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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent 18th December 2016

Mass Times

Saturday: 9.30am Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 9.30am; 11.00am; 12.30pm

Holy Days

Vigil 7.30pm 9.30am; 11.00am Morning: 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 10.00am-11.00am

7.00pm-7.20pm

Baptisms

Sunday: 1.30pm

Mon-Fri:

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

The Christmas Carol Service will be held this Sunday at 7pm

with St. Joseph's Senior Choir. This is a time of song, prayer and reflection. All are welcome.

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Mary in the liturgy of Advent:

on the fourth Sunday of advent Mary is a prominent figure. The reference in the first reading 'the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son and they will call him

Emmanuel' is understood by many to be a foretelling of the birth of Jesus. In the gospel reading there is a very clear expression of Mary's motherhood of the son of God made man. She has a unique role in God's plan for humankind.

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

Mary McArdle; Alan Boddy; Tony Whitmarsh; Nancy Durnin

May they rest in peace.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: our communal celebration of the sacrament of reconciliation will take place on Monday, the 19th of December at 7.30pm.

Martha Ministers

The next team scheduled is

Greenwood Drive:

Team Leaders: Anne Tinnelly & Bernie Whyte. 20th December. See you all there!

Emmanuel means God is with us

in our doubts and worries, in our hopes and joys, in health and in sickness. God is with us, within us, in our midst, for us, beside us, before us and among us.

WEEKLY ENVELOPE

Weekly envelope Collection totalled: €642.27. Thank you!

We welcome into the family of God the recently baptised:

Lara Murtagh

Pope Francis in his exhortation about family life says: the church is a family of families, constantly enriched by the lives of all those domestic churches (individual families). The relationship between the family and the church will prove a precious gift for the church in our time. The church is good for the family and the family is good for the church. The safeguarding of the Lord's gift in the sacrament of matrimony is a concern not only of individual families but of the entire Christian community. (paragraph 87)

Bishop Gerard Clifford died earlier this week. His funeral Mass took place on Thursday. May he rest in peace.

************************ A week to Christmas: this will be a very busy week for most people. It is a special opportunity also to prepare ourselves spiritually for this very special feast. The great truth that the Son of God took human form has to be uppermost in our minds and hearts.

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.

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Confession times on

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday are from 10am to 7.15pm and on Saturday from 10am to 7.00pm.

Pastoral Centre, Magnet, Dundalk: for information on upcoming courses and events at the centre please contact 042-9336393

On Christmas Eve carol singing in the church begins at 11.15pm, followed by Midnight Mass at 12.00.

Masses on Sunday the 25th, Christmas Day, at 9.30am, 11.00am and 12.30pm.

Our thanks go to the team which organized the children's party last Sunday. The children had a very enjoyable afternoon.

Blood Donors: the opportunity to give blood will arise at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on Thursday, 22nd of December, from 4.30pm to 8.00pm. Blood donors save lives.

Weekly Parish Envelopes: those who live outside the St. Joseph's area may collect their envelopes at reception. Thank you for your support.

The Fighting Blindness Organization expresses its gratitude to the people at St.

Joseph's for last week-end's very generous church gate collection which came to € 1,262.00.

Eucharistic Ministers—Sunday, 25th December 6.30pm Vigil

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

9.30am

Host: Cecilia Nyame; Rose O'Rourke; Miriam Delduca

Chalice: Geraldine Devlin

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

12.30pm

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

Readers of the Word - Sunday, 25th December

6.30pm: Miriam Whelan & Margaret Duffy

9.30am: Aidan Cawley 11.00am: Yvonne Gregory

12.30pm: Colletta Dalikeni & Niamh Morgan

Anniversaries

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9.30am

Our Lady's Novena

6.30pm

Joe & Mary Meegan; Margaret Vernon; Willie, Kathleen & Kevin O'Hanlon; Patrick & Maura Hande, Cluan Enda: Nuala & Fiona McCaul: Hande Family stletown; Patsy & Lily Carroll; Christy Coffey; Brendan Tuite & Family; Charlie Margaret & Willie John Clarke, St Gerard's Sq; Farrelly Family; Mary St N; Chirsty Keane; Tom & Bridget Cunningham & Family; Hayes Family; Paddy & Anne Keane & Family; Charles, Mable & Charley Murray; Poor Souls; Jack & Kitty Carroll; Bridget, Gerard, Aidan & Gerard Holland, Mary St N; Henry & atherine Magee, Dublin Rd; Johnson & O'Connell Families; Sean O'Hainmhire

Sunday, 18th December 9.30am

Norrie, Elizabeth & John McCourt; Maggie Hughes; Maria Farrell; Bill & Molly Kenwright; Mary & John Grimes, Anne St 11.00am

Eddie McCormack & Family; Frank & Nora Gallagher; McKeown & Gallagher Families, Dundalk & Newry: Tommy Connell, Cullyhanna: Sean Gardiner, Mountain View; Patricia Ryan; Agnes O'Donohue & Family; Frank, Louisa & rancie Hanlon; Anthony & Kitty Monahan & Family, Ardee Rd; Joseph & Mary Goss; Noel McCloskey & Family; Joe Moran, Manydown Close; Thomas & Catherine Donnelly:

Rita Connolly, Marian Pk; Kathleen, Patrick & Catriona Wynne; Vincent Smith &

12.30pm

Month's Mind of Gerry Foster, Avenue Rd Month's Mind of Sean Bellew, Upper Faughart

Monday, 19th December

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Jackie, Eileen & Kathleen O'Lean 9.30am Gussie & Kevin Maguire 7.30pm

Parish Reconciliation Service

day, 20th Decem

8.30am

Jim & Rita Byrne & Family; Donal Troddyn, Dublin; Patrick Weldon, Drogheda; Edward & Maura Kieran, Sinead & Matt Farrelly & Family 7.30pm

Elizabeth & James Fergus; Traynor, Saunders, Dawe & Fergus Families; Oliver Quigley; Patrick & Alice Califf & Family, Cluan Enda; William Baldwin; Molly Dorian; Sr Bernadette Hughes; Dan & Gretta Larkin, Market St

Wednesday, 21st December

Seamus & Frances Malone 9.30am

Thomas & Margaret Griffin & Family; Brendan & Baby Brendan Mulligan; Brian Morgan; Nicholas McCourt & Family; Jim McGee; Thomas, Catherine & Gerard Rennick & Family; Alice Burke

7.30pm

St Gerard's Novena & Vocations

Thursday, 22nd Dece

8.30an 9.30am

Carroll Family; Peter & Teresa

7.30pm

Living & Deceased Members of the Campbell, Gorey & McDonnell Families

Friday, 23rd December

9.30am

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Kevin Dawe, Cluan Enda: Richard & Rose Martin: John Mollov: Mary & John Smyth; Wilfie Morton; Niall Law