



Parish Bulletin

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

FALLS ROAD

25 AUGUST 2019

21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY N 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

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION DURING THE SUMMER**  
 Adoration takes place every Thursday **after 10am Mass** and continues **until 2pm** and from **6pm till 9pm**, concluding with night prayer.

*Ask a patient with a broken bone: "Does it hurt you?" And he, very likely, will answer: "Not when I keep it still." Peace of soul is found in that calm, when once a week we open windows to heaven.*

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**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**MONTH'S MIND:** Louise Kelly,

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Paul Mc Kenna , Harry Watterson, James Wall, Kathleen Wall, Sheila Bell, John Magill.

**REMEMBER ALSO:** The Holy Souls.

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

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**MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** in the Adoration Chapel in St John's Church, **each morning** at 9.40am. All are welcome.

**MARRIAGE** Please contact Parish office at least six months before the intended date of marriage.

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**BAPTISMS** Please contact the parish office at least one month before the intended date of the Baptism.

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**MORNING SERVICE**

On Sunday, 1st September, BBC Radio Ulster's "Morning Service" will be broadcast from St John's. To facilitate this, Mass will begin that day at 10.15am.

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The **TUESDAY COFFEE MORNING** will recommence on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September after 10am Mass.

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**PARISH OFFICE**

The Parish office will be closed on Thursday, 29th August.

**SAINTS AND COMMEMORATIONS**

**Sunday** (25<sup>th</sup>) - St Louis (King of France);

**Tuesday** (27<sup>th</sup>) - Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God (Barberi), priest;

**Wednesday** (28<sup>th</sup>) - St Monica - born in 33 in North Africa of a Christian family, Monica married a pagan, Patricius, whom she brought to the faith. She is best known as the mother of Saint Augustine of Hippo, and had three children altogether. She prayed and wept for Augustine, and his conversion filled her with joy.

**Thursday** (29<sup>th</sup>) St Augustine, bishop and doctor of the Church;

**Friday** (30<sup>th</sup>) - The Passion of St John the Baptist.



**SILENT PROTEST ABOUT PLANNED LIBERALISATION OF ABORTION**

Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019, 7pm, Stormont Estate. Wear black or dark colours / Carry a mobile phone or other electric light  
Strictly no banners, slogans or flyers other than the above.

We Were Not Asked – They Cannot Speak  
**@Nivoiceless**

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**MARCH FOR THEIR LIVES**

Please join us for this crucial march at Custom House Square, Belfast, on 7<sup>th</sup> September at 2.00pm, to show our politicians that abortion is NOT IN OUR NAME! Mass will be celebrated at St Patrick's Chapel, Donegal Street, at 1pm. Coaches will be leaving from all over Ireland. For more info please contact Precious Life on 028 9027 8484 or email [info@preciouslife.com](mailto:info@preciouslife.com)

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**NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE**

Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Our Lady of Knock Shrine, Co. Mayo

[info@catholicgrandparentsassociation.com](mailto:info@catholicgrandparentsassociation.com)

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**THE JOY OF LOVE IN MARRIAGE**

A Marriage Enrichment Weekend offers married couples of all ages in a good relationship, private time to rekindle the joy of their love. The next (residential) Weekends (Fri 8pm to Sun 4:30pm) will be held at the Dromantine Conference Centre, Newry from 13-15 Sep 2019. For info and to book, visit [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie) or phone 0770 281 2321 [NI].

**PARISH COLLECTIONS - 18<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

Weekly Offering: **£551;**

Diocesan Cathedral Fund: **£426.**

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

**next week:** Monthly Stipend

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity!

**Giff 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 **Giff Aid envelope** at the back of the church and put your contribution in it.



**SEASON OF CREATION**

The Season of Creation has a special significance for the Catholic Church, particularly since Pope Francis established **1st September** as an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.

The Season of Creation or Creation Time, is **marked throughout the Christian world from 1 September to 4 October (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi)** and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment.

*"We need to strengthen the conviction that we are one single human family."*

Pope Francis

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Our church is a drop off point for the West Belfast Cross **Community Foodbank and St Patrick's Soup Kitchen**. Please support these initiatives.

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**COLOURING IN SHEETS** We now provide colouring in sheets (based on the Gospel of the relevant Sunday) and crayons for children.

**NOTE TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS** No child should be going to the church toilet unaccompanied.

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**MASS BOUQUETS** may be acquired from the Sacristy or the Repository Shop.

**CONTACT DETAILS**

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