

# 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.

**8th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
26th February 2017**

### 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:  
7th & 21st March

### Reception Hours Monday-Saturday:

9.30am-5.30pm

### Sunday:

10.30am-1.00pm

## Lent 2017

**Lent begins** this year on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March. It is a time to prepare for Holy Week and the celebration of the Death and Resurrection of the Lord. It is helpful to think of Lent as an opportunity given us, a time to engage more intensely in the work of conversion. That means adjusting the direction of our lives and edge ever closer to the path which the Lord teaches us to follow. We do that by being more attentive to the basics of prayer and practical charity.

**Some Common Lenten Practices:** attending Mass on week-days; a special effort at involvement in family prayer; visiting the Blessed Sacrament, making the Stations of the Cross; fasting; helping the poor, the sick and the lonely.

### **Ash Wednesday:**

Ashes will be distributed at all Masses on Wednesday next.

**The Lenten Healing Services** in St. Joseph's will be held as per usual this year. Fr. Michael Cusack will preach at the first service on Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> of March at 7pm. The general theme for the services is **'Wherever two or three are gathered in my name....(Mt 18.20)** and the particular themes are **Home a Place of Welcome? (5<sup>th</sup> of March, Fr. Michael Cusack); Are we ever at home? (12<sup>th</sup> of March, Shane Martin); Prayer in the Home, Sowing seeds of faith (19<sup>th</sup> of March, Angela Marson); Is Church Home for All? (26<sup>th</sup> of March, Dr. Fainche Ryan); When Home Hurts (2<sup>nd</sup> of April, Women's Aid); Welcome Home - Reconciliation(9<sup>th</sup> of April, Fr. Brendan Callanan).**

### **WEEKLY ENVELOPE**

Weekly envelope

Collection totalled: €482.37.

Thank you!

**The March issue of Reality Magazine** has articles about St. Clement and St. Patrick. There is also a piece about Pieta House which does excellent work in the area of suicide prevention.

**Pope Francis** in his exhortation about the family says: *It is important for Christians to show their love by the way they treat family members who are less knowledgeable about the faith, weak or less sure in their convictions. At times the opposite occurs: the supposedly mature believers within the family become unbearably arrogant. Love, on the other hand, is marked by humility.* (paragraph98)

**We welcome into the family of God the recently baptised:**  
**Anna Judith Traynor**  
**Sophie Elizabeth Hutchinson**  
**Georgia Anita Fleming**  
**Charlie Rogers**

**Martha Ministers**  
 The next team scheduled is **Meadow Grove**. Team Leader: Marie Begley  
 28th February.  
 See you all there!

**Pastoral Centre, Magnet, Dundalk:** for information on upcoming events and activities in the Centre please contact 042-9336393. Check for Bereavement Counselling.

**Suicide** is a difficult topic to talk about. The stark reality is that in 2015 there were 451 recorded suicides in Ireland. However, groups like Pieta House ([www.pieta.ie](http://www.pieta.ie)) do much to help those who are in a dark space. The word HOPE is prominent in their presentations and their vision is of 'a world where suicide, self-harm and stigma have been replaced by hope, self-care and acceptance', (Reality Magazine, March 2017).

**St. Joseph's Young Priests Society** will hold its quarterly meeting in Grange Church on the 26<sup>th</sup> of February with Mass at 3pm.

**Praying for the Victims of Abuse:** the 7.30pm Mass on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> of March in St. Joseph's, will focus special attention on this theme.

**Rape Crisis North East** invites you to a Coffee Morning in the Oriel Centre, Dundalk Gaol, on Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup> February from 10.00am to 1.00pm. Admission is free although all donations will be very welcome.

A meeting of **The Pastoral Council** is scheduled for Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> of February at 7.30pm in St. Gerard's Hall.

**Wedding Congratulations January**

**Jason Mackin & Rachel Crosby**

**Eucharistic Ministers—Sunday, 5th March**

**6.30pm Vigil**

Host: Alan Gray; Louise Pepper; Barbara McCabe; Noeleen O'Rourke **Chalice:** John Farrell

**9.30am**

Host: Anne McBride; Anne Nixon  
**Chalice:** Paul Fennelly

**11.00am**

Host: Geraldine Moore; Sr Briege or Sr Jean; Christine McCourt; Lilly McDonnell **Chalice:** Briege Roddy

**12.30pm**

Host: Charlotte Neary; Rachel Sherry; Christina McGrane; Teresa Kelly **Chalice:** Yvonne Gregory

**Readers of the Word – Sunday, 5th March**

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

**9.30am:** Peter Finnegan

**11.00am:** Caroline Neary

**12.30pm:** Coletta Dalikeni & Charlotte Neary

**Anniversaries**

**Saturday, 25th February**

**9.30am**

Our Lady's Novena

**6.30pm**

Teresa McMaster; Gerard Clarke; Ena, Jim, Seamus & Eamon Gordon; Fr Tom Falkner, CSsR; Fr Liam Hanley, CSsR; Lenny & Josie Bourton; Jennifer McCloskey, Marian Pk & Manchester; Bobby & Nell Hickey

**Sunday, 26th February**

**9.30am**

The People

**11.00am**

Deceased Members of the McKinley Family; Brian Connolly, Marian Pk; Joseph Morrow; Fonsie Maynes; John & Kathleen Eccles; Catherine Duffy; Maura Duffy, Cluan Enda; Mary Eves, Pearse Pk; Brian Eves, Ashbrook; Bennie & Eva Baldwin; Kevin White

**12.30pm**

Month's Mind of Sean Begley, Mountain Court  
 Month's Mind of Mattie Pepper, Meadow Grove  
 Month's Mind of Gerry 'Gilder'; Mullen, Bay Estate

**Monday, 27th February**

**8.30am**

List of the Dead

**9.30am**

Siobhan & Billy Huggard

**7.30pm**

Patrick O'Connor; The Callan Family

**Tuesday, 28th February**

**8.30am**

Walter Tuohy; Kathleen & Pat Conway

**9.30am**

Phyllis & Jim McLoughlin; Kathleen & Tony Moore

**7.30pm**

**Wednesday, 1st March**

**8.30am**

**9.30am**

**7.30pm**

St Gerard's Novena & Vocations

**Thursday, 2nd March**

**8.30am**

**9.30am**

**7.30pm**

Angela Nordone, Shore Rd

**Friday, 3rd March**

**8.30am**

**9.30am**

**7.30pm**

Catherine 'Kitty' Mulligan; Joe & Marie O'Hanlon, Point Rd; Maureen Connolly; Eamonn Brennan, Long Ave & Living & Deceased Family