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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 1st August 2021
The Solemnity of St. Alphonsus.

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

Gospel Reflection

A couple of years ago, young American writer Jia Tolentino wrote a book called *Trick Mirror*. It's a collection of essays on the challenges facing young women today. One essay is entitled "Always be Optimizing". It's about the pressure women have always felt to look good, be attractive. The need to always be optimising; in other words, trying to always look better, be thinner, more glamorous, sexier, to never be satisfied with your appearance or success.

It's not only women who feel this pressure nowadays. Young men feel it increasingly too—the need to work out, to be ripped, athletic, desirable.

Our competitive world pressurises us to be acknowledged as successful, with a rewarding career and a big income, and a perfect family and a nice house. To always be optimising. Social media, with its obsession with looks and money and celebrity, makes being your authentic self even harder. It's a reason why sales of makeup, even to young men, are booming. Image is everything.

It explains why Reality TV shows like *Ten Years Younger* and *100% Hotter* are so popular. On these shows, participants receive a makeover that alters or enhances how they look, bringing out or highlighting their best features. Seeing their before and after pics is like looking at a completely different person. We see the difference a new look can make, its transformative effect.

Liturgy is also about transformation. We are invited to give up our old way of life, and put on the new self, one created in God. The new self we are invited to put on is not as simple as getting a new wardrobe or hairstyle like the participants on a TV show, or giving up home and family and livelihood. Rather, it is about making sure that God is the director of our lives, that God shapes everything we do every day.

Putting on the new self means putting on God. It means following the example of Jesus, and allowing ourselves to be moulded in his image. It means knowing that Jesus is our Bread of Life, who nourishes and sustains us, and gives us everything that we need.

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 are 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:

Hugh Hoey

Paul Griffin

Fionnuala Butler

Tommy Connolly

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

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.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

Dublin direct to Mostar – Medjugorje (return via Split). 25th August - 1st September 2021 - £599. 7 nights half board. Accompanied by Fr John Mc Keever, PP, Keady & Derrynoose.

For more information on joining the group please contact:

Martin or Lucia Cunningham 04827531847 or 00447926132847

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators.

Accord is seeking registration of interest from those who have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church and the enthusiasm to be part of a team supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage.

Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally in accordance with best practice.

Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to info@accord.ie.

The closing date for receipt of registration of interest forms to be included in Selections for this year is Friday 27 August.

Additional information is available on www.accord.ie.

Eucharistic Ministers—Sunday 1st August

6.30pm Vigil

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

9.30am

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

11.00am

Host: Pearse O'Hanrahan; Gerry Mone; Marie Agnew; Mary McKenna;

12.30pm

Host: Colletta Dalikini; Anne Kirk;

Readers of the Word—Sunday 1st August

6.30pm: Margaret Duffy

9.30am: David Brennan

11.00am: Caroline Neary

12.30pm: Peter Finnegan

Anniversaries

Saturday, 31st July

9.30am Our Lady's Novena; Patricia Murphy, Blackrock;

6.30pm Owe Brennan; Catherine Murphy; Eileen Malone; Janet Neil, recently deceased in British Columbia, Canada;

Sunday, 1st August

9.30am

11.00am Josie & Peter Keenan, Ladywell Square; Ryan McArdle, Muirhevnamore & Coxes Demesne; Patrick McCabe, Emer Tee; Eamon McKenna, Avenue Rd; Agnes Mackin, 1st anniversary; James & Anne McConnell; Richard & Mary O'Reilly; Patsy & Patricia McGrane & their son Jim & daughter Patricia;

12.30pm The People; PJ McEneaney, 1st anniversary, late of Greenacres; Nan Caulfield, Greenacres; Dan Murphy;

Monday, 2nd August

8.30am

9.30am The McCoy & Casey families; The Holy Souls; Anne & Tom White;

7.30pm

Tuesday, 3rd August

8.30am

9.30am Irene O'Brien, 6th anniversary; Imelda Hardy; Peadar McGuinness; Patricia McArdle;

7.30pm

Wednesday, 4th August

8.30am

9.30am Patricia McArdle; The Holy Souls; Anne & Tom White;

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

Thursday, 5th August

8.30am

9.30am Fr. Andrew Grant; Frank & Frances Lynch; Tom & Anne White;

7.30pm Oliver Moore; Margaret White & deceased members of the Cudden family; Deceased members of the Lennon family, Lennonstown, Point Rd; Denis & Peggy O'Leary; Bridie & Johnny McEneaney; Elizabeth & Michael White;

Friday, 6th August

8.30am

9.30am Andy Fitzgerald; Eileen Wadden, birthday remembrance; Rosario Brennan;

7.30pm