



Parish Bulletin

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST FALLS ROAD

2 DECEMBER 2018

**FIRST 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

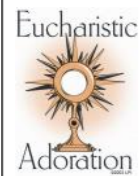
Saturday 5.30pm - 6.00pm
**NOVENA IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY
OF PERPETUAL HELP**

Tuesday 10.00 am

BAPTISM

2nd and 4th Sunday of the month 1 pm

NEWLY BAPTISED We welcome into the family of the Church and congratulate the parents of: Kayden McCashin and Oisín Martin McCarthy.



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.

ONLINE TALKS FOR ADVENT

Reflect on the Advent and Christmas Gospels in a way that helps shine God's light on your life. Watch one **online talk** per week in your quieter moments. Register Now!

E: enquiries@priorityinstitute.com

Web: www.priorityinstitute.com

Tel: 00353 1 404 8124.

ROTA FOR WEEKEND MASSES

Ministers of the Word and Eucharist, please collect rota from the sacristy.

INVITATION TO CHILDREN FROM P5-P7 AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN POST PRIMARY SCHOOL



We are looking for new members for the Youth Choir at the 12 noon Mass each Sunday. There will be a rehearsal at 11.15am each Sunday.

Parent/s/guardians - If interested in your child taking part, please collect a consent form from the sacristy or parish office.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY DECEASED: Sheila Connolly (Mill Court), Annie Cahill (Andersonstown Crescent).

1ST ANNIVERSARY: Anne Devine, Isobel Carey.

ANNIVERSARIES: Billy & Annie Shannon, Billy & Annie Stone, Catherine McLaverty.

REMEMBER ALSO: The Holy Souls.

Eternal Rest grant unto them, o Lord...

MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Morning Prayer of the Church will begin on the **first Monday of Advent, 3rd December** in the Adoration Chapel in St John's Church at **9.30am**.

It will continue each day after that at 9.40am. There will be a short period of guidance on the first morning. All are welcome.

POPE FRANCIS TWEETS

'Advent is a time given to us to welcome the Lord who comes to meet us, to verify our desire for God, to look ahead and prepare ourselves for the return of Christ' Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex and on @VaticanNews

JESUS HEALS: KOINONIA JOHN THE BAPTIST IRELAND invites you to join us for a special moment of prayer in Saint Bernard's Pastoral Centre, Glengormley, this **Friday, 7th December from 7pm-9.30pm**. It's a perfect opportunity to draw close to Christ, and make room for Him in our hearts and homes this Advent season. Sr. Christine Sawey will guide us in reflecting on God's Word and ask Him for His gift of restoration. The evening will conclude with refreshments and a chance to chat. If you have any questions please contact Anne on 07796 540465 or Ellen on 07708 022478.

THANK YOU

The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Committee would like to thank the parishioners of St John's for their contribution of **£273.92** towards the Annual Lourdes Pilgrimage collection.

You and your loved ones and all who have associated themselves with the pilgrimage are remembered in a particular way in our prayers and liturgy.

COLLECTION ENVELOPES FOR YEAR

2019 will be available at the back of the church from next weekend.

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.

PARISH COLLECTIONS - 25 November 2018

Weekly Offering: **£597**;

Building Fund: **£395**

2nd collection this week: Monthly Stipend;
next week: Building Fund.

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity!

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - SATURDAY 8 DECEMBER

Holy Day of Obligation.
Vigil Mass: Friday, 6.30pm / Mass on Saturday at 10am.
A Collection will be taken up at both Masses

CALLING ALL KNITTERS!

We're delighted to announce the Big Knit is back for 2018! So grab your needles and your brightest yarn and get knitting for Age NI.

For every hat knitted, Age NI receives 25p, and that money helps the Charity support older people who have no one else to turn to.

To register and find out more, call Dorothy on 028 9024 5729, email bigknit@ageni.org or visit www.ageni.org/thebigknit

DRUMBO PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME, ASSISI & CASCIA

Including Divine Mercy Sunday in Rome
27 April – 03 May 2019

Package price from £945.00 pps

Spiritual directors:

Fr Conor Mc Grath & Fr Dominic Mc Gratten

Single rooms are now on a waiting list

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The Parish St Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank parishioners for their generosity in their recent Christmas appeal, the total amount raised was **£1840**

ST MARIA GORETTI OPEN DAY

St Maria Goretti Nursery School will be having an "OPEN DAY" on Thursday 6th Dec from 2pm-3pm, for Parents of children who will be 3 years old on or before 1st July 2019

SAVE THE DATE Carol Service in St John's
Sunday, 16 December at 7pm

CONTACT DETAILS

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Option 3 - Parish Priest

Option 5 - Bethany Bereavement Support Group

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