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Monday-Saturday: 9.30am—1pm; 2.00pm—5.30pm  
Sunday: Closed

**Mass Times**

Saturday: 9.30am  
Vigil: 6.30pm  
Sunday: 9.30am; 11.00am; 12.30pm

**Holy Days (during week)**

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

**Weekdays Mass Times:**

Mon – Fri: 8.30am, 9.30am & 7.30pm

**Bank Holiday**

9.30am & 7.30pm (No confessions)

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[www.redemptoristsdundalk.ie/donate](http://www.redemptoristsdundalk.ie/donate).

**Sunday 18th September 2022**  
**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

**Change of Masses and Pastoral Services**

Dear friends, parishioners and worshippers at St. Joseph's,

As you can imagine, our community has encountered many challenges over the past number of months. In May, we lost Fr. Eamon Hoey, C.Ss.R., R.I.P., and subsequently, four other members of the community have had to reduce their availability due to sickness. Recently, our community received three confreres due to the closure of our monastery in Esker. We are delighted to welcome them and care for them in their infirmity.

Resident in the monastery presently, we have four fully active members of the community under the age of 70, three of which are involved in parish ministry and one in provincial administration. One infirm confrere is in his 70s, and ten who are aged between 80 and 100 are infirm or semi-retired.

I'm sure that given the circumstances, you will understand that we will have to curtail our services at St. Joseph's. By way of comparison, we are sustaining the same pastoral service as we were in 1999, when I was here as a novice. At that time, there were 27 members of the community, 20 of which were active. After the Solemn Novena, the following changes will be implemented:

- We will discontinue the 7.30pm weekday evening mass, except Wednesday.
- St Gerard's weekly novena will continue at 9.30am and 7.30pm.
- We can no longer provide a priest on duty throughout the day. People may arrange to meet any confrere by appointment.
- Previously booked mass intentions for the 7.30pm after this time can be rescheduled by contacting reception. All masses will be honoured.

I know this will disappoint many people, and these were difficult decisions taken by the community. The evening mass was the most difficult to sustain because it is normally celebrated by older members of the community. It is becoming harder to find availability, and the evening time can be taxing on energy levels and in caring for sick confreres. Those of us in parish ministry, in addition to the morning mass, often find ourselves on the same day, celebrating funerals, weddings, and in the evening attending bereaved families and providing space for pastoral meetings. Likewise, duty responsibilities are taxing for many confreres, and unfortunately of late, have put confreres at risk to their safety.

As Rector, it is a difficult and sad reminder of a steady decline in church life and vocations. However, our Redemptorist commitment to Dundalk remains firm and we build on hope. In January, a new provincial administration will take on the difficult task of addressing this situation across our communities throughout Ireland. Perhaps, Redemptorists from other provinces may join us. In the meantime, however, as Rector, I have a duty of care to the elderly and infirm, but also to the younger Redemptorists who, to date, have generously tried to cover all the gaps. But unfortunately, this is neither fair nor sustainable.

Change is always difficult, but we must face the situation with realism and hope. I ask for your understanding and prayer at this time and assure you of our continuing commitment to our mission in Dundalk.

Yours in the Redeemer,  
Noel Kehoe C.Ss.R., Adm.  
Rector and Parish Administrator

**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:

Lynda Nicklaus

Maureen Webb

Joe Thornton

Joyce Clancy

Desmond Marron

Paul Leahy

**Bookings**

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

## Grand Draw in aid of Church Renovation

Our Monster Raffle includes cash prizes and a chance to win a New Peugeot 2008. Tickets cost €50, and are on sale at Reception or online via our website or Facebook page. If you could help sell tickets please contact reception. Due to the Ukrainian crisis and appeal, we have postponed the bonus and final draws until the end of the year. Thank you for understanding.



## Appeal for the people of Ukraine

In partnership with the Redemptorists in Ukraine, you can help to provide for the many thousands seeking refuge. Donations can be made online, or by cash or cheque via our reception. Please visit the shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help to pray for peace in Ukraine.

## St. Gerard Majella Novena Pack 2022

With our Annual St. Gerard Majella Novena commencing on 8th October the 2022 Novena Pack is now available in the Monastery Shop costing only €10.

Shop opening hours are 9.30am to 1.00pm and 2.00pm to 5.30pm Monday to Saturday. Closed all day Sundays and Bank Holidays.

