



Parish Bulletin

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST FALLS ROAD

23 DECEMBER 2018

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
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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

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.

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.**

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Lia Marie Gorman (Clonavogie Gdns). Please remember also the parents and family of Baby James Gallagher, Kathleen Tohill (Formerly of St James Road)

1ST ANNIVERSARY: Very Rev. Peter Forde P.E.

ANNIVERSARIES: Michael & Isobel McParland, Margaret & Anthony Hughes, Peggy Heaney, Jim Maxwell, Alex McAtackney, Margaret Fox, May Press, Kitty & Billy McAreavey.

REMEMBER ALSO: The Holy Souls.

Eternal Rest grant unto them, o Lord...

The Parish office will be closed on the following dates
24th Dec-1st Jan and Thursday 3rd Jan 2019.

Normal office hours will resume Tuesday 8th Jan 2019

The Parish Hall Office will **not** be open on the 2nd or 4th of January

THE LIVE CHRISTMAS CRIB IN BELFAST

Visit the outdoor Live Christmas Crib at St Mary's Church, Chapel Lane in Belfast. The crib is open from 11am to 6 pm each day until 6 January.

Come along and meet Mary and Joseph, Shepherds and the Three wise men. The Baby Jesus will be placed in the crib on Christmas Eve. This year animals featuring in the crib are kindly provided by the Irish Donkey Society and there will be a baby donkey in the crib this year. Carols sung daily at 2pm and 5pm. Choirs, school groups and church groups all welcome to sing Christmas carols.

Prayers in the crib throughout the day: for peace in our hearts, our families, our country and the whole world this Christmas and for peace for every child, born and unborn.

Children and their families and school groups welcome to dress up as nativity characters and take photos at the crib.

Proceeds to Mill Hill Missionaries helping children and their families living in extreme hardship in Sudan.



Wishing all the parishioners and the visitors
the Blessings of Christmas!
Thanks for all your support throughout 2018.

Fr Martin

Diocesan Directories 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.

PARISH COLLECTIONS - 16 December 2018

Weekly Offering: **£541;**

Building Fund: **£350**

2nd collection this week: Building Fund;

next week: Building Fund.

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity!

POPE FRANCIS TWEETS

'Jesus knows well the pain of not being welcomed. May our hearts not be closed as were the houses in Bethlehem.'

Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex and on @VaticanNews

TRÓCAIRE - THANK YOU

Thank you for your support for Trócaire Gifts. A total of **£.....** was raised over two Advent weekends. Our gratitude also goes to the volunteers who sold these gifts.

The **First Saturday Devotions** will take place on 5th January in **St. Matthias's Church**, Glen Road and **Holy Family Church**, Limestone Rd. 3pm - Exposition, Confessions, Rosary and Act of Consecration. Mass at 4pm. All welcome!

PARISH DRAW WINNERS

DECEMBER 2018

£500: Kasia Wawrzynek (213);

£100: M. O'Prey (307); Alison McGuinness (166); Sean Stewart (292); Conor & Michael O'Neill (149); Ellen Lavery (337).

Promoter's Prize £50: Neely Fox.

Congratulations to all winners!

ST JOHN'S PARISH HALL AVAILABLE FOR HIRE - For more information please contact Conor on 90314112 (Option 2), email: stjohnsphbelfast@icloud.com; HOURLY RATE: £20.

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