

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 Sunday 7pm

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:

Imelda Gray

Victor Murray

Ron Landy

Mary Melia

Joe Callan

Brendan White

John Donnelly

Bookings

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

Sunday 27th December 2020 The Holy Family

Please join us online via our webcam. Online donations can be made at www.redemptoristsdundalk.ie/donate.

Pray Safe: Stay Safe

With our pews now socially distanced and our Perspex screening complete, I hope you will agree that these temporary measures ensure the maximum safety for all. We now have 3 separate zones, allowing us to accommodate 50 people in each section. In order to comply with regulations, entrances and exits are designated for each section. Please enter/exit by the appropriate door:

St Gerard's Side Aisle—Monastery Door

Centre Aisle—Main Doors

Our Lady's Aisle—Side Disability Door

Thank you for understanding and for your cooperation, Fr. Noel

Online Services at St. Joseph's until 6th January 2020:

Due to new Government Restrictions the Church will close to the public for services from Christmas Day. Our services, once again, will all be available to you online only.

St Stephen's Day: 9.30am & 6.30pm (Sunday Vigil)

Sunday 27th December: 9.30am, 11am & 12.30pm

28th December—1st January: 9.30am & 7.30pm

Saturday 2nd January: 9.30am & 6.30pm (Sunday Vigil)

Sunday 3rd January: 9.30am, 11am & 12.30pm

Monday 4th January: 9.30am & 7.30pm

Tuesday 5th January: 9.30am & 7.30pm (Vigil of Epiphany)

Feast of the Epiphany: 9.30am, 11am & 7.30pm

Our Christmas collection will go to upkeep of the Church and Monastery. As you can imagine, it has been a challenging year financially. In conjunction with a significant loss of income with church closures, essential work will need to take place on the bell tower, the restoration of benches and lighting. Your support is very much appreciated.

On behalf of the community, I wish the parishioners and people a blessed and safe Christmas and New Year . Fr Noel

A Joint Christmas Message from the Archbishops of Armagh Archbishop Eamon Martin & Archbishop John McDowell

'So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in a manger.' Luke chapter 2 verse 16

There is an old prayer sometimes used around this time of year which talks about the time when Jesus Christ "came to visit us in great humility". In one of Saint Paul's letters, he talks about "Jesus not counting his equality with God something to be taken advantage of but taking the form of a servant ..."

Could one of the positive consequences of this Christmas be that we have had to relearn how to approach it with humility and also how to celebrate it as servants of one another, rather than as lords of all we survey? For that is what we have been doing these past months. The face coverings and the empty streets have not been signs of fear and desolation. Instead, they are the evidences of love and of a resolve to secure the future.

They say that Saint Francis created the first Christmas crib back in 1223 because he wanted to capture the humility of the incarnation. When the time was right God humbled himself. He became part of his own creation in a particular way and in a particular place. His Mother was one of the "poor ones" who prayed daily in the Temple for the redemption of Israel. Palestine was an out of the way place and the "Holy Family" of Jesus, Mary and Joseph attracted little attention at the time. That was to be the pattern of his life. He ate his bread in quietness for thirty years, working at his father's trade as the means whereby he was prepared by his Father for the public vocation had been laid out for him. Apart from the occasion of his finding in the temple, we have no words of his as he grew up in that workman's family – perhaps he came to speak with such power because he had learned to love silence.

He was not the citizen of a great Empire like Saint Paul, and throughout his life he held no office or position of religious dignity or civic standing. What has survived of his teaching is usually expressed in simple pictorial speech. Like most people of his time, he seems to have had little or no formal education, yet he was never at the mercy of the subtle question, and he was able to cut straight through the pedantry of the scribes.

We are now celebrating the beginning of this life, quietly and perhaps still with some trepidation. We have had to concede that we do not really understand the world and acknowledge that we cannot "manage it". But Christmas is the time when we call to mind the coming into the world of God himself. And he came, not to manage it, but to redeem it. He came not to dominate it and to exploit it, but to serve it and to bring it to its intended fruition.

He came and he lived (and died) in great humility as the servant of all.

+Eamon

Roman Catholic Archbishop of Armagh

+John

Church of Ireland Archbishop of Armagh

Eucharist Ministers Rota:

6.30pm Patricia Beggy, Barbara McCabe, Carol McGuiness, **Chalice:** Raymond McGuiness;

9.30am Miriam Delduca, Eugene Garvey; Pat Gaskin; **Chalice:** Paul Lambe

11.00am Pearse O'Hanrahan; Gerry Mone; Marie Agnew; Mary McKenna; **Chalice:** Michelle Connolly

12.30pm Brenda Roddy; Barney Foley; Anita McEneaney;

Chalice: Colletta Dalikeni

Readers of the Word—Sunday 27th December

6.30pm: Miriam Whelan

9.30am: Pat Gaskin

11.00am: Caroline Neary

12.30pm: Destiny Ajayi

Anniversaries

Saturday, 26th December

9.30am Our Lady's Novena; Jimmy & Jim Bradley, Point Rd;

6.30pm Oliver McCluskey (Spain & Dundalk); George & Mary Brodigan; Christy Keane;

Sunday, 27th December

9.30am Robert McArdle Snr, Culhane St; Nancy, Eamon & Robert Gordon, Ballybrack, Dublin; Larry Finnegan, Culhane St; The Norton family; Linda Mohan, 1st anniversary;

11.00am The O'Reilly family, Cavan; Patrick, Joseph & Frances Duffy, Fr. Murray Park; Richard & Mary O'Reilly; James & Anne McConnell; Jim Burns, Culfore, Mountpleasant & members of the Burns family; Gerry Coburn; Margaret Clarke, Point Rd;

12.30pm The People; The month's mind of Carmel O'Hare, Innisfree, Dublin Rd; The month's mind of Paddy O'Hagan;

Monday, 28th December

9.30am Dead list; Mary Clark; May Griffin; The Traynor family; Mary O'Keeffe, 3rd anniversary, Middleton, Co. Cork; Francis & Andrew Agnew;

7.30pm Living & deceased members of the Campbell, Gorey & McDonnell families; Arthur Connolly; Patrick Hillen; Peter Lambe, late of Bay Estate; Pat Rogan;

Tuesday, 29th December

9.30am Terry, Geraldine & Paul Mohan; Sr. Monica Loughran; The Dawe family; Betty Rogers; Carmel Sweeney; Mary Sweeney; Niall Boyle; James Sweeney;

7.30pm John & Mary Hanratty; In thanksgiving from the family of Kathleen Kelly, Oaklawns; Bridie Lynch; Frances Mulligan;

Wednesday, 30th December

9.30am The Saunders family; The Fergus family; Mary Teresa & John Patrick Sheehan; Sean & Ronan Kelly, Ravensdale;

7.30pm Kathleen Callan, 1st anniversary; Joseph & Margaret McGrath; Thomas Jordan; Mary & Matthew Fee

Thursday, 31st December

9.30am Patrick Quigley & Edward Oakes; the staff of St. Gerard's; Living & deceased members of the Kirk, Dolan & Duffy families; Cynthia O'Callaghan (nee McCaughley); Pat Kehoe; Living & deceased members of the Johnston-Kehoe;

7.30pm John McCabe; Kelly & Morris family; Elizabeth Carroll, late of 5 Park Drive; Tommy & White & family; Otillo Canete, late of the Philippines;

Friday, 1st January

9.30am Doreen Farrelly; James Gregory; Eoin Larkin;

7.30pm Francie Bergin;