



Parish Bulletin

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

FALLS ROAD

24 MARCH 2019

3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT

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

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month 1 pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday at 7pm

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

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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.

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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, 19<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm. Rehearsals will be facilitated by Play it By Ear with the first one on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm. To register a child or young person, please leave his/her/their name/s in the sacristy or email: stjohms@downandconnor.org.

Easter Mass Bouquets may be acquired now from the Sacristy.

EASTER MASSES

Please note that NO individual Mass intentions can be accepted for the Easter Vigil Mass (20 April) or for either of the Masses on Easter Sunday (21 April). These Masses are reserved for all recipients of Easter Mass Bouquets who then will all share beneficially in the celebration.



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY DECEASED: Alice Templeton (Whiterock Gdns).

1<sup>ST</sup> ANNIVERSARY: Michael Rafferty.

ANNIVERSARIES: Eamon Feerick, James & Sheila Hannon, the Marley and the Connolly Family, Walter O'Neill. PLEASE REMEMBER ALSO: The Holy Souls. Eternal Rest grant unto them, o Lord...

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.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD - A TIME OF REFLECTION AND INSTRUCTION

There will be a short time of reflection and instruction for new and existing Ministers of the Word from the Falls Pastoral Community in St John's Church, 444 Falls Road, on Saturday, 6 April from 2pm-4pm. All Ministers of the Word are asked to attend. Please confirm your attendance by leaving your name in the sacristy or email the parish.

FEARLESS YOUTH GROUP, open to 11-14 year olds from across the Falls area, organised by Koinonia Ireland. Sessions will give you space to explore and ask questions of faith through group activities, faith moments and trips, with opportunities to meet young people from other churches in the area. You also get a free funded Summer Camp out of it! An information session has been organised on Thursday, 28 March @ 5.30 in Saint John's Church to hear all about it and get a sense of the opportunities it provides. You're encouraged then to stay and participate in the drama session organised by Play it be Ear and St Johns parish. Please ask Fr. Martin, or email Br. Darren on darren@koinonia.ie for more details.

ST JOHN'S PARISH HALL AVAILABLE FOR HIRE -

For more information please contact Conor on 90314112 (Option 2), email: stjohmsphbelfast@icloud.com; HOURLY RATE: £20.

Diocesan Matt Talbot Pilgrimage 2019

The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Venerable Matt Talbot takes place on Saturday 27 April 2019 with Concelebrated Mass taking place at 12.30 in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Sean McDermott Street, Dublin. For further information and booking, please contact Mary Holden (Tel 028 94423956).

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 - 17 March 2019

Weekly Offering: £695.50

Needy Parishes: £329.09

2<sup>nd</sup> collection this week: Building Fund;

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.

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.

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.

DEFEND THE DEFENDERS

Free screening of a short documentary by Trócaire examining the impact of serious human rights violations by some private companies on communities in Guatemala. A short discussion will follow. The Sunflower Bar, Union St on 26th March at 7pm.

MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

POPE FRANCIS TWEETS

'Prayer reconnects us to God, charity to our neighbour, fasting to ourselves. God, my brothers and sisters, my life: these are the realities that do not end in nothing, and in which we must invest.'

Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex and on @VaticanNews

NOTE TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

No child should be going to the church toilet unaccompanied.

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