

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.

**Second Sunday of Advent
10th December 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: 9.30 & 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

St. John the Baptist features in to-day's gospel reading. 'A voice cries in the wilderness: prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance'. The call to repentance is a call to acknowledge the need for forgiveness. Forgiveness is a blessing and enables us to strengthen our relationship with the Lord.

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

Fr Louis G Eustace, CSsR
Jim Corcoran
Maura Kavanagh
John Byrne
Catherine 'Kitty' Hanks

May they rest in peace.

Martha Ministers

The next team scheduled is **Meadow Grove**, Team Leader: **Marie Begley**, 12th December. See you all there!

WEEKLY ENVELOPE

Weekly envelope collection totalled **€498.30.** Thank you!

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



Fr. Louis Eustace C.Ss.R. (05/11/1932-30/11/2017): Fr. Louis made his religious profession in 1954 and was ordained to the priesthood in 1962. He was a missionary in the Philippines, in the United States and in Ireland. He came to Dundalk in 1989 and was a member of St. Joseph's Community for 28 years. He preached parish missions for a number of years and is fondly remembered as the one who conducted the novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help every Saturday for nearly twenty years. May he rest in peace.

The Children's Christmas Party will be held in St. Gerard's Centre on the 10th 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.

Pope Francis in his exhortation about marriage and the family says: *Mothers are the strongest antidote to the spread of self-centred individualism. It is they who testify to the beauty of life. Certainly a society without mothers would be dehumanised, for mothers are always, even in the worst of times, witnesses to tenderness, dedication and moral strength. Mothers often communicate the deepest meaning of religious practice in the first prayers and acts of devotion that their children learn. (par. 174)*

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

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. Admission free.

Human Rights Day is observed every year on the 10th of December – on this date in 1948 the United Nations adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It proclaims the inalienable rights (rights that cannot be denied) which everyone is entitled to as a human being. It establishes the equal dignity and worth of every person. We need to stand up for our own rights and for those of others. *How do you think human rights are respected in our own country?*

A **Joint Meeting** of Ministers of the Word and Ministers of the Eucharist will take place on Tuesday, 12th of December, at 7.00pm in St. Gerard's Hall.

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.

A **Coffee Morning** will be held in the Pastoral Centre (Magnet) on the 15th of December from 10.00am to 2.00pm. Proceeds to support the work at the Centre.

The **Church gate collection** this week-end is on behalf of *Fighting Blindness*.

The **collection in the church next week-end** (16-17 December) will be for the support of the work of the **Simon Community**.

November & December Wedding Congratulations

Gavin Watters & Jennifer Smith
Ruth Hoey & Stephen McEneaney

Many thanks for your remarkable generosity last week-end for the St Vincent de Paul Society. Total €9,028.00.

Eucharistic Ministers—Sunday, 17th 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 Deluca 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, 17th December
6.30pm: Miriam Whelan & Margaret Duffy
9.30am: Michael O'Keefe
11.00am: Yvonne Gregory
12.30pm: Colletta Dalikeni & Niamh Morgan

Anniversaries
Saturday, 9th December
9.30am
Our Lady's Novena
6.30pm
Month's Mind of Susan Quinn, Bay Estate; Anna Begley; Bessie & Patrick Mulligan; Wills Family; Anne & Vincent Hall; Maire Traynor; Davidson Family, Military Barracks; James Tiffney; Pat Robb
Sunday, 10th December
9.30am
Margaret & Edward Hoey; John, Philomena & Gerard Crilly, Lwr Point Rd
11.00am
Alan Boddy, Suil Na Mara; McEklevey & Kerley Families; Ronan Ward, St Alphonsus Close; Frank & Nora Gallagher & Gallagher & McKeown Families, Newry; Desmond Rogers; Brigid Trimble; Catherine O'Hare; Eamon McGuirke; Caroline Breen; Matt & Mary Keenan; Michael McNally; Jim Burns & Deceased Family, Mt Pleasant; Mary Clarke; Billy & Dolly Coleman; Nancy Durnin; Patricia Treacy, Birthday
12.30pm
Month's Mind of Tommy Lynch, Coastguards
Month's Mind of Olive Lennon, Point Road
Month's Mind of Dessie Malone, Plaster, Mt Pleasant

Monday, 11th December
8.30am
List of the Dead
9.30am
Alice & John Burke
7.30pm
Living & Deceased Kirk & Dolan Families; Bernard Maguire, Cluan Enda

Tuesday, 12th December
8.30am
9.30am
Thomas & Vera King, & Deceased King & Crilly Families; Duffy Family, Inniskeen; Lily & Gertie Malone
7.30pm
Ronnie McCrave; Winnifred & Patrick Hall; Patrick Kearns; John Bradley; Sr Bernadette Hughes & Hughes Family, Clontibret; Owen & Kathleen O'Neill & Family; Paddy McCartney & Family, Seaview Tce

Wednesday, 13th December
8.30am
9.30am
Mary Clarke; Harrison Family
7.30pm
St Gerard's Novena & Vocations

Thursday, 14th December
8.30am
Special Intention
9.30am
7.30pm
Des & Carmel Flood & Deceased Flood & Murphy Families

Friday, 15th December
8.30am
9.30am
7.30pm