

St. Joseph's Redemptorist Church

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Dundalk Radio FM 97.7 broadcasts Mass from St. Joseph's every Sunday at 9.00am.

**Second Sunday of Advent
9th December 2018**

Mass Times

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

Holy Days

Vigil 7.30pm
Morning: 9.30am; 11.00am
Evening: 7.30pm

Weekdays:

Mon—Fri: 8.30am; 9.30am
& 7.30pm

Devotions

Sunday: 7.00pm

Novena to St Gerard:

Wednesday: 9.30 & 7.30pm

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual

Help: Saturday 9.30am

Confessions

Saturday: 10.00am—12.00Noon
4.00pm—6.00pm
Mon-Fri: 10.00am—11.00am
7.00pm—7.20pm

Baptisms

Sunday: 1.30pm

Required Baptism preparation meetings take place on 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month. Baptism card can be obtained in Reception in the Monastery to be filled in before Baptism Meeting.

Next Meeting Dates:
4th & 18th December

Reception Hours

Monday-Saturday:
9.30am-5.30pm
Sunday:
9.00am-2.00pm

John the Baptist features in to-day's Gospel. In fulfilment of Isaiah's prophecy John is the one who finally prepares the way for the coming of the Messiah. He can be seen as a link between the world of the prophets and the advent of Christ. In this way John the Baptist is a major figure in the history of Salvation. *'A voice cries in the wilderness; prepare a way for the Lord'.*

WEEKLY ENVELOPE

Weekly envelope collection
totalled €350.50
Thank you!

Martha Ministers

The next team scheduled is
Meadow Grove, Team Leader,
Marie Begley, 11th December.
See you all there!

A Joint Meeting of the Ministers of the Word and of the Eucharist (St. Joseph's) will take place in St. Gerard's Hall on Thursday, 13th of December, at 7.00pm. The focus of the meeting will be 'Reflecting on Advent and the Significance of Christmas for our Life and Ministry'.

We welcome into the community of faith, the recently baptised:

Henry Paul Callan

The St. Joseph's Children's Christmas Party will be on this Sunday, 9th of December, in St. Gerard's Centre from 3.00pm to 5.00pm. We welcome all children from 2 – 10 years of age who attend St. Joseph's Church. All children must be accompanied by an

The Redemptorist Carol Service will take place on Sunday 16th December at 7.00pm featuring St Joseph's Redemptorist Choir and the Children's Sunday Liturgy Group. The Service also includes a reading of 'The Night before Christmas'. This event will be streamed live on talkofthetown.ie.

We offer our condolences and sympathy to the family and friends of the recently deceased:

*Michael McCabe
Vincent Reilly
Robbie Magee*

May they rest in peace.

Pope Francis in his letter about holiness (Rejoice and be Glad) says: *Not everything a saint says is completely faithful to the Gospel, not everything he or she does is authentic or perfect. What we need to contemplate is the totality of their life, their entire journey of growth in holiness, the reflection of Jesus Christ that emerges when we grasp their overall meaning as a person. (paragraph 22)*

Rape Crisis North East offers an opportunity to attend a Helpline Training Programme which begins on the 6th of February and finishes on the 14th of March. Training is free but you are asked to give four hours per week to provide telephone counselling support to survivors of rape and sexual abuse. Contact 042-933 9491 or 1800 212 2122 or email info@rcne.ie

Bereavement Support is available at the Pastoral Centre (Magnet) on Thursdays from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Confidentiality ensured. No cost involved. Enquiries at 042-9336393.



November Wedding Congratulations

Michael Sweeney & Jennifer McCourt
Linda Lynch & Brendan McGlade

There will be a Coffee Morning in the The Magnet on Wednesday 12th December 10am - 1pm. This is to raise funds for the programmes run by the Centre, such as Rainbows, Beginning Experience and Bereavement Support and Counselling. Everyone is welcome. If you would like to donate baked goods please contact 042 9336393.

