



Parish Bulletin

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

FALLS ROAD

24TH/25TH DECEMBER 2018

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Lisa Marie Gorman (Clonavogie Gdns), Kathleen Tohill (Formerly of St James Road)

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

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

REMEMBER ALSO: The Holy Souls.

Eternal Rest grant unto them, o Lord..

The Parish office will be closed on the following dates 24th Dec-2nd Jan 2019.

Normal office hours will resume Tuesday 8th Jan 2019

The Parish Hall Office will be closed from 24th Dec - Tuesday 8th Jan 2019

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

St Stephen's Day on Wednesday 26th Dec

Feast of St John the Evangelist (Parish Patron) on Thursday 27th Dec

The Holy Innocents on Friday 28th Dec

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.

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.

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

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



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.



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

Fr Martin

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 £1012 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.

CONTACT DETAILS

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Option 3 - Parish Priest

Option 5 - Bethany Bereavement Support Group

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Website: www.stjohnsfallroad.com



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!