



# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

FALLS ROAD

8 OCTOBER 2017  
27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
YEAR A

**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.

**APOSTOLIC WORK APPEAL**  
The annual Apostolic church-door collection will take place on the weekend of **21/22 October** and the **mini-sale** will be held the following week-end, **28/29 October**.

The needs this year are greater than ever. Natural catastrophes and man-made disasters have placed enormous demands on many charitable activities; not least in our mission fields. Without the prayerful and practical support of our benefactors-at-home - our ability to provide any assistance would be impossible. Therefore, once again, we appeal to your generous hearts and ask you to please give what you can. Thank you.




**POPE FRANCIS TWEETS**  
'Our guardian angel is a friend we do not see, but whose presence we feel. He accompanies us on our earthly journey to heaven. '  
Follow Pope Francis on Twitter@Pontifex

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**  
**DECEASED:** Anne Fegan (Whiterock Crescent) Michael Campbell (Whiterock Crescent)  
**ANNIVERSARIES:** Maureen Sloan(1st) Margaret Kerr, Bernie O'Reilly, Maria Murphy, Alex and Ann McLaughlin & Baby Paul.  
*Eternal Rest grant unto them, o Lord...*

**FAREWELL**  
Fr Tony Fitzsimons' **'LEAVING MASS'** will take place here in St John's on **Thursday, 12 October at 6.30pm**. Following the Mass, refreshments will be served in the parish hall. All are welcome to join us in thanking Fr Tony for serving our parish and wishing him God's blessings for his future appointments.  
If you wish to leave a donation towards Fr Tony's farewell gift, please place it in one of the envelopes provided at the back of the church and return during the mass time basket collection times no later than by Sunday, 8 October.

**SAINTS THIS WEEK**  
Monday - **Bl. John Henry Newman**, priest;  
Wednesday - **St John XXIII**, Pope;  
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13 October - National Day of Prayer for Children

**TAIZÉ AT CLONARD - TUESDAY, 17 OCTOBER**  
A special evening of Taizé prayer, music and reflection will take place in Clonard Church on Tuesday the 17th of October at 7:30pm. The Taizé Community is an ecumenical monastic order in Burgundy, France. It is composed of more than one hundred brothers, from Catholic and Protestant traditions, who originate from about thirty countries across the world. It was founded in 1940 by Brother Roger Schütz. Taizé is a place of great pilgrimage for many young people from around the world every year. Brother Jean Marie from the Taizé Community will join us for this special evening. ALL ARE WELCOME.



**Foyer of Light, Charity & Love** - 5 Day Silent Retreat - **Theme:** "If you but knew the gift of God..." - **Preached by:** Fr. Kilian Byrne. **Venue:** Dromantine Retreat Centre, Newry - **Date:** 23-29 October. Cost: £360stg full board. **Contact:** Helen : 00353 86 1678027, www.foyerofcharity.ie  
The retreat addresses those who search for God, or who wish to grow in their life of faith and prayer.

**TRAINING OPPORTUNITY**  
Innovation Factory are hosting FREE Fitness Instructor and Personal Trainer Courses for people living in West Belfast and the Shankill area, aged 16+. For more information on this please call Sheila on 028 9590 2890, Monday - Friday, 9:30am - 5:30pm. Innovation Factory - 385 Springfield Rd - Belfast - BT12 7DG

**DEDICATION OF STUDIES MASS AT QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY**  
The Dedication of Studies Mass for the new academic year will celebrated on **Sunday, 8 October** at 6.30pm in the Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's University, 28 Elmwood Ave. The chief celebrant this year will be Bp Donal McKeown, Bishop of Derry. All university students, Year14 students, and their families, are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served after Mass. For enquiries contact the Chaplaincy on 028 9066 9737, or [gubcc@downandconnor.org](mailto:gubcc@downandconnor.org).

**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/)

**PARISH COLLECTIONS - 24 September 2017**  
1<sup>st</sup> - Weekly Offering: **£531**  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Monthly Stipend: **£525**  
Second collection - **this week:** Building Fund;  
**next week:** Building Fund.  
Sincere thanks for your continued generosity!

ST JOHN'S WINTER CRAFT FAIR  
@ ST JOHNS PARISH HALL  
**Saturday, 25 November 10am-4pm**  
**Table Hire-£15**  
If you are interested in hiring a table please contact Conor on 90314112 (opt 2) or [stjohnsphevents@icloud.com](mailto:stjohnsphevents@icloud.com).

**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.

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