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Reception and Religious Goods Store

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

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

**Sunday 22nd December 2024.
Fourth Sunday of Advent.**

Pope Francis: *Faith is no refuge for the fainthearted, but something which enhances our lives. It makes us aware of a magnificent calling, the vocation of love. It assures us that this love is trustworthy and worth embracing, for it is based on God's faithfulness which is stronger than our every weakness.*

Advent: Mary features in to-day's gospel reading. The words of Elizabeth – 'of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb' - remind us of the key role that was entrusted to Mary by God. As we enter the final days of preparation for the feast of Christmas, let us acknowledge the significance of Mary in God's plan.

A reminder: Midnight Mass in St. Joseph's on Tuesday, preceded by carol singing from 11.30pm. Masses on Christmas Day at 9.30am, 11.00am and 12.30pm.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Priests will be available to celebrate this sacrament on Monday and Tuesday from 10am to 12noon and from 4pm to 6pm.

Feast Days this week: **St. Stephen**, the first Christian martyr, on the 26th (Thursday); **St. John**, apostle and evangelist, considered to be the author of the fourth gospel, the book of revelation and three letters, on the 27th (Friday); and **The Holy Innocents** on the 28th (Saturday) – this feast recalls the flight into Egypt and the massacre of the Holy Innocents.

The Christmas Carol Service in St. Joseph's took place last Sunday. Thanks are due to all who made it such a wonderful occasion – Trevor, Anne, the choir, the guest musicians, the readers, the organizers and all who attended.

Collection: the collection last weekend was €5,658.00. As previously announced, this money will be given to the Simon Community for their work with the homeless. Thank you for your generosity.

Parish Envelopes: last week these contributions came to €883.00. Thank you for your generosity.

The Christmas Programme in St. Joseph's: There are posters in the porch of the church and flyers also. Please take a flyer to remind you of the times of the various ceremonies and events.

Christmas Crib Collection: this year the contributions made at the crib will be donated to North Louth Hospice to support the wonderful work they do for cancer patients and their families.

The Irish Blood Transfusion Service will hold a Blood Donor Clinic in Coláiste Chú Chulainn, Marshes Lower Dundalk on Friday 27th December 2024. Blood Donor Clinics are by appointment. Stocks are still quite low. So if you are eligible, please visit www.giveblood.ie or call 1800 222 111 to make an appointment.

St. Patrick's Soup Kitchen Annual Collection St. Patrick's Soup Kitchen are having their annual Church Gate Collection at Christmas Eve Mass. Many thanks for your continued generosity.

Pilgrimage to Garabandal Spain: 24th to 28th of March 2025. For details contact Laurena at 085 1833110

MAY CHRISTMAS BE A TIME OF JOY AND HAPPINESS FOR YOU AND MAY THE NEW YEAR BE A TIME OF ABUNDANT BLESSINGS IN YOUR LIFE

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday: 9.30am
Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 9.30am; 11.00am;
12.30pm

Weekdays Mass Times:

8.30am & 9.30am

Bank Holiday

9.30am

Holy Days of Obligation

Vigil 7.30pm
9.30am

Devotions

Sunday 7pm

Novena to St Gerard

Wednesday: 9.30am & 7.30pm

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help:

Saturday 9.30am

Confessions

Weekdays 10am-10.30am

Wednesdays 10am-10.30am;
7.00pm –7.20pm

Saturday 10am—11 am; 4pm-5pm

No Confessions on Bank Holidays



**Anniversaries and Mass Intentions
Please Pray for the Repose of the Souls of:**

Saturday

- 9.30am Sheila & Paddy Finlay; Deceased members of the Ryan & Hearty families, Point Road Dairy; Annie & Thomas Jordan; Briega Gaskin; Miriam Mynes; Deceased members of the Curley family: James, Annie, Florence, Gerard, Majella & Anne; The Stokes family;
- 6.30pm The month's mind of Kathleen Connolly; Joe & Mary Meegan; Ann Norton, Coes Rd; Olive Kelly; Lily & Patsy Carroll; Kevin Lambe; Christy Coffey; Owen & Margaret Rogers; Patrick Thornton; Peter Duffy snr & his son Peter; Jack & Kitty Carroll; Martin Feeley, 1st anniversary; Briega Quigley, 4th anniversary & 100th birthday remembrance, St. Clement's Park;

