

# St. Joseph's Redemptorist Church

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Dundalk Radio FM 97.7 broadcast Sunday 9.00am

Reception and Religious Goods Store  
Monday-Saturday: 9.30am—1pm; 1.30pm—5.30pm  
Sunday: 9.00am—2pm Sunday

### 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 Mass Times:

Mon – Fri: 8.30am, 9.30am & 7.30pm

### Devotions

Daily at 5pm

#### Novena to St Gerard:

Wednesday: 9.30am & 7.30pm

#### Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual

Help: Saturday 9.30am

### Confessions

Cancelled until further notice

### Recently Deceased

Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of:

Kathleen Kelly

Patrick Shaw

Rosheen Young

Paddy O'Hagan

### Bookings

If interested in booking Weddings or Baptisms please visit the Reception or call – **042 933 4042**

## Sunday 29th November 2020 First Sunday of Advent

Please join us online via our webcam. Online donations can be made at [www.redemptoristsdundalk.ie/donate](http://www.redemptoristsdundalk.ie/donate).



Advent marks the time of spiritual preparation during the four weeks before Christmas. The Catechism stresses the two-fold meaning of this coming: "When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the

the long preparation for the Saviour's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for His second coming." Therefore, ponder again the great mystery of the incarnation when our Lord entered our time and space to free us from sin. But we also recall in the Creed that our Lord will come again to judge the living and the dead and that we must be ready to meet Him.

The Advent wreath is a circle, which has no beginning or end. It is made of fresh foliage, because Christ came to give us new life through His passion, death, and resurrection. Three candles are purple, symbolizing penance, preparation, and sacrifice; the pink candle symbolizes joy, when on the third Sunday we rejoice because our preparation is now half-way finished.

The light represents Christ, who entered this world to scatter the darkness of evil and show us the way of righteousness. The progression of lighting candles shows our increasing readiness to meet our Lord.

### Moving to Level 3

Following the latest government announcement, church services will resume on Tuesday 1st December with the usual social distancing and hygiene restrictions.

### Christmas Services at St. Joseph's

In order to facilitate as many people as safely as possible, Christmas services will be held at the following times.

Christmas Eve Vigil: 4.30pm, 6.00pm, 7.30pm, 9.00, 10.30pm

Christmas Day: 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am, 12.30pm.

Numbers will be strictly limited in accordance to government regulations. Please note that there will be no confessions available until further notice.

### St Vincent de Paul Annual Appeal:

St. Gerard's Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul working in this community is making their annual appeal this Christmas online because of the Covid-19 restrictions. They would deeply appreciate any donations to [svp.ie/dundalkareaappeal](http://svp.ie/dundalkareaappeal) or by calling 0818 176 176. Thank you on behalf of the families they help.

**Parish Calendars 2021** are now available at reception and at the back of the church.



## Other News...

### Bereavement Support Line – Pastoral Centre, Dundalk

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the Bereavement Walk-in Service at the Pastoral Centre, Dundalk, has been unable to operate as normal over the past few months. A new telephone listening service recently started. Members of the Bereavement Team will be available at the following times;

<b>Monday</b>	<b>6.30pm – 8.30pm</b>	<b>089-4677721</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6.30pm – 8.30pm</b>	<b>089-4682919</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6.30pm – 8.30pm</b>	<b>089-4677734</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>6.30pm – 8.30pm</b>	<b>089-4677747</b>

**Mini Advent Retreat by Zoom 1-3 December:** For three sessions, during Advent, you are invited to take part in a mini-retreat that will explore the themes of Faith, Hope and Love. The retreat will be led by Fr Billy Swan, St Aidan's Cathedral, Enniscorthy and will take place from Tuesday 1st to Thursday 3rd December beginning at 8pm. To take part, all you need to do is send an email to [thehookoffaith@gmail.com](mailto:thehookoffaith@gmail.com) to receive the Zoom link. Come and join us to prepare for Christmas

**Prayer by Telephone:** The Sisters of Mercy, at "Bethany", House of Prayer, welcome any person who may wish to request prayer, especially during these difficult times. One of the sisters will be happy to listen and pray with you. All requests are confidential. Contact "Bethany" House of Prayer, 34 Point Road, Dundalk, Co. Louth, Tel 042-9331602. Opened 9am - 9pm daily.

### Advent Day of Reflection - Saturday, 19 December - Drumalis via Zoom

Sr Pam Thimmes OSC, Poor Clares, Faughart, will lead an Advent Day of Reflection on Saturday, 19 December from 10 am – 4 pm, hosted by Drumalis via Zoom. For most of us 2020 has been an unprecedented time – a time of change, loss and grief, confusion, discovery, wonder and uncertainty. In some ways it has been an extended advent (arrival, emergence). Isaiah's words came to his people in exile. This day of reflection will allow us to bring these feelings and experiences of exile and newness of life into focus and perceive anew Christ born among us and living among us. Our souls, like Mary's have been pierced and transformed. Let us open our hearts to God's newness born each day among us. Do we see it and how do we live it? The cost for the Day of Reflection is £20 per person or £30 per household. To book please contact Drumalis tel 028 28272196/ 28276455 (Mon-Fri, 9 am-5 pm).

