



Parish Bulletin

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST FALLS ROAD

3 DECEMBER 2017

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
YEAR B

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

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY DECEASED: Isobel Carey (formerly Rockdale Street), Stephen Short (Britton's Drive).

ANNIVERSARIES: Billy & Annie Shannon, Catherine McLaverty
Eternal Rest grant unto them, o Lord...

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - FRIDAY, 8 DECEMBER

Holy Day of Obligation.

Vigil Mass: Thurs, 6.30pm / Mass on Friday at 10am.

ADVENT AT CLONARD

You are invited to join us in Clonard Monastery to celebrate the beautiful season of Advent. Let's gather together on **four** consecutive **Tuesdays** (28 Nov - 19 Dec) in the conference room of Clonard Monastery from **7.30-8.30pm**. Kindly, sign up at Clonard reception, or email reception@clonard.com, or phone 028 9044 5950.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL - ANNUAL FAMILY APPEAL - 9/10 DECEMBER, after each Mass

Dealing with 8-12 calls per week the SVP can bring relief to the needy. They could not do so without our help. Please donate to their Annual Christmas appeal next weekend. Please give generously.



Beech Hall Day Centre, Andersonstown Rd
Christmas Veritas - 7 December, 10am-12noon
All welcome!

ADVENT CONFESSIONS IN OUR PARISH

Saturday, 23 December
Immediately After 6.30pm Mass



ST GALL'S Christmas Bazaar
Sunday, 3 December, 1-4pm

SAINTS THIS WEEK

Monday - **St John Damascene**, Priest & doctor;

Wednesday - **St Nicholas**, Bishop

Thursday - **St Ambrose**,
Bishop & Doctor

Saturday - **St Juan Diego**,
Indigenous Mexican convert
to Roman Catholicism



TROCAIRE GIFTS

Trocaire Gifts will be on sale in St Johns church weekend 16th/17th Dec. Trocaire Gifts help some of the poorest people in the world to work their way out of poverty. There are ten gifts to choose from starting at chicks for families in Kenya and Ethiopia for just £5. All the gifts are real items, sourced in-country which go to families desperately in need of our help. For further information go to <https://www.trocaire.org/gifts>

POPE FRANCIS TWEETS

'There is also hope for those who have done wrong. Jesus came for this: it is possible to be reconciled with God and begin a new life. '

Follow Pope Francis on Twitter@Pontifex

EACH SUNDAY IN LENT AT CORPUS CHRISTI

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 1pm and adoration until 7pm.

At 2.30pm we will unite, with Catholics all over Ireland, in praying the Rosary for the renewal of Faith and protection of the unborn, on the island of Ireland.

At 7pm, solemn Vespers of Christ the King, Consecration of our Parish to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, concluding with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

St Maria Goretti Nursery School will be holding an OPEN DAY on Thursday, **7 December** from 2 to 3pm for children who will be 3 years old on or before 1st July 2018.

YOUR GIFT AID DECLARATION MATTERS!

Did you know that as a tax payer you can Gift Aid even the smallest donation made to the parish?



On every £1 donated to the parish we can claim back 25p from the government on your behalf, boosting the value of the donation by a quarter. In the last 5 years the parishioners who signed the gift aid declaration enabled the parish of St John's to claim back the total of **£26,096.02** from the HMRC.

It's easy - If you are a tax payer and you wish to gift aid any of your donations to the parish, simply pick up a Gift Aid Form at the back of the church and return completed and signed to the Sacristy. The form only needs to be completed once.

PARISH WEBSITE

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

Mass bookings: www.stjohnsfallsroad.com/

Baptism request forms:

www.stjohnsfallsroad.com/sacraments/

PARISH COLLECTIONS - 26 November 2017

1st - Weekly Offering: **£575**

2nd - Building Fund; **£380**

Second collection - **this week:** Monthly Stipend;
next week: Building Fund.

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity!

ST JOHN'S PARISH HALL AVAILABLE FOR HIRE

For more information please contact Conor on 90314112/95433132 (Option 2), email: stjohnsphbelfast@icloud.com; HOURLY RATE: £20.

CONTACT DETAILS

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Bethany Bereavement Support Group Mobile No - 079 1883 6881