Sunday

- 9.30am Maria Farrell; Molly & Bill Kenwright; Mary & Mick O'Riordan, Charleville; Sé MacGuinness;
- 11.00am Hugh Sweeney & deceased family members; Tom Regan & deceased family members; Anthony & Kitty Monahan & deceased members of the Monahan & Hanlon families; Joseph, Mary & Pat Goss; Joan Matthews; Hugh McGarvey & deceased family members; Jack Whelan, Barrack St., 6th anniversary; Johnny Duffy, Oaklawns; Nicholas McCourt & deceased members of the McCourt & McGinn families; James & Anne McConnell; Richard & Mary O'Reilly; Michael Corrigan; Patrick & Teresa Corrigan; Larry & Mary-Alice McEvoy; Michael Cassidy, 2nd anniversary, Mountainview; The Flynn family, O'Hanlon Park; Brian Keelan & the Keelan family;
- 12.30pm **The People;** The month's mind of Muriel Conlon; The month's mind of Maura McCrory; Mae Sally, 1st anniversary; John Cahill, Greenacres, 1st anniversary; Hugh & Kay McKeown, Doylesfort Grove; Elizabeth & James Fergus; Olive Reid, 6th anniversary; Helen O'Rourke & deceased members of the Callan family; John Marron & deceased members of the McQuaid family, Culhane St; Patrick Farrelly & Aine Lawless (née Farrelly);

Monday

- 8.30am William Sarsfield;
- 9.30am Joseph & Margaret Naughton; Margaret & Stephen Mackin; The Donaghy & Flynn families; John & Mary Smyth; Maurice & Teresa Cleary;

Tuesday

- 8.30am Book of Intentions
- 9.30am James Kenny; Patsy Clyne & deceased family members; Owen, Rose & Kitty Lennon, Point Rd; Margaret (Peggy) Murtagh Carr, 4th anniversary; Thomas & Ellen Conlon & deceased family members; Peter & Agnes Rice & deceased family members; Gerard Rice; Pat & Teresa Corrigan; Ciaran & Francie Bergin; The Kennedy & Murtagh families, Dromiskin; The Traynor & Reilly families, Carrickmacross; The McElroy & Gogarty families; Caolán Finnegan;

Midnight Mass

Wednesday

- 9.30am
- 11am
- 12.30pm

Thursday

- 9.30am Paula McArdle, 1st anniversary, late of Point Rd; Jimmy, Amelia & Jim Bradley, Point Rd; Philomena Fagan; Edward & Mary Breslin; The Breslin &

Friday

- 9.30am May Griffin; Linda Mohan, 5th anniversary & her grandfather Danny Hearty; Ian MacManus, 1st anniversary;

**Eucharistic Ministers—Sunday 22nd
December**

6.30pm : Host: Patricia Beggy; Patricia Finlay; Ray McGuinness; Carol McGuinness; Marie McGahon; Paul Lambe; Dermot Hanratty;

9.30am: Host: Pat Gaskin; Paul Lambe. Sr. Leonie; Eugene Garvey; Marie McGahon, Patricia Finlay; Dermot Hanratty;

11.00am: Host: Mary McKenna; Marie Agnew; Gerry Mone; Geraldine Moore; Caroline Neary; Kathleen McCabe/Yvonne Gregory; Dermot Hanratty;

12.30pm: Host: Anita McEneaney; Patricia Finlay; Noeleen O'Rourke; Brenda Roddy; Rebecca Cullen; Anne Kirk; Dermot Hanratty;

**Readers of the Word—Sunday 22nd
December**

- 6.30pm: Siobhan Sharkey
9.30am: Pat Gaskin
11.00am: Nicholas McCourt
12.30pm: Charlotte Neary

Baptisms

We welcome the children who received the sacrament of baptism into our faith community in the past month:

Sophia Rose Brady

Alisha-Jean McCarthy Prendergast

Lily Kathryn Wilde

Erin Alice McDonald

Fiadh Maureen McDonald

Bookings

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

Recently Deceased

Padraic O'Connor; Jimmie McKeown; Kevin Shevlin; Theresa Bellew (née Nolan); Gary McCabe; Kitty Hearty (née Killeen); Emma Dougan; Michael Byrne; Redmond P. O'Connell;

