

Parish of St. Jude the Apostle's Newsletter
Saturday 31st Jan - Sunday 1st February 2026
4th Sunday Ordinary Time, Year A
A Warm Welcome to all to our Church.
Thank you for joining us for Mass.



Mass Times

St Judes: Mon (except BH), Wed, Fri 10.00am // Sat 5.30 pm // Sun 10.00am.

St Pius X: Tue, Thu 10.00am // Sat 7.00pm // Sun 11.30am //

St Pius X First Friday 7.00pm. Taize Mass: St Jude's Feb 22nd. 7.30pm

St Judes Additional Information

Tuesday morning Prayer Service and Holy Communion 10.00am

Thurs morning Rosary and Holy Communion 10.00am, Adoration 9.15 to 11.00am

Friday morning Adoration 1030am -1.00pm.

Saturday morning 10.00, Prayer Service with Holy Communion.

Confessions on request to Fr. Pat.

St Judes Parish Office Opening Hours: Monday, Wednesday,

Friday 09.30 – 12.30. Closed Tuesday & Thursday.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday 31st 5.30pm

Jimmy and Dolly Armstrong (Rec Dec), Alan Doyle (Months Mind),
Joe, Anne, Baby Ann Roberts (Annivs), Brian Armstrong (1st Anniv),
Susan Gordan (4th Anniv), Anne McGann (4th Anniv),
John Carroll (5th Anniv), Clare Byrne (10th Anniv).

Sunday 1st 10.00am

Pat Foster (Rec Dec), Margaret Clarke (Rec Dec),
Paddy Carroll (Rec Dec), Geraldine Purcell (Anniv),
Margaret Gibson (Anniv), Michael Conroy (11th Anniv),
Seamus Keating (18th Anniv), Samuel and Margaret Tonge (69th Anniv).
Ray Colgan who passed away 19th January.

Parish Centre Office – Mass Cards, Baptismal Candles, Rosary beads are available in Parish Office. **Baptisms** are held Monthly in St Judes on the 3rd Sunday and in St Pius X on 1st Sunday. More Information in the Parish Office.

NOTICES:

Bookings for Anniversary Masses etc. Please give one Months' notice. All anniversary and remembrance masses must be booked through the Parish Office.

IMPORTANT NOTICE to all Parish Volunteers In compliance with Diocesan requirements all volunteers who work in any aspect of Parish life must attend a Child Protection Information Session once every three years. This is an essential part of being a volunteer and helps us to meet the requirements of the Annual Child Protection Audit.

Just under half of our Parish Volunteers attended one of these sessions in February 2025 and I now encourage all others to attend on one of the following dates that have been arranged locally.

Wednesday 4th February in St Jude the Apostle Church at 7.30pm.

Tuesday 3rd March in St Pius X Church at 7.30pm.

Please make sure you register on the day as this will form part of our Child Protection Records. Thank you and Kind regards, Fr Pat McKinley, PP

St Brigid's Day 1st February St Brigid, Abbess, Second Patron of Ireland. Her feast day marks the beginning of Spring and the end of Winter. The transition from darkness into Light.

Christmas Mass Bouquets. We wish to inform you that the monies collected amounted to €4,000.00. Father Pat has decided to distribute the monies as follows. €1,000 to Suicide Prevention Support in Tallaght. €1500 to Laura Lynn. €1500 to Rhuama supporting women to deal with exploitation.

Technical Help Wanted We are looking for a volunteer with a background in Technology / Computers who may be able to help /advise us with occasional technical issues in our parish offices. Please contact Father Pat or Parish Office.

Clothing Appeal on behalf of Merchants Quay will take place next weekend 7/8th February, New clothes would be gratefully appreciated.

Family Mass Saturday 14th February St Judes at 5.30 p.m.

We strongly encourage those preparing for the celebration of the Sacraments later this year to join us for our family masses as they form an important part of the children's preparation for the Sacraments.

St Vincent de Paul Local Conference monthly collection at Masses next weekend 7th / 8th February

Bank Holiday Monday St Judes Church will be closed. St Pius X will have Mass at 11 a.m. **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**

Cosy Corner Cafe will be closed on Bank Holiday Monday.

Tuesday 3rd February The Feast of St Blaise Tradition tells us that Blaise was a physician before being ordained and becoming Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia. Blaise was martyred in 315 and later came to be venerated as patron of those who suffer from disease of the throat.

Please join us for **10am morning Mass in St Pius X church** during which we will keep the tradition of the blessing of throats invoking the blessing of St Blaise.

Next Friday First Friday Evening Mass in St Pius X at 7pm.

A Ukrainian family living in the parish have been renting a house that is now to be sold. They are looking for another house to rent in the area or nearby, as the two daughters are in the local schools. If you have or know of a house to rent, with two or three bedrooms, please text Sergei mobile number 0852001582 with information. The family has requested a text, so the daughters can interpret as the parents' English is still in progress. There is also a young baby.

READINGS Year A.

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah (Ze 2:3; 3:12-13)

Seek the Lord all you, humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord. In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord. They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them. *The Word of the Lord.*

Thanks be to God.

Psalm(Ps 147:7-10) **R How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R** It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger, and upholds the widow and orphan. **R**

It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **R**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (1 Cor 1:26-31)

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called. How many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad: your reward will be great in heaven. Alleluia!

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (Mt 5:1-12)

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: 'How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

O holy Brigid, you became sublime through your humility, and flew on the wings of your longing for God.

The quieter you become, the more you can hear