

# 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.

**First Sunday of Advent**  
**3rd December 2017**

### Mass Times

Saturday: 9.30  
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: 9.30 & 7.30pm

### Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual

**Help:** Saturday 9.30am

### Confessions

Saturday: 10.00am-12.00Noon  
4.00pm-6.00pm  
Mon-Fri: 10.00am-11.am  
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:  
5th & 19th December

### Reception Hours

**Monday-Saturday:**

9.30am-5.30pm

**Sunday:**

9.00am-2.00pm

**Advent begins on this Sunday:** it is a time of preparation for the Christmas season but in the first week or so we are reminded also of the coming of the Lord at the end of time. Undoubtedly our focus is more on Christmas. This feast reminds us of the extraordinary truth that the Son of God took human form. This means that it is a remarkable blessing to be human because the Son of God identifies with all of humanity.

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

*Moya Hoey*

*Alice Loy*

*Eileen Smyth*

*Peter Stewart*

May they rest in peace.

We welcome into the community of faith the recently baptised:

**Oisin Corcoran**  
**Aoibhinn Una Taaffe**

### WEEKLY ENVELOPE

Weekly envelope collection  
totalled €424.02.  
Thank you!

### Martha Ministers

The next team scheduled is  
**Oaklawns, 5th December.**  
See you all there!

**The Advent Reconciliation Service** in St. Joseph's will take place on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> of December, at 7.30pm.

**The Children's Christmas Party** will be held in St. Gerard's Centre on the 10<sup>th</sup> of December from 3.00pm to 5.00pm. We welcome all children from 2 to 10 years of age who attend St. Joseph's Church. All children must be accompanied by an adult

**The collection** in the church this week-end (02-03 December) is for the support of the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. The focus of this work is the poor and needy. And there are many such people in the Dundalk area.

**Pope Francis** in his exhortation about marriage and the family says: *Children, once born, begin to receive, along with nourishment and care, the spiritual gift of knowing with certainty that they are loved. This love is shown to them through the gift of their personal name, the sharing of language, looks of love and the brightness of a smile. (paragraph 172)*

**The Feast of the Immaculate Conception** is on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> of December. The vigil Mass will be on Thursday at 7.30pm. On Friday Masses will be at 9.30am, 11.00am and 7.30pm.

**The Feast of the Immaculate Conception** has been celebrated in the Church since the 7<sup>th</sup> century but it was Pope Pius IX who in 1854 proclaimed the doctrine: *The most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace granted by Almighty God, was preserved free from all stain of original sin.* This is a teaching that developed over the centuries, more from the piety of the faithful than the insight of theologians.

**Redemptorist Youth Group** will have a meet-up on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> of December, from 7.00pm to 9.00pm in St. Gerard's Hall. All in the 13 to 18 age bracket are welcome.

**The Silver Jubilee** of Holy Family Church is being celebrated today (3<sup>rd</sup> of December). Our congratulations go to that community.

**Bereavement Support** is available in the Pastoral Centre (Magnet) on Thursdays. For details phone 042-933 6393.

**Employment:** Would you like to work part-time or full-time? If you are unemployed due to accident, illness, injury, disability or in recovery from depression, we can help you seek employment. For further information please contact EmployAbility Service Louth at 042-9386718.

**Dundalk Citizens Information:** for help and advice in managing tax affairs you may contact DCI which has an arrangement with the revenue commissioners. For details call 0761 07 5950.

**The December/January issue of Reality Magazine** is now available. It has a special piece about the icon written by the Redemptoristine Sisters for the World Meeting of Families.

**St Joseph's Redemptorist Choir** will be participating in the following concerts during December:

**Saturday 16th December:** *Ardú & Friends, An Táin Theatre, 8pm. Tickets from the box office and antain.ie*

**Sunday 17th December:** *Annual Carol Service, St Joseph's Redemptorist Church at 7.00pm.*

**A Pro Life Meeting** will be held in the Westcourt Hotel, Drogheda on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> of December, at 7.30pm.

**Eucharistic Ministers—Sunday, 10th December**

**6.30pm Vigil**

**Host:** Patricia Begley; P McGrane/P Lambe; Carol McGuinness; Margaret McElevy **Chalice:** R McGuinness

**9.30am**

**Host:** Cecilia Nyame; Rose O'Rourke; Ruth Nyame; Miriam Delduca **Chalice:** Jim Kelly

**11.00am**

**Host:** Yvonne Gregory; Gerry Mone; Marie Agnew; Mary McKenna; Michelle Connolly **Chalice:** B Gregory

**12.30pm**

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

**Readers of the Word – Sunday, 10th December**

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

**9.30am:** Michael O'Keefe

**11.00am:** Yvonne Gregory

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

**Anniversaries**

**Saturday, 2nd December**

**9.30am**

Our Lady's Novena

**6.30pm**

Elizabeth Monaghan & Deceased Family; Bob & Ettie Waite; Gerry McCann, Barrack St; Gearoid O'Conluain; Anne Brogan; Marie & Paul Curran; Edith's Parents & Family; Airida's Sister

**Sunday, 3rd December**

**9.30am**

Sean Kettle, Barrack St; Charlie Conway, Co Cork; Deceased Collectors

**11.00am**

Maxie & Jim Connor, Mt Pleasant; James Kelly & Deceased Kelly Family; Jim, Alice & Geraldine Lennon, Point Rd; Brendan Finnegan, Rockmarshall; Patrick & Kathleen McCourt & Deceased Family; Kathleen & Stephen Murphy; Mona & Kevin Gray; Frank Eaton; Those Engaged in Parish Ministry

**12.30pm**

Month's Mind of Terry McEneaney, Meadow Grove  
Month's Mind of Monica 'Mona' Muckian, Meadow Grove

**Monday, 4th December**

**8.30am**

List of the Dead

**9.30am**

Living & Deceased Campbell, Gorey & McDonnell Families; Kathleen & Philip Meegan

**7.30pm**

Deceased Brennan Family, St Gerard's Sq; Thomas & Breana Grant

**Tuesday, 5th December**

**8.30am**

**9.30am**

Sr Monica Johnston

**7.30pm**

Ned McCormack; Charles & May Tinnelly; Molly & Francie Brennan

**Wednesday, 6th December**

**8.30am**

Rose Cooney

**9.30am**

Josie Dorian & Sharkey Family

**7.30pm**

St Gerard's Novena & Vocations

**Thursday, 7th December**

**8.30am**

**9.30am**

**7.30pm**

**Friday, 8th December**

**9.30am**

Sr M Evangeline Jolley; Jerimiah Cronin; Jim & Rita Byrne & Family; Sr Concepta; Mary McCabe & Christopher Loy

**11.00am**

**7.30pm**

John, Eva, Philip & Philomena Smith, St Nicholas' Ave; Mary McCabe; Mena & Gerry Mullen, Avondale, Pk