### White Ribbon Sunday 29th November

Women's Aid invites you to take part in White Ribbon Sunday on Sunday 29th November to raise awareness about domestic abuse. With 8,000 incidents of domestic abuse reported to the police across Northern Ireland during lockdown, Women's Aid believe that staying silent on the issue is not an option. Fr Eugene O'Hagan of *The Priests* has recorded a short video about White Ribbon Sunday which can be viewed at the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ottWSPTdkAk>.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is available in the "Garden Room" at "Bethany", 34 Point Road, Dundalk. Monday to Friday from 9.30am to 5pm. Everyone is welcome.

**EVANGELIUM - free online course exploring the Catholic faith – starting 29 November.** Based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the multimedia course covers the Creed, the Sacraments and Moral Life. Led by diocesan seminarian Mr Colm Hagan each session takes place on Sundays at 7.30 pm beginning on Sunday 29 November and continuing weekly up to the end of April 2021. Each module is delivered via Zoom and lasts approximately one hour. Please register your interest in the course by emailing the Parish Office at [armaghparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:armaghparishoffice@gmail.com) by 1.00 pm on Friday 27 November

Our church remains open each day between 10pm and 6pm for Private Prayer. Please continue to observe social distancing and proper coughing and sneezing etiquette. No more than 10 people allowed in the church at any time.

Thank you for your understanding

### Readers of the Word—Sunday 29th November

**6.30pm:** Miriam Whelan

**9.30am:** Aidan Cawley

**11.00am:** Catriona Lynch

**12.30pm:** Peter Finnegan

### Anniversaries Saturday, 28th November

**9.30am** Our Lady's Novena; Bridget & Patrick O'Connor & deceased members of the O'Connor family; Michael Ward; Aidan Coleman; Gene Lambe;

**6.30pm** Elizabeth Monaghan & deceased members of the Monaghan family; Denis Farren; Thomas Mulligan, birthday remembrance; Deceased members of the Murphy family; Special intention of remembrance; Deceased employees of Macardle Moore brewery;

### Sunday, 29th November

**9.30am** Maureen Gormbley; Molly Flood, St. Clement's Park; Joe, Joseph & Ray Hickey; Lucy & Harry McGrane; Joe Carolan; Madge Kavanagh;

**11.00am** John J. Brannigan; Nicholas & Vera Mitchell, Oaklawns; Patrick Carron, 1st anniversary; Mary-Rose & Michael Murphy; Eilish Murphy, Blanchardstown; Henry Lennon, 50 Point Rd; Len & Patsy Murray;

**12.30pm** The People; The month's mind of Cormac O'Reilly; Dermot Valentine; Marie Curran & her son Paul;

### Monday, 30th November

**8.30am** Dead List; Sr. Rosaria O'Neill;

**9.30am** James McGeough; Jim Kerr; Michael & Mary Walsh; Joseph & Sean Walsh;

**7.30pm** Living & deceased members of the Campbell, Gorey & McDonnell families; Peter & Teresa Hughes & deceased members of the Hughes family Clontibret; Claire & Mannix Whyte, late of St. Gerard's Square & deceased members of the Whyte family;

### Tuesday, 1st December

**8.30am** The Ruddy family, Corrateemore, Castleblayney; The Byrne family, Tullycorcreaghy, Louth;

**9.30am** Mary McCabe & Christopher Loy; Charlene Reilly;

**7.30pm** Anna Dawe, Cluan Enda; Lena & Tommy Magee; Deceased members of the Brennan, late of St. Gerard's Square; Elizabeth & John Sheenan & deceased family members;

### Wednesday, 2nd December

**8.30am** Holy Souls;

**9.30am** Phyllis Devlin; John Murtagh; Carmel O'Hare, Innisfree, Dublin Rd;

**7.30pm** St. Gerard's Novena & Vocations; Kevin Rice; Carmel O'Hare, Innisfree, Dublin Rd;

### Thursday, 3rd December

**8.30am** Living & deceased members of the Kirk, Dolan & Duffy families;

**9.30am** Florrie Malone; Catherine & Christopher Garvey, St. Bridget's Tee; Mary Conroy & Anne McArdle; Micheal Maddock & Maura;

**7.30pm** Michael, Margaret & Brendan Crawley; Bernard & Mary Byrne; Gussie & Kevin Maguire & deceased members of the Maguire family Castleblayney;

### Friday, 4th December

**8.30am** A special intention;

**9.30am** Deirdre McQuaid; Mary Clarke; Harry Prendergast;

**7.30pm** Jim Greene; Eileen McGuigan; Hugh Brewley MM;