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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

**Sunday 2nd May 2021**  
**5th Sunday of Easter**

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

**Gospel Reflection**

On a vine, the stem is the source of the branch's life. In the New Testament tradition of the institution of the Eucharist, Jesus speaks about "the cup of my blood". In a similar way to the vine stem, Jesus understood blood as the life principle of a person. When we speak of Jesus "shedding his blood" we mean that Jesus "gave his life." Therefore, in the Eucharist the risen Jesus communicates his life to his disciples, just like the vine provides life-giving nourishment to the branches.

**Temporary Closure**

Our church will remain closed until **Wednesday 5th May**. Due to the nature of the work and with the bank holiday, this has taken longer than anticipated. We apologise for any inconvenience and look forward to welcoming you again to public worship. All masses will continue to be celebrated and streamed live from our oratory.

**Return to Public Worship from 10th May**

In line with government guidelines, we are delighted to be returning to public worship. It has been a long and difficult 5 months. With the roll out of the vaccination programme, we pray that this will be the last extended lockdown. We are excited about people returning to our newly refurbished pews and floor. The following guidelines will be implemented for your safety:

50 are permitted to attend any service including funerals and weddings. We are seeking clarification on our 3 pods.

Social distancing will continue (members of the same household can sit/stand close together)

Wearing of face coverings is obligatory

Communion will be distributed in the pews

People will be asked not to congregate outside before and after any service

Baptism will resume

New Confessions time are as follows:

Weekdays 10.00am—10.30am, 7.00pm—7.20pm

Saturday 10.00am—11.00am; 4.00pm—5.00pm

**Reopening of Reception and Monastery Shop**

The Reception will continue to offer a telephone and email service. A phone and collect service will operate 10th—16th May and the shop will fully reopen on Monday 17th May. We look forward to seeing you back.

**Devotions**

**Sunday 7pm**

**Novena to St Gerard:**

Wednesday: 9.30am & 7.30pm

**Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual**

**Help:** Saturday 9.30am

**Confessions**

Recommencing 10th May.

**Recently Deceased**

**Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of:**

Paddy Yore	Maire Whelan
Terry Dillon	Susan Mulligan
Susan Parkinson	Gerry Jackson
Joe McCabe	
Michael Rooney	
Jean Andre Kassongo	
Francie Doran (Snr)	

**Bookings**

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

## 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](http://www.armagharchdiocese.org) and locate the "Donate to our Parishes" button.

## St Joseph's Renovation Fund

The Redemptorist Community have launched 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 re-roofing 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.

## Archdiocesan Virtual Pilgrimage to Lourdes

This will take place online from **7th–12th May** and will be broadcast from our Pilgrimage Facebook Page *Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes*. Petitions can be sent by email to the following address: [armaghlourdespetitions2021@gmail.com](mailto:armaghlourdespetitions2021@gmail.com)

## Month of May dedicated to Mary

Pope Francis invites all to join him in prayer for the end of Covid 19. Marian Sanctuaries will lead this prayer. The date of 10 May 2021 has been assigned to Ireland for the leading of prayers at the International Marian Shrine at Knock. On that date we are especially asked to remember in our intentions all people with disabilities.

## 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.

## Monastery shop

The Reception & Monastery Shop will continue to offer a telephone and email service, 042-9334042. A phone and collect service will operate 10th–16th May and the shop will fully reopen on Monday 17th May. We look forward to welcoming you back.

## Readers of the Word—Sunday 2nd May

**6.30pm:** Colleen Mulpeter  
**9.30am:** Aidan Cawley  
**11.00am:** Catriona Lynch  
**12.30pm:** Peter Finnegan

## Anniversaries

### Saturday, 1st May

**9.30am** Our Lady's Novena; Joe Lynch;  
**6.30pm** Sean & Patricia Tracey; Kate & Edward Curran;

### Sunday, 2nd May

**9.30am** Syl Byrne;  
**11.00am** Matthew Birch, birthday remembrance; Louise Smyth, late of Dublin; Martin Flynn;  
**12.30pm** The People; The month's mind of Seamus Hoey;

### Monday, 3rd May

**8.30am** The Dead List;  
**9.30am** Kitty & Tom Wehrly;  
**7.30pm** Bridgie & Joe Thornton; Jimmy Martin, Avenue Rd;

### Tuesday, 4th May

**8.30am**  
**9.30am** Joseph Clarke; A special intention;  
**7.30pm** Tom, Pat & Kitty Callan, Quay St;

### Wednesday, 5th May

**8.30am** Eddie McCormack & deceased members of the McCormack & O'Callaghan families;  
**9.30am** Maureen Rushe;  
**7.30pm** St. Gerard's Novena & Vocations; For those enrolled in St. Gerard's Family League;

### Thursday 6th May

**8.30am**  
**9.30am** Living & deceased member of the Kirk, Dolan & Duffy families; Brieger Kerr;  
**7.30pm**

### Friday 7th May

**8.30am**  
**9.30am** Irene, Elsie & John Dixon; Mary Webb; Eileen McDonagh;  
**7.30pm** Living & deceased members of the Campbell, Gorey & McDonnell families; Christopher Brannock;

## **Trócaire Lenten Campaign**

Regarding the return of Trócaire Boxes, this can be done when the church reopens for public mass on May 10th .