



Parish Bulletin

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST FALLS ROAD

16 DECEMBER 2018

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
YEAR C

PARISH MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 6.30pm
Sunday 10.00am, 12.00pm
Monday-Saturday 10.00am

FIRST FRIDAY

Exposition until 11.30am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 5.30pm - 6.00pm
NOVENA IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Tuesday 10.00 am

BAPTISM

2nd and 4th Sunday of the month 1 pm

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY DECEASED: Paul Burns (Whiterock Rd), Stella Reilly (Mill Ct), Jim Donegan.

MONTH'S MIND: Patsy Marley (née McGuckin).

ANNIVERSARIES: Very Rev George McLaverty P.E., Julia O'Neill, Hugh McKeown, Ellen Smith, James Gribben, Gerard McCrory. **REMEMBER**

ALSO: The Holy Souls.

Eternal Rest grant unto them, o Lord...

ADVENT CONFESSIONS IN ST JOHN'S

Saturday, 22 December
Immediately After 6.30pm Mass

**25 DECEMBER -
THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST -
MASS TIMES**



**Monday, 24 December -
Christmas Eve: Mass at 6.30pm.**

**Tuesday, 25 December
Christmas Day: Masses at 10.00am & 12.00pm.
Masses throughout the Christmas week at
10.00am.**

THE LIVE CRIB

Visit the Live Christmas Crib at St Mary's Grotto (open last Thursday until Sunday, 6 January). Come along and meet Mary and Joseph, Shepherds and the Three wise men. This year animals are kindly provided by the Irish Donkey association and there will be a baby donkey in the crib this year. Carol singers daily at 2 pm. and 5 pm. Proceeds to the Mill Hill Missionaries working in Sudan.

BAPTISMS Please contact the parish office at least one month before the intended date of the Baptism. **MARRIAGE** Please contact Fr Martin at least six months before the intended date of marriage.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Continues every Thursday after 10am Mass and continues until 9pm. If you can spare an hour each week, please leave your name, telephone number and your preferred hour in the Sacristy or contact the parish office.

MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Morning Prayer of the Church EACH MORNING in the Adoration Chapel in St John's Church at 9.40am. All are welcome.



CAROL SERVICE IN ST JOHN'S SUNDAY, 16 DECEMBER AT 7PM

CHRISTMAS MASSES

To honour donors' intentions Masses offered on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be commended to the blessings of the Divine Infant Jesus for all recipients of a Christmas Mass Bouquet previously obtained from the Sacristy of St John's.

Diocesan Directories are now on sale at £4 each in the church sacristy.

COLLECTION ENVELOPES 2019

2019 collection envelopes can be picked up at the back of the church. If your box hasn't been delivered or you wish to get a new one, please leave your name and address in the Sacristy.

YOUR GIFT AID DECLARATION MATTERS!

Did you know that as a tax payer you can Gift Aid even the smallest donation made to the parish? On every £1 donated to the parish we can claim back 25p from the government on your behalf, boosting the value of the donation by a quarter. In the last 5 years the parishioners who signed the gift aid declaration enabled the parish of St John's to claim back the total of **£26,570.03** from the HMRC.

It's easy - If you are a tax payer and you wish to gift aid any of your donations to the parish, simply pick up a Gift Aid Form at the back of the church and return completed and signed to the Sacristy. The form only needs to be completed once.

EXISTING GIFT AID PAYERS - If you wish to receive a summary of your contributions in 2018 to date, please let Fr Martin or Conor know.

NURSES!

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes is currently seeking volunteers to join our nursing team to care for our pilgrims who will stay at the Accueil Notre Dame, during our 2019 Pilgrimage (10-15 July.) You will need to be a registered nurse, active on the NMC live register - newly registered nurses are welcome. For more information or to register your interest please email us to lourdes@downandconnor.org with your contact details and we will get back to you.

PARISH COLLECTIONS - 9 December 2018

Weekly Offering: **£542;**

Building Fund: **£355**

2nd collection this week: Building Fund;

next week: Building Fund.

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity!

POPE FRANCIS TWEETS

'Even when we pray alone, we pray together with all the people of God.'

Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex and on @VaticanNews

ARE YOU MAKING WEDDING PLANS?

Prepare for your future married life at a Catholic Engaged Encounter Course on 23-24 March 2019 in Our Lady and St. Patrick's Parish Centre, Ballymoney, Co. Antrim. For details/booking: marriageencounter.ie or 028 27638512.

TRÓCAIRE

'Do not let the downtrodden retreat in confusion, give the poor and needy cause to praise your name.' Psalms 74:21.

Millions of people have had to flee conflict in South Sudan and Yemen. In one area alone in northern Uganda 33,000 mainly women and children from South Sudan have taken refuge. They have witnessed and experienced the worst kind of violence and have arrived traumatised and broken. **TRÓCAIRE'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL** will help these people and many others rebuild their lives. Visit www.trocaire.org to find out more.

TRÓCAIRE GIFTS

Trocaire Gifts will be on sale in St Johns church weekend of 15/16th December. Trócaire Gifts help some of the poorest people in the world to work their way out of poverty. There are fourteen gifts to choose from starting at a bar of soap for people in South Sudan (£5), seeds and tools for families in Sierra Leone (£10), Beehives for families in Kenya (£65), to Gift of Shelter for families in Myanmar, Honduras and Guatemala (£125). All the gifts are real items, sourced in-country which go to families desperately in need of our help.

For further information go www.trocaire.org/gifts

Christmas mass cards are still available from the Sacristy at £1.50

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