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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 18th July 2021
Solemnity of the Most Holy Redeemer.**

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

Gospel Reflection

Care for the poor and oppressed was central to Jesus' life and ministry. He identified with the poor. He was born in poverty in an obscure town of a colonised country. He mixed with some of those on the margins—sinners, prostitutes, diseased, outcasts—to stress that nobody was excluded from God's love. He washed feet, a demeaning task reserved for servants and slaves. He died a failure. All Jesus said and did pointed to a new way of living in accord with God's vision of a kingdom of justice, love and peace. To act justly is key to Jesus' vision.

It's unfortunate that Catholics and non-Catholics alike tend to be more familiar with what the Church teaches about sex than with what it teaches about social justice. But the church has formulated a wonderful body of teaching on social justice, stretching back to Pope Leo XIII's encyclical *Rerum Novarum* in 1891. This teaching embraces issues from workers' rights to the dangers of unregulated capitalism, from care for the politically and economically oppressed to opposition to capital punishment. In 2015, Pope Francis published the first papal encyclical devoted to the environment, *Laudato Si*, placing care for the earth as a central tenet of the Church's mission.

The biblical emphasis of God's care for the poor and for all creation is the basis for the Church's focus on social issues and for its pro-life stance. In his letter *Gaudete es Exultate*, Pope Francis stresses the need to protect the unborn. He goes on to say: "Equally sacred, however, are the lives of the poor, those already born, the destitute, the abandoned and the underprivileged, the vulnerable infirm and elderly exposed to covert euthanasia, the victims of human trafficking, new forms of slavery, and every form of rejection". What Pope Francis is saying is that God's justice and compassion extends from womb to tomb. Jesus ached with compassion for all who suffered. Following the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd we also look with compassion on those who need our help. We seek to ease their burdens.

Pray Safe. Stay Safe

We have been approved to operate three pods of 50 for public masses. Funeral masses and weddings, however, are capped at 50 attendees only.

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

Devotions

Sunday 7pm

Novena to St Gerard:

Wednesday: 9.30am & 7.30pm

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual

Help:

Saturday 9.30am

Confessions

Weekdays 10.00-10.30am; 7.00—7.20pm

Saturday 10am—11 am; 4pm-5pm

Recently Deceased

Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of:

Gerard Carroll

Rosario Andrews

Maureen McArdle

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 and locate the "Donate to our Parishes" button.

St Joseph's Renovation Fund

Our special appeal is 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 and the floor which is now complete. Please pick up a donation envelope which allow for different ways to donate.

We thank you for your generosity and availability to help us complete this project. We look forward to engaging with many creative ideas for fundraising. If you would like to take part, please contact the reception.

Do you want to learn more about your faith?

If you are interested, why not consider joining our Theology programme. The course takes two years with one night per week and two weekends over the academic year and is accredited by St Patrick's College, Maynooth. There are no educational entry requirements, and completion of the course is based on submitted work and does not include sitting exams. Our Theology course will be continuing this year, starting on 14th September. If you are interested and would like more information please contact Milanda at milanda@parishandfamily.ie

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. Open 9am - 9pm daily.

Youth Ministry Coordinator x 2 job vacancies

St. Patrick's Archdiocesan Trust Limited seeks to appoint two motivated and talented professionals, each to undertake the full-time roles of Youth Ministry Coordinator. The Youth Ministry Coordinators will work with the Diocesan Pastoral Team and be responsible for implementing the youth ministry element in the Diocesan Pastoral Plan.

If interested in making an application for either of these posts, please download, complete and return an Application Form from the Archdiocese of Armagh website at: armagharchdiocese.org, here you will also find the accompanying job description.

St. Patrick's Archdiocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer.

Eucharistic Ministers—Sunday 18th July

6.30pm Vigil

Host: Louise Pepper; Paul Lambe; Barbara McCabe (GC);

9.30am

Host: Eugene Garvey; Pat Gaskin; Paul Lambe (GC);

11.00am

Host: Geraldine Moore; Brendan Gregory; Dermot Hanratty; Yvonne Gregory (GC);

12.30pm

Host: Charlotte Neary; Anne Kirk;

Readers of the Word—Sunday 18th July

6.30pm: Patricia McKenna

9.30am: Pat Gaskin

11.00am: Ali McKenna

12.30pm: Coletta Dalikeni

Anniversaries

Saturday, 17th July

9.30am Our Lady's Novena; Bridie & Des McGee, 50th wedding anniversary; Niamh & Andreas Boldt, 8th wedding anniversary;

6.30pm Josephine Monaghan & deceased members of the Monaghan family; Deceased Curran, Fee & Hughes families; Marian Breen;

Sunday, 18th July

9.30am Jane & Paddy Doyle;

11.00am John McFadden, Parnell Park; Ryan McArdle, Muirhevnamore & Coxes Demesne; Patrick McCabe, Emer Tce; Eamon McKenna, Avenue Rd; Peter & Maura Hynes; Seamus & Mary Hanratty; The Smyth family, Long Ave; The Roslyn family; Congratulations on their Golden Wedding Anniversary to Frank & Anne Conroy, both church collectors, prayers & best wishes;

12.30pm The People; The month's mind of Nicholas Hardy, Point Rd; Johnny, Bridget & John Deery; Annie Mooney & her sons Raymond, Pat & Donal;

Monday, 19th July

8.30am The Dead List; Jim & Joan Keenan, Ravensdale;

9.30am Joe Carolan; Patrick & Mary-Kate Shannon & family;

7.30pm Gretta & Danny Goodfellow; May & Jim Gorham & their son David, Hyde Park; Kathleen & Gerard Gorham, late of McSwiney St; Paddy McCabe, Cedarwood Park;

Tuesday, 20th July

8.30am

9.30am Fr. Edward (Ned) Rocks & the Rocks & McAllister families; Brendan Gaughran; Mary Malone;

7.30pm Michael, Margaret & Brendan Crawley; Margaret & Gerry Watters; Peter & Vanessa Gaughran;

Wednesday, 21st July

8.30am

9.30am Eileen Stokes, 11th anniversary;

7.30pm St. Gerard's Novena & Vocations; For those enrolled in St. Gerard's Family League;

Thursday, 22nd July

8.30am

9.30am Anthony Todd; Alexandra Mitchell & deceased family members; Owen & Mary Sharkey; In thanksgiving;

7.30pm John & Lily O'Connor; Deceased members of the Rice & McDonald families, Francis St;

Friday, 23rd July

8.30am

9.30am Frank Lynch, birthday remembrance;

7.30pm