

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 (during week)

Vigil 7.30pm
Morning: 8.30am; 9.30am;
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:

Sheila McKevitt	Jimmy Green
Pauline Byrne	Joan Connolly
Ann Chadwick	
Christine Hollywood	
Josephine Wiseman	
Sheila O'Hagan	
Maurice Harrison Snr.	

Bookings

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

Sunday 18th April 2021 3rd Sunday of Easter

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

Gospel Reflection

Luke is concerned to show that the risen Jesus is present when his disciples gather together to share a meal in his memory. The three essential elements in this celebration are setting what happened to Jesus in the context of the Hebrew Scriptures and the breaking of bread. In our Sunday readings, the first reading and the gospel are thematically linked: sometimes the connection is more obvious than on other occasions, but the fundamental point remains, that the gospels can only be fully understood against the background of what we usually call the Old Testament. A homily is an explanation of the Scripture readings: a sermon is more of a class or lecture on some specific point of Church teaching. It is an interesting point from the Emmaus story that Cleopas and his companion are homilising as they make their way from Jerusalem to Emmaus. They are focussed on Jesus and what happened to him, but, without the Hebrew Scriptures, this remains an insoluble puzzle. The same message is forcefully conveyed in today's passage.

Online Services at St. Joseph's

All masses will continue to be celebrated at St. Joseph's Online. Intentions for anniversaries and month's minds will be remembered. We at St Joseph's unite ourselves in prayer with all our parishioners, our country and our world at this difficult time. Please join us online via our webcam Monday - Friday 8.30am 9.30am and 7.30pm. Saturday 9.30am and 6.30 (Sunday Vigil) Sunday 9.30am 11.00am and 12.30pm

Church Opening hours

Our Church will now be open between 10am and 5pm Monday to Saturday and 1pm to 5pm on Sunday. This is to allow for daily deep-cleaning. Please continue to observe social distancing and proper coughing and sneezing etiquette.

Making Donations to St Joseph's

The community appreciate your generous support at this time. Please go to our website <https://www.redemptoristsdundalk.ie/donate>. Parish envelopes can continue to be dropped off at the back of the church or please use the Diocesan facility www.armagharchdiocese.org and locate the "Donate to our Parishes" button.



OTHER NEWS..

Launching St Joseph's Renovation Fund

Over the coming weeks, the Redemptorist Community will launch a special appeal to help us undertake essential work to the bell tower involving seriously corroded structural steel work that supports both the tower and the bells. Work will also include among other things, an electrical upgrade of the church lighting, the fire alarm, CCTV and the restoration of the benches which are in a bad state of repair. We will plan most of this work while churches are closed to avoid major disruption.

Over the past number of years, the Redemptorists have financed the reroofing of the church in addition to the installation of new organs and a new sound system. We have an obligation to maintain this beautiful church and appeal to your generosity in carrying out this important work.

We are conscious that this is a difficult time for fundraising, and so we have secured a loan for €350,000 to be paid off over three years. An Audit and Steering group have been appointed to oversee the work and to arrange fundraising initiatives.

We thank you for your generosity and availability to help us complete this project. Very soon, we will offer different ways to contribute to the newly dedicated Church Renovation Fund and we look forward to engaging with many creative ideas for fundraising. If you would like to take part, please contact the reception.

Prayer by Telephone.

The Sisters of Mercy at "Bethany" House of Prayer, 34 Point Road, Dundalk, welcome any person who may wish to request prayer, especially during these difficult times. Telephone 00353 (42) 9331602, from 9am to 9pm daily. One of the Sisters will be happy to listen and pray with you. All requests are confidential.

Trócaire Lenten Campaign

This year's campaign has drawn to a close, we continue to pray for South Sudan. Regarding the return of Trócaire Boxes, we would ask you to kindly hold onto them until the monastery reception opens again.

Holy Hour for Vocations to Priesthood - St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, 23 April, 8–9pm

A Holy Hour for Vocations to Priesthood will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh on Friday 23 April from 8 – 9pm. People are welcome to join in person or you may wish to join in prayer via the Cathedral Webcam: <http://armaghparish.net/cathedral-webcam/>

In his message for World Day of Vocations which is to be celebrated on Sunday 25 April, Pope Francis says: "The Lord's call is not an intrusion of God in our freedom; it is not a "cage" or a burden to be borne. On the contrary it is the loving initiative whereby God encounters us and invites us to be part of a great undertaking. He opens before our eyes the horizon of a greater sea and an abundant catch".

Monastery shop

Following Restrictions moving to level 5, the Monastery Shop will be closed until further notice. Phone and postage services are still available for bookings of Anniversary Masses and sending of Mass cards. Important to note that there is **No** Click & Collect service available at this time.

Readers of the Word—Sunday 18th April

6.30pm: Miriam Whelan

9.30am: David Brennan

11.00am: Yvonne Gregory

12.30pm: Ali McKenna

Anniversaries

Saturday, 17th April

9.30am Our Lady's Novena; Teresa & Tom Maguire; A special intention;

6.30pm Dominic McNally, 1st anniversary; Lesley McAdams, recently deceased in Canada; Stephen Walsh, Mountainview Crescent; Moya Greene, birthday remembrance; Johnny Woods, Pearse Park; Pat & Eilish Gonnolly, Rathmore Cottages, Hackballscross; A special intention;

Sunday, 18th April

9.30am Joe Lennon, St. Alphonsus Villas; Joan & James Hughes;

11.00am Kathleen Keenan, St. Joseph's Park; Gabrielle Doran, Meadow Grove; Ben Keenan; Nora & John Callan, late of St. Clement's Park; Elizabeth & Robert Kinch & their daughter Lillian Byrne; Oliver & Bernadette Watters;

12.30pm The People; The month's mind of Catherine Walsh, Lislea, Newry; The month's mind of Evelyn Moynagh, Castle Rd; The month's mind of Tommy Freeman; Carmel McAllister; Bernard & Kathleen O'Hare, late of Cluan Enda;

Monday, 19th April

8.30am The Dead List;

9.30am Mary McCourt & the deceased members of the McGinn family;

7.30pm Paddy Clarke, Cluan Enda; Annie Doran; Sean McKeown; Patrick & Elizabeth McClorey; Thomas & Frances (Carmel) Turley, late of 16 Oaklawns;

Tuesday, 20th April

8.30am Agnes Berry;

9.30am Peter & Alice Murphy, Kilsaran; Seamus Kerr;

7.30pm Christina (Dido) Mullen, 1st anniversary;

Wednesday, 21st April

8.30am Jim Bradley, Point Rd;

9.30am Alice Ward; James Campbell;

7.30pm St. Gerard's Novena & Vocations; For those enrolled in St. Gerard's Family League; Sean Quinlivan; Brendan White, Upper Jenkinson;

Thursday 22nd April

8.30am

9.30am Gerry Callan; Living & deceased members of the Kirk, Dolan & Duffy families; Sean Kieran; A special intention; Abie Byrne, late of Muirhevna, Dublin Rd;

7.30pm The living & deceased members of the Campbell, Gorey & McDonnell families;

Friday 23rd April

8.30am

9.30am Anna & John Agnew;

7.30pm