The 10th of December (Monday) is World Human Rights Day. People do have basic rights, among these are - education, health care, housing, employment, freedom of religion. In some countries human rights are not well respected. We should not take it for granted that they are always respected in our own country.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a Church programme for adults to explore and learn about the Catholic faith. It helps them to discern whether they wish to embrace the faith and receive the Sacrament of Baptism. If you know of anyone who is interested please contact Rosaleen Quinn on 087 7045592 for further details.

The Collection last week for the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society came to €7,700.00. Thank you for your extraordinary generosity.

The Church Gate Collection this week-end is on behalf of *Fighting Blindness*.

The Collection in the Church next week-end (15-16 December) will be the annual Christmas collection for the support of the Simon Community.

Eucharistic Ministers—Sunday, 16th December

6.30pm Vigil

Host: Patricia Beggy; Padraig McGrane;

Carol McGuinness; Ray McGuinness

Chalice: Margaret McEivey

9.30am

Host: Miriam Delduca; Cecilia Nyame

Chalice: Ruth Nyame

11.00am

Host: Yvonne Gregory; Gerry Mone; Marie Agnew; Mary McKenna Michelle Connolly

12.30pm

Host: Brenda Roddy; Barney Foley; Colletta Dalikeni; Anita McEaney

Chalice: May Hughes

Readers of the Word – Sunday, 16th December

6.30pm: Miriam Whelan & Margaret Duffy

9.30am: Michael O'Keefe

11.00am: Yvonne Gregory

12.30pm: Peter Finnegan

Anniversaries

Saturday, 8th December

9.30am

Our Lady's Novena

6.30pm

Michael Morris; Eva Smyth, St Nicholas' Ave; Anna Begley; Bessie & Patrick Mulligan; Catherine 'Kitty' Hanks; Mary McCabe; Gearoid O'Conluain; Mena & Gerry Mullan, Avondale Pk; Briege McCartney, Stapleton Plc; Peter & Kathleen Clarke; John & Annie Kerr

Sunday, 9th December

9.30am

Sean & Collette Kettle, Barrack St; James Tiffney; Patricia Tracey, Birthday

11.00am

Ronan Ward, St Alphonsus Close; Agnew Family, Castle Rd; Annie & Owen McArdle, Cluan Enda; Jim Corcoran; Jimmy Donnelly; Nancy Durrin; Billy & Dolly Coleman, Fatima Dr; Frank & Catherine McCrory; Kitty Hanks; Charles & Mary Carroll; Stephen & Kitty Murphy; Mona & Kevin Gray; Jim Burns & Deceased Family, Mount Pleasant; Frank Eaton & Family; Desmond & Damien Rogers, Legion Ave

12.30pm

Month's Mind of Michael McCormick, Greenacres

Monday, 10th December

8.30am

Rose & Peter Cooney

9.30am

Sr M Evangelist; Mary Clarke; Michele Barreaux

7.30pm

Living & Deceased Kirk & Dolan Families; Molly & Michael Martin; Mary Carron; Robert Bouloie Mantis, France

Tuesday, 11th December

8.30am

Patrick & Winnifred Hall; Patrick Kearns; John Bradley; Tommy & Tessie Reynolds, Cluan Enda; Joseph & Margaret McGrath; Teresa & Peter Hughes & Deceased Hughes Family; Owen & Kathleen O'Neill & Family; Paddy McCartney and Family

9.30am

7.30pm

Wednesday, 12th December

8.30am

9.30am

Mary Clarke; Jim Kerr; Ronnie McCrave

7.30pm

St Gerard's Novena & Vocations

Thursday, 13th December

8.30am

9.30am

Sr M Mary

7.30pm

Patsy Ross

Friday, 14th December

8.30am

9.30am

Thomas & Margaret McElroy

7.30pm

Elizabeth & James Fergus, Hyde Pk; Derek Grimes, Windmill Ct; Bernadette & Jimmy Finn; Ownie & Joan Finn; Tom & Sarah Finn; Mickey & Michael Fee; Maureen & Peter Curley; Tom Coleman; Baby Anthony Coleman