



Parish Bulletin

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST FALLS ROAD

9 DECEMBER 2018

SECOND 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: Jim McLaverty (brother of Fr Anthony McLaverty).

ANNIVERSARIES: Kathleen Breslin, Dolores Clarke, Josephine Raffery, Catherine McLaverty, Mary & Bernard Lavery, Dominick & Mary Gaffney, Agnes Crawford, James Crawford, Elizabeth Brannigan.

REMEMBER ALSO: The Holy Souls. *Eternal Rest grant unto them, o Lord...*

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. Trocaire 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

COLLECTION ENVELOPES FOR YEAR 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 receive 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.

ARE YOU MAKING WEDDING PLANS?

Prepare for your future Married life at a Catholic Engaged Encounter Course, 23-24 March 2019 in Our Lady and St. Patrick's Parish Centre, Ballymoney, Co. Antrim.

For details/booking:
marriageencounter.ie
or 028 2763 8512.

PARISH COLLECTIONS - 2 December 2018

Weekly Offering: **£740;**

Monthly Stipend: **£460**

2nd collection this week: Building Fund;

next week: Building Fund.

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity!

POPE FRANCIS TWEETS

'This Advent, make yourself small, make yourself humble, make yourself a servant of others, and the Lord will give you the ability to understand how to make peace.'
Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex and on @VaticanNews

ST PETER'S CATHEDRAL SCHOLA CANTORUM CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT SUNDAY, 9 DECEMBER AT 4.30 PM, ST PETER'S CATHEDRAL

The service features carols and readings that reflect the true meaning of Christmas.

Special guests: the Winchester College Quiristers.
A very special treat for fans of Choral music.

Free Entry with a collection in aid of the continued work of Schola. Festive refreshments in the parish hall after the service.

ST GENEVIEVE'S HIGH SCHOOL - CAROLS AT CHRISTMAS

Tuesday, 11 December at 7pm School Assembly Hall

Special Guests: Clonard Senior Choir

Admission £5 Available from Music Department and School Reception

All proceeds in aid of the Music Department Tour 2019

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS CONCERT:

Saturday, 15 December, 7.30pm, Good Shepherd showcasing Marion Jordan accompanied by several performers including the Arco String Quartet, renowned local Tenor Greg Davidson and the Saint Michael's Parent and Children's choirs. After the concert, the recently opened parish centre will host a small craft fair and guests can avail of mulled wine and nibbles.

Tickets £15 are available from www.marionjordan.com and also available at venue.

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

CONTACT DETAILS

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Option 3 - Parish Priest

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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 Monday in the Adoration Chapel in St John's Church at 9.40am. All are welcome.



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.

