

# 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:

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| Patsy Neary    | Anne Murphy    |
| Nancy Watters  | Bridget Kane   |
| Maura Byrne    | Tommie Byrne   |
| Billy Lawless  | Robert Elliman |
| Saji Sebastian | Leo Fidgeon    |
| Thomas Crawley | Joe English    |
| Norah Ellis    | Margaret Eaton |

### Bookings

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

## Sunday 6th December 2020 Second 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).

### Update on Level 3 Restrictions:

As announced last week, we have undertaken a temporary removal of pews. This will allow us to more safely distribute the blessed sacrament with dignity and respect and ensure the safety of all. You may recall that before this present lockdown, and despite great efforts by stewards, processing for communion became congested and understandably many people including myself were apprehensive. Our pews are now socially distanced, and people need not move in the church except for entering and exiting. Eucharistic ministers will bring Holy Communion to you in your seats. In order to prevent close contact from kneeling, you are invited, if possible, to stand during the Eucharistic Prayer and to receive. This has been the tradition of the church from early times. If you are unable to stand, you are welcome to remain seated.

As some people will have noticed our pews are in a bad state of repair and it is our hope that this will provide an opportunity to restore them to their beautiful original state. The logistics of this will be presented to you after Christmas, as well as information on other essential maintenance work that will be required in the coming year. I am aware that many of you wish to attend Christmas mass with your family. For this reason, we have added 5 extra services. As a further measure of safety, during this week, the side aisles will be transparently screened off from the centre aisles.

In line with government guidelines, this will provide 3 distinct sections/hubs thus allowing us to increase capacity to facilitate families for Christmas. Together with the hall, we will have four separate zones, each accommodating 50 people. This will require using the monastery door to enter and exit St Gerard's side aisle, the accessible entrance for St Joseph's side aisle and the centre door for the centre aisles only. Finally, between each mass of capacity, the church will be disinfected and fully ventilated in line with our COVID Safety policy. Please be assured that all of these efforts and measures have been taken with a view to making people feel safe in church, and continue to have a meaningful and spiritual experience.

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

### Christmas Services at St. Joseph's:

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

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.



## Other News...



### Journey of Advent continues:

As we prepare to celebrate the nativity of Christ, John the Baptist's call to conversion sounds out in our communities. John the Baptist is the focus of the liturgy on the Second Sunday of Advent each year. His challenge to us to 'prepare a way for the Lord' is at the heart of the Advent message. We worship the one who will surely come to us. In our readings, Isaiah proclaims joyfully that God is coming with power, to gather us, like a shepherd. According to St Peter, everything is coming to an end, so we must live good lives while we wait. Mark's Gospel begins with a message of repentance, preached by John the Baptist, that strange voice in the wilderness, but who reads reality better than the sophisticated of the world.

### St. Vincent de Paul Annual Church Gate Collection:

The annual appeal by St. Vincent de Paul in Dundalk is being held in churches throughout the Dundalk area this week and members of the Society will be in attendance outside of Masses today. The Society is fully aware that it is difficult to ask people to think of others when so many are themselves experiencing great difficulties in their own lives. The Society is conscious that the pandemic has invaded all our lives and has presented us all with challenges we never thought that we would encounter. Amid the heartbreak caused to so many families and the fear and loneliness felt especially by the elderly they know that Christmas is a special time for all, a time for joy and reflection on the true meaning of this great feast. For those reasons the Society want to make it as normal a Christmas as possible for the many seeking their help. They can only provide that help with the support of many like yourselves and ask that in this year like no other when hope is in such short supply that we all remember the words of St. Francis of Assisi "for it is in giving that we receive". We'll get through this as a community if we support each other.

### 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).

**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

### Eucharist Ministers Rota:

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

**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 6th December

**6.30pm:** Miriam Whelan

**9.30am:** Pat Gaskin

**11.00am:** Caroline Neary

**12.30pm:** Destiny Ajayi

### Anniversaries Saturday, 5th December

**9.30am** Our Lady's Novena; Deceased members of the McCormack, Red Barns Rd; Gerry Moloney; Mary & Jim Joyce;

**6.30pm** Kitty & Jim Hanks; Thomas Tinnelly; Ronan Ward; Hugh & Margaret McShane; John Doran; Alice & Peter Hughes & deceased family;

### Sunday, 6th December

**9.30am** Deceased collectors; Tommy & Tessie Reynolds, 11 Cluan Enda; Harry Thornton; James Corcoran;

**11.00am** Marie & Jim O'Connor, Plaster, Mount pleasant;; Caroline Breen; Eamonn McGuirk; Dessie & Damian Rogers, late of Legion Ave; Michael & Mary Bowden; James Kelly & deceased members of the Kelly family; Ivan Sceglvovs; Maxie & Jim Connor;

**12.30pm** The People; The month's mind of Harry Prendergast; The month's mind of Pascal McLoughlin; Mary McCabe; Barney Morgan;

### Monday, 7th December

**8.30am** Dead List; Eileen, John & Kathleen O'Leary; Seamus Murphy & deceased family;

**9.30am** Michel Barreaux; James & Gertrude Kirwan; Josephine McGovern; A special intention;

**7.30pm** Lucia Ribeiro & Aristotles Bereira Dos-Santos; Mairead Kiernan, Ballybay; Fiona King;

### Tuesday, 8th December

**8.30am** Noreen & Paul Young; June Wain; Seamus Murphy & deceased family;

**9.30am** Philomena, John & Gerard Crilly, Point Rd; Marianne Gallagher; Patrick, Kathleen, Rosanne McCourt & deceased family members;

**7.30pm** John & Eva Smyth, St Nicholas Ave; Private birthday remembrance; Patrick & Elizabeth Coulter & deceased family members;

### Wednesday, 9th December

**8.30am** The Malone family; Patricia Tracey, birthday remembrance; Seamus Murphy & deceased family;

**9.30am** The Kenny family; Brian & James Kirwin; Freda Heaslip;

**7.30pm** St. Gerard's Novena & Vocations; John & Eithne Hamill & deceased family members; Patrick & Winnie Hall; Patrick & John Bradley; Jim, Alice & Geraldine Lennon; Olive Lennon;

### Thursday, 10th December

**8.30am** Eddie McCormack & deceased members of the McCormack & O'Callaghan families;

**9.30am** John Balfé; Mary Clarke; John & Ann Callan & family;

**7.30pm** John, Elizabeth & Peter Dunne & family; Frank & Mary Mohan & family; Hughie, Paddy & Mary Cunningham; Annie Dunne; Maureen Mohan;

### Friday, 11th December

**9.30am** Deceased members of the Lynch family; Maureen Callan; Julian Peter Fitzgerald;

**7.30pm** Gerry Callan, Hyde Park; Kathleen Byrne, Hyde Park; Gerry McGinnity & deceased members of the McGinnity family;