

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 Lent
18th February 2018**

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:
6th & 20th February

Reception Hours

Monday-Saturday:
9.30am-5.30pm
Sunday:
9.00am-2.00pm



The Lenten Healing Services: The general theme is *Creating a Culture of Care* and the context is the World Meeting of Families. The First Service will be held this Sunday, 18 February, at 7.00pm. The speaker will be Fr. Michael Cusack C.Ss.R.

The Road to Calvary:

How might Mary, the mother of Jesus, have experienced this journey?

First Station: Jesus is condemned to die: *it was early on Friday when I saw my son. His bruised and bleeding skin sent a sword of pain deep into my heart. Pilate asked the crowd why they wanted my son executed. They shouted 'Crucify him'. I wanted to plead with them to stop, but I knew this had to be.*

Second Station: Jesus receives his cross: *Regaining a little strength I walked with the crowds. Two men dragged over a heavy wooden cross and dropped it on his shoulders. My pain for him was unbearable. I wanted to take the cross from him but I knew this had to be.*

Third Station: Jesus falls the first time: *I followed close behind my son. I saw the cross digging into his shoulders. My heart dropped when I saw him fall to the ground. For a moment I thought he was dead. I wanted to protect him, but I knew this had to be.*

This year's Trócaire campaign focuses on Sierra Leone in particular - a country which has experienced a protracted civil war. In recent years it has been struck by a deadly outbreak of the Ebola virus and has experienced devastating landslides that have killed more than a thousand people. Trócaire provides vital humanitarian aid and also educational assistance, addressing cultural issues around gender inequality and the role of women in society.

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

*Jack Moran
Jim Keating*

May they rest in peace.

We welcome into the community of faith the recently baptised:

*Freya Frances Coady
Keith John Smith Rooney
Amber Harlee Margaret McQuillan*

Pope Francis in his exhortation about marriage and the family says: *The elderly fear being forgotten and rejected. Just as God asks us to be his means of hearing the cry of the poor, so too he wants us to hear the cry of the elderly. This represents a challenge to families and communities, since the Church cannot and does not want to conform to a mentality of impatience, and much less of indifference and contempt, towards old age.* (paragraph 191).

Pastoral Parents Family Programme: –The Pastoral Centre (Magnet) is holding a pilot six week programme to help parents/guardians with the everyday issues that can cause them stress - technology, relationships, communication issues, boundaries, finance, faith, resilience, culture etc. The programme started 9th February (*but you can still come along*) for 6 consecutive Friday Mornings from 10.30-12pm and will be facilitated by a trained counsellor. For Information please contact John 086-8611531.

The Irish Cancer Society operates a free transport service for patients attending hospital for chemotherapy treatment. For more information check the website irishcancer.ie or phone the Irish Cancer Society at 01 2310 522.

Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes,
12th to 17th of May. Bookings at St Patrick's, Roden Place, Monday to Friday 2.30pm to 5.30pm, 042-933 4648.
Cost €730.00 sharing.

The Annual General Meeting of the North-East Branch of the Retired Civil and Public Servants Association will be held at 11am on Wednesday, 21st February in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Dundalk. Light refreshments will be served.

WEEKLY ENVELOPE
Weekly envelope collection
totalled €536.23
Thank you!

2nd Collection: next week-end, 24-25 February, a second collection will be taken up and it will be for the support of the World Meeting of Families.

The Church Gate
Collection this week-end is on behalf of St. Therese's Special Olympic Club.

At the request of Pope Francis Friday, 23rd of February is the World Day of Prayer and Fasting for peace in the Democratic Republic of Congo and South Sudan. These countries have been ravaged by violence.

Study Theology by Distance Learning with the Priory Institute. You can do so from home at your own pace and build modules towards a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Theology. Phone 01-4048124 or check www.prioryinstitute.com. Application deadline is 27 February.

For information and updates on the referendum issue see www.chooselife2018.ie

Bereavement Support: Available in the Pastoral Centre (Magnet). For details contact 042-9336393.

Martha Ministers
The next team scheduled is **Meadow Grove, Team Leader: Marie Begley, 20th February.**
See you all there!

Eucharistic Ministers—Sunday, 25th February
6.30pm Vigil

Host: Patricia Beggy; P McGrane/P Lambe; Carol McGuinness; Ray McGuinness **Chalice:** M McElevey

9.30am

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

11.00am

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

12.30pm

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

Readers of the Word – Sunday, 25th February

6.30pm: Colleen Mulpeter & Kelly Marie Mulpeter

9.30am: Michael O'Keeffe & Ruth Nyame

11.00am: Nicholas McCourt

12.30pm: Niamh Morgan & Peter Finnegan

Anniversaries

Saturday, 17th February

9.30am

Our Lady's Novena

6.30pm

Josephine McKenna; Peter Dunne; Christina & Michael & Eamon McKenna & Matthews Family, Hyde Pk; Molly, Vin & Niamh O'Neill, Red Barns Rd; Eugene Corrigan; Ellen Hodgers, St Alphonsus Villas

Sunday, 18th February

9.30am

Catherine Crilly; Thomas Flood, St Clement's Pk

11.00am

Eddie McCormack & Deceased Family; Patrick & Martha Maguire; Thomas & Kathleen McCormack; Vincent Flanagan; Harry & Kevin Clarke; Joseph Morrow; Fonsie Maynes; Sadie Malone

12.30pm

Month's Minds of Fionola Greene, Greenwood Dr

Monday, 19th February

8.30am

List of the Dead

9.30am

Thomas & Mary Todd; Briege McCoy;

Olive Norton & Family

7.30pm

Jack Callan

Tuesday, 20th February

8.30am

Living & Deceased Campbell, Gorey & McDonnell Families

9.30am

Sr Briege McCrave & McCrave Family, Mill St

7.30pm

Jeanette Walsh

Wednesday, 21st February

8.30am

9.30am

7.30pm

St Gerard's Novena & Vocations

Thursday, 22nd February

8.30am

9.30am

Stewart Family, St Joseph's Pk

7.30pm

Philip Smyth, St Nicholas' Ave; Michael & Roseann Neary

Friday, 23rd February

8.30am

Jeremiah Cronin

9.30am

Irene & Padd McNamee; May & Harry Neville; Patrick & Mary Kate Shannon & Family

7.30pm

Bridget & Johnny Murphy, Fr Murray Pk; Adrian Roy Thompson; Catherine Wallace, Ravensdale