## Dundalk Solemn Novena to St Gerard Majella

This years Annual Novena will once again take place in person and we look forward to welcoming you back in the church for these 9 wonderful days of prayer and celebration in honour of St Gerard Majella. The Novena will begin on Saturday the **8th October and end on Sunday the 16th October 2022**,



### **Novena Times:**

<b>Weekdays:</b>	<b>Sundays:</b>
7am	7am
9.30am	9.30am
11am	11am
1.10pm	12.30pm
4.30pm	4.30pm
6pm	6pm
7.30pm	7.30pm
9pm (Candlelight)	9pm (Candlelight)

There will be a Special Blessing of Children at all the Masses on Sunday the 9th October and a blessing of the Sick on Saturday the 15th October at all the mass, this will only be a blessing and there will be NO Anointing with the Oils of the sick.

## Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals is a simple solution to world hunger. In our 20th year, we provide a daily meal to over 2 million children every school day in some of the world's poorest countries. The daily meal we serve enables children to come to the classroom rather than having to work, beg or scavenge for their food. It costs just €18.30 to feed a child in a place of education for an entire school year. This is only possible because of our army of volunteers; both the local people and those here in Ireland, who do so much to raise awareness and the essential funds needed to feed the next child waiting. To get involved or for more information, please check out [www.marysmeals.ie](http://www.marysmeals.ie) or contact Angela Moore at 089-4339592 or [angela.moore@marysmeals.org](mailto:angela.moore@marysmeals.org).

## Eucharistic Ministers—Sunday 18th September

**6.30pm Vigil :** Host: Barbara McCabe; Bernie Lennon; Sean Kelly; Marie McGahon; Paul Lambe; Dermot Hanratty;

**9.30am:** Host: Pat Gaskin; Sr. Leonie; Eugene Garvey; Paul Lambe; Audrie Tuite; Dermot Hanratty;

**11.00am:** Host: Yvonne Gregory (GC); Brendan Gregory; Srs. Briege or Jean; Geraldine Moore; Vivienne Ross; Pat McCabe; Dermot Hanratty;

**12.30pm:** Host: Charlotte Neary; Denise Hughes; Teresa Kelly; Peter Finnegan; Anne Kirk; Dermot Hanratty;

## Readers of the Word—Sunday 18th September

6.30pm: Margaret Duffy

9.30am: Aidan Cawley

11.00am: Nicholas McCourt

12.30pm: Colletta Dalikeni

## Anniversaries

### Saturday 17th September,

**9.30am:** Our Lady's Novena; Sean & Colette Kettle; Hugh McDonald; A special intention for Calvin Curley Gray; Deceased members of the Zajc, Satnik, Dastliik & Whelan families;

**6.30pm:** The McGeeny family; Mary Barry, Grange; Mairead Muckian; Kathleen Tuite, St. Clement's Park; John Campbell, 10th anniversary; Francis Lynch, Oaklawns; Richie Stewart, Greenacres;

### Sunday 18th September,

**9.30am:**

**11.00am:** Anne Morrow, 2nd anniversary; Dorothy & Patrick Rogers; Tom, Veronica & Tommy Conlon; Winnie Murphy & deceased members of the Murphy family, Mary St. South; Vincent Durbin; Pat Dunne, late of Riverside Drive; Mary Conroy, Blackrock; Robert McKinley;

**12.30pm:** The People; The month's mind of Feargal Loy; The month's mind of Gerry Breen; Peter McCartney, Mournevale, 1st anniversary; Anthony Gonnely;

### Monday 19th September,

**8.30am:** Svetlana Glushenko, recently deceased;

**9.30am:** Briege Muckian;

**7.30pm:**

### Tuesday 20th September,

**8.30am:**

**9.30am:** Kieran Dunican, late of Westmeath;

**7.30pm:**

### Wednesday 21st September,

**8.30am:**

**9.30am:** Des Marron, recently deceased; Maree Coburn, late of St. Patrick's Terrace;

**7.30pm:** St Gerard's Novena & Vocations; Those enrolled in St. Gerard's Family League; Mai Walker; Ena Riding, Southport, England;

### Thursday 22nd September,

**8.30am:**

**9.30am:** William Wansboro; John Woods;

**7.30pm:** The McCoy family, Quay St; Kelly Brady;

### Friday 23rd September,

**8.30am:**

**9.30am:** Joseph & Anthony Loy; Margaret & Stephen Mackin; Philomena Gill; Charlie Walker;

**7.30pm:** The Clancy family, St. Joseph's Park; Vincie, Bridgie & Mary Daly; Deceased members of the Lynch & Malone families;