



# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

FALLS ROAD

14 MAY 2017  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
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### PARISH MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 6.30pm  
Sunday 10.00am, 12.00pm  
Monday - Saturday 10.00am

### CONFESSIONS

Saturday 5.30pm - 6.00pm

### FIRST FRIDAY

Exposition until 12noon  
**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 priest at least one month before the intended date of the Baptism.  
**MARRIAGE** Please contact the parish priest at least six months before the intended date of marriage.

### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Peggy Kelly (formerly of St James Road).

**MONTH'S MIND:** Allan Clarke. **ANNIVERSARIES:** Paul Morgan (1st anniv.), Joseph & Mary Savage, Rose & Patrick O'Neill, Joseph Mills.

*Eternal Rest grant unto them, o Lord*

*Congratulations to the P4 children who have received their 1<sup>st</sup> communion on Saturday morning!!*

### LEGION OF MARY HOSTELS

On behalf of the two hostels for the homeless in Belfast, run by the Legion of Mary – we extend sincere thanks to all the parishioners who have generously given to this cause in the face of many other calls on their resources. The collection amounted to £523.99.

All benefactors of the hostels are remembered in the prayers of the hostels.

### CEMETERY SUNDAYS

**Milltown Cemetery** - Sunday, 14 May @ 3pm;  
**Hannahstown** - Sunday, 28 May @ 3pm.

### CITY CEMETERY SUNDAY 21ST MAY 2017

People are invited to gather at the graves of their loved ones, at 3.00pm. Sound amplification will be throughout the whole cemetery. Those who are elderly, infirm or who otherwise wish, are invited to gather in St John's Church on the Falls Road where the service will be led from. Graves in the lower half of the cemetery will be blessed during the service with the Glanlina section blessed immediately afterwards at approximately 3.30pm.

### "HE WHO SINGS, PRAYS TWICE" (St. Augustine)

Each Tuesday evening at 7pm a group of volunteers will gather in St John's to practice singing chants and hymns for the weekend liturgy. All are welcome!



### ANNUAL DIOCESAN COLLECTION FOR OUR STUDENT PRIESTS (SUNDAY 21ST MAY 2017)

There are currently eight young men in training for priesthood for the diocese, one of whom, Manuelito is a deacon. The other students are Tony, Christopher, Stofan, David, Christopher, John, Kevin. Please remember them in your prayers.

The second collection on the Sixth Sunday of Easter is the yearly collection for the education of our student priests. Thank you for your support of this collection last year. Your continued support of this annual church collection on **Sunday, 21 May** is again requested. Your financial contribution is another concrete way of supporting our students as they journey towards priesthood for service in our parishes.

### CAPPELLA CAECILIANA in CONCERT

2017 is the 50th anniversary of St. Bernadette's Church, Rosetta, and as part of the celebrations Cappella Caeciliana are presenting a choral concert of bright and uplifting music, with conductor Donal McCrisken, tenor soloist Fr. Eugene O'Hagan and organist Stephen Hamill. The concert takes place on **Friday, 19 May at 7.30pm**. Tickets cost £15 (available from [www.caeciliana.org](http://www.caeciliana.org) and Matchetts, 6 Wellington Place), and entry is free for students and under 25s. Programme includes "Hallelujah Chorus" and Widor's "Toccata".

### DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

Thursday, 25 May at 7.30pm  
**Church of the Nativity**  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Mass 8pm.

### DOWN AND CONOR LIVING CHURCH THREE DAY PILGRIMAGE TO LOUGH DERG

Friday, 23 to Sunday, 25 June. Transport to be confirmed. Cost £60. Please contact Geraldine Mullan Tel: 028 90690920 Email: [livingchurch@downandconnor.org](mailto:livingchurch@downandconnor.org)

### PARISH COLLECTIONS - 7 May 2017

1st - Weekly Offering: **£917**  
2nd - Monthly Stipend: **£735**

Second collections: **This week:** Building Fund  
**Next week:** The Diocesan Students.

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity!  
*Please note, there was an error in last week's summary - £355 was donated towards the parish's Building Fund, not the Legion of Mary Hostels as stated.*

### ST JOHN'S PARISH HALL AVAILABLE FOR HIRE

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

### PARISH WEBSITE

Requests for Baptism and mass bookings can be made via the parish website.

Mass bookings: [www.stjohnsfallsroad.com/](http://www.stjohnsfallsroad.com/)

Baptism request forms: [www.stjohnsfallsroad.com/sacraments/](http://www.stjohnsfallsroad.com/sacraments/)

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### POPE FRANCIS TWEETS

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