



Parish Bulletin

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

FALLS ROAD



17 MARCH 2019

ST PATRICK'S DAY

12 O'CLOCK MASS ON SUNDAY IN IRISH AND ENGLISH



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 Parish office 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: Theo Eric Donnelly, Cassie Dolores Gowdy.

SIGN OF PEACE

The temporary practice of suspending the sign of peace during Mass will now be ended. Don't forget good hand hygiene is the best method of preventing the spread of flu and other illnesses.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY DECEASED: Margaret O'Gormley (Britton's Pde).

1ST ANNIVERSARY: Frankie Weldon.

ANNIVERSARIES: Charles Brady, Ciarán Patrick Sullivan, James Burns, Patricia Gallagher, Gerard Loughhead, Sally Moylan, Nell McNally.

PLEASE REMEMBER ALSO: The Holy Souls.

Eternal Rest grant unto them, o Lord...

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every **Thursday after 10am Mass** and continues until 9pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Every Friday at 7pm

Extra period of Adoration for the **Fridays of Lent** (finishing on Friday, 12 April): commencing immediately **after 10 Mass** and concluding at **11.30am**

RELENTLESS
Prayer for North & West Belfast - Lent 2019

Want a break from the busyness, a space to clear your head?
 Prayer Spaces Open throughout Lent!
 For dates and times please refer to the poster at the back of the church.



DISCOVER THE RICHES OF THE MASS

Falls Road Pastoral Community invites you to: a Five-Part Bible Study Featuring Edward Sri Sunday 10th March to Sunday 14th April at St Paul's Pastoral Centre, 6-7.30pm.

To register please contact: St Paul's Parish office on 02890 325 034 or leave your name in the sacristy.

DRAMATISED STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR GOOD FRIDAY

An opportunity for children and young people to take part in drama or reading as well as the religious experience of reflecting on the final journey of Jesus. We are inviting children from P4 upwards to take part in a unique event on Good Friday, 19th April at 7pm. Rehearsals will be facilitated by Play it By Ear with the first one on Thursday, 28th March at 6.30pm. To register a child or young person, please leave his/her/their name/s in the sacristy or email: stjohns@downandconnor.org.

CHURCH CAR PARK - WEEKENDS

We would ask that those who are able-bodied to park in the school grounds for weekend Masses to allow those who have restricted mobility (or who are passengers with restricted mobility) to park in the church grounds.

CHURCH CAR PARK - MONDAY TO FRIDAY

Please note that the gates of the church car park will be locked until 9.30am each morning and from after mass until 4pm.

We have taken this decision in the interests of the health and safety of children coming and going to school.

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.

Easter Mass Bouquets are available to purchase from the Sacristy.

The **HOUSE OF PRAYER** has an open door! It's a place to meet Jesus in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. **Every Wednesday, 7-8pm Green Room @ St John's**
 Want info? Call Mary on 07821 190906 or email info@koinonia.ie

PARISH COLLECTIONS - 3 March 2019

Weekly Offering: **£536**
 Building Fund: **£410**

2nd collection this week: Needy Parishes;
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.

TRÓCAIRE'S LENTEN APPEAL

"You will eat and have all you want and you will bless Yahweh your God in the fine country which he has given you." Deuteronomy 8:10.

This year's Trócaire Lenten campaign highlights the different ways land is stolen from vulnerable people in the developing world. It could be by corporate land grabs, by war or simply because they are a woman. To find out more visit www.trocaire.org

SLOW DOWN FOR LENT

Clonard, 30 March 2019, 11am-3.30pm

Quiet prayer, gently guided reflection, led by Breige O'Hare. Space and time for you and God ... to think ... to pray ... to rest. Popular day - booking essential. To book, ring Clonard: 02890445950. Suggested donation £5. Bring a packed lunch.

MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Morning Prayer of the Church EACH MORNING in the Adoration Chapel in St John's Church at 9.40am.

PARISH DRAW WINNERS MARCH 2019

£500: Mrs Bernie McLoughlin (370);

£100: Lily McAuley (348); Ann Crothers (299);

Anne Stewart (270); Roisin Devine (418); Richard McAvoy (332). **Promoter's Prize £50:** Marie Delaney.

Congratulations to all winners!

POPE FRANCIS TWEETS

'Detachment from worldly appearances is essential to prepare ourselves for heaven.'

Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex and on @VaticanNews

NOTE TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

No child should be going to the church toilet unaccompanied.

CONTACT DETAILS

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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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