hold an Advent Mass on Wed. 14<sup>th</sup> of December at 7.30pm in the confraternity room St. Patrick's. All are welcome.

**Dundalk Arch Club** expresses its gratitude to the people at St. Joseph's for their generosity at the recent church gate collection.

**Alone Again, Separated or Widowed?** The Beginning Experience helps people work through their grief. A Beginning Experience Programme is scheduled to take place in The Magnet, Dundalk, on 6 Thursday evenings 8pm-10pm, January 12<sup>th</sup> to February 16<sup>th</sup> 2017. For inquiries and registration contact Aiden 089-2123833

**Simon Community:** the collection in the Church next weekend, 17-18 December will be for the work of the Simon Community.

**The African Catholic Community** in Dundalk invite you to their Mass on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm in St Nicholas' Church. All welcome.

**Eucharistic Ministers—Sunday, 18th December**

**6.30pm Vigil**

**Host:** Patricia Beggy; Padraig McGrane; Margaret McElevy; Ray McGuinness **Chalice:** Carol McGuinness

**9.30am**

**Host:** Cecilia Nyame; Rose O'Rourke; Miriam Delduca **Chalice:** Geraldine Devlin

**11.00am**

**Host:** Vivienne Ross; Gerry Mone; Marie Agnew; Michelle Connolly **Chalice:** Mary McKenna

**12.30pm**

**Host:** Colletta Dalikeni; Barney Foley; May Hughes; Anita McEaney **Chalice:** Brenda Roddy

**Readers of the Word – Sunday, 18th December**

**6.30pm:** Miriam Whelan & Margaret Duffy

**9.30am:** Aidan Cawley

**11.00am:** Yvonne Gregory

**12.30pm:** Colletta Dalikeni & Niamh Morgan

**Anniversaries**

**Saturday, 10th December**

**9.30am**

Our Lady's Novena

**6.30pm**

Anna Begley; Anne Norton; McElevy Family; Bessie & Patrick Mulligan; Paddy & Mae O'Hare; George & Mary Brodigan, St Clement's PK

**Sunday, 11th December**

**9.30am**

The People

**11.00am**

McElevy & Kerley Families; Dessie & Damien Rogers; Brigid Trimble; Gen & Patsy McGivern, Boyle O'Reilly Sq; Brigid & Oliver Rogers, Bachjelor's Walk; Mary & Matt Keenan, Cooley; Stephen & Kathleen Murphy; Frank Eaton; Mona & Kevin Gray; Kathleen & John Mooney; Nicholas & Vera Mitchell, Oaklawns

**12.30pm**

Month's Mind of Gerry Agnew, Meadow Gorv  
Month's Mind of Michael Roddy, Great Northern Haven  
Month's Mind of Gerry McCabe, Racecourse Rd

**Monday, 12th December**

**8.30am**

**9.30am**

Sr Mary Evangelist Jolley

**7.30pm**

Bernard Maguire, Cluan Enda; Owen & Kathleen O'Neill & Family, Dowdallshill; Paddy McCartney & Family, Seaview Tce; Ronnie McCrave

**Tuesday, 13th December**

**8.30am**

Laurie Carroll; Christy & Kitty McConnon

**9.30am**

Bernard McDonagh; Nora Kelleher; Peter Berry

**7.30pm**

Des & Carmel Flood & Deceased Flood & Murphy Families, Dowdallshill; Geraldine Egan; Peter & Maureen Curley

**Wednesday, 14th December**

**8.30am**

**9.30am**

Patrick Carroll; Private Intention

**7.30pm**

St Gerard's Novena & Vocations

**Thursday, 15th December**

**8.30am**

**9.30am**

Living & Deceased Kirk & Dolan Families

**7.30pm**

Bridie Brennan & Family, St Gerard's Sq

**Friday, 16th December**

**8.30am**

**9.30am**

Maureen Coleman

**7.30pm**

Gerry & Rose Gray, Cluan Enda; Mick O'Riordan, Charleville