



Parish Bulletin

# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST FALLS ROAD

3 MARCH 2019

8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**NEWLY BAPTISED** We welcome into the family of the Church and congratulate the parents of: Alexia Patricia Katie Cotter, James Desmond Kelly.

### VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The Parish Pastoral Council would like to encourage the people of the parish to take up a voluntary role within St John's. We currently need support within a number of groups, including the Pastoral Council. Please speak to any member of the PPC, or leave your telephone number in the sacristy and someone will be in touch. We really want to continue to build our parish and carry out our pastoral plan, but we need help to do this.



**VOLUNTEERS**

### 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.



**CONGRATULATIONS** to our young parishioners who received the **Sacrament of Confirmation** last Friday. May God bless you in your journey through life!

### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**MONTH'S MIND:** Gerry Herdman, Patrick (Patsy) Scott.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Patrick McGibbon, Moya McParland, James McGarrigle, Patrick Connolly, Jim & Maura Burns.

**PLEASE REMEMBER ALSO:** The Holy Souls.

*Eternal Rest grant unto them, o Lord...*

### ASH WEDNESDAY

**DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE,  
 BEGINNING OF THE SEASON OF LENT**

6 March - Mass at 10am  
 and 6.30pm



### CRIB BOX APPEAL - THANK YOU

Order of Malta Ireland would like to express their thanks to the parishioners of St John's for the generous sum of £ 974 raised on their behalf over the Christmas Season for Holy Family Maternity Hospital Bethlehem

The money raised during the Christmas period in our local parishes will be used to help the Hospital continue to give care and attention in Bethlehem and the surrounding area. As there is no free health service the hospital relies on the voluntary contributions and this is where the Crib Box Donations are invaluable as a means of showing solidarity with people in need.

### VOCATIONS PRAYER EVENING

There will be an evening of prayer followed by refreshments in St Joseph's Church, Greystone Road, Antrim on Thursday, **7 March 2019** from 7pm-9pm for those men discerning a vocation to the Priesthood. The event will conclude at 9pm. Anyone interested in coming to this evening is asked to contact Fr Kevin (Vocations Director) on 028 9061 4567 or by email - vocations@downandconnor.org

### LENTEN PIONEER PLEDGE

Many people choose to abstain from alcohol during Lent. Why not take this opportunity to perhaps help yourself or someone you know with an alcohol or drug problem by offering your sacrifice for freedom from addiction? Please consider taking the short term Lenten Pledge and make a difference to someone's life. Register your pledge with local Pioneers and say the daily prayer.

PRAYER: "I promise in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary to abstain from all alcoholic drink during Lent."

### SAINTS THIS WEEK

Monday - **St Casimir**, a Polish prince, patron saint of Poland and Lithuania

Tuesday - **St Kieran**, Bishop

Thursday - **Ss Perpetua & Felicity**, Martyrs

Saturday - **St Frances of Rome**, Religious.



### PARISH COLLECTIONS - 24 February 2019

Weekly Offering: **£595**

Building Fund: **£482**

**2<sup>nd</sup> collection this week:** Monthly Stipend;  
**next week:** Building Fund.

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity!

### Gift Aid

If you are a visitor to the parish and a UK tax payer and would like to make a contribution to the parish collection, please complete a **Gift Aid envelope** at the back of the church and put your contribution in it.



### BILINGUAL ST PATRICK'S DAY WORKSHOP'S

The Holy Mass / An tAifreann Naofa  
 Would you like to join us in St John's parish for a bilingual Mass this St Patrick's Day?

To prepare for this, we are providing a series of 3 free workshops where you can learn:

**The Mass responses in Irish and,  
 The music of the Sean O'Riada Mass**

The remaining workshops will be held on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> March @ 7pm in St John's Church.

There will also be an opportunity to purchase a Mass book and CD for practice at home. We hope you will join us, Bigi Linn!!!

### 'STRICTLY COME DANCING' IN AID OF THE LOURDES PILGRIMAGE.

Join us for a superb evening of fun and entertainment in Carryduff Parish Centre on the **15 March at 7.30pm**.

Ticket: £15 for Adults, £7.50 for children can be ordered through the Carryduff Parish Office on 028 9081 2238 or drumbo@downandconnor.org

### PARISH DRAW WINNERS FEBRUARY 2019

**£500:** Louise Ferran (441);

**£100:** Ursula Deery (432); Jim Gribben (335); Roisin Devine (418); C Fitzpatrick (54); Tommy McCaw (272). **Promoter's Prize £50:** Maureen McNally.

Congratulations to all winners!

### NOTE TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

No child should be going to the church toilet unaccompanied.

### CONTACT DETAILS

Very Rev. Martin Magill PP - Parochial House,  
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**Option 1** - Parish Office; **Option 2** - Parish Hall;

**Option 3** - Parish Priest

**Option 5** - Bethany Bereavement Support Group

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