Parish of St. Jude the Apostle's Newsletter
Sat 31st Oct – Sunday 1st November 2026
Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time
A Warm Welcome to all to our Church.
Thank you for joining us for Mass.



St Judes Information Mass Times Please see Parish Website

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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.
Anniversary Masses etc. Please give one Months' notice. All anniversary and remembrance masses must be booked through the Parish Office.
Newsletter Items If you would like an item added to our Newsletter, please email Parish Office before 4pm Wednesday.
Coeliac Holy Communion Please only approach coeliac Minister if you are coeliac.
Taize Mass The Next Taize Mass is on Sunday 29th November 7.30pm.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 31st October

Maureen Ryan (Rec Dec),
Chrissie Kennedy (Anniv),
Maureen Mahon (4th Anniv),
Dan O'Leary (18th Anniv),
Vincent Costello (1st Anniv),
Finbarr O'Leary (3rd Anniv),
Bernard Gallagher (9th Anniv),
Eileen Fitzpatrick (27th Anniv).

Sunday 1st November

Philomena King (Rec Dec),
Niamh Lehane (Anniv),
Nan, Matt & Cormac Rafferty (Annivs),
Annie Jo McInerney (41st Anniv),
Marie & Paddy Connolly (Annivs),
Eva & Peadar Houston (Anniv),
Danny Flood (13th Anniv),
Anon (Spec Int).

St Judes: In addition to our weekday Masses (Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10am), we also have the following times of prayer:
Tues and Thurs: Rosary and Holy Communion 10.00am, Adoration 9.15 to 11.00am. Friday: Adoration 10.30am -1.00pm.
Saturday morning: 10.00am, Prayer Service with Holy Communion.

Sunday morning Mass hymn numbers 5, 20, 16, 27

READINGS - Year A

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse. (Rv 7:2-4.9-14)
I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel. After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the grounds with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words: 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.' One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23:1-6

℟ **Such are the ones who seek your face, O Lord.**
The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm. ℟
Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place?
Those with clean hands and pure heart, who desire not worthless things. ℟
They shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves them. Such are the ones who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. ℟

A reading from the first letter of St John (1 Jn 3:1-3)
Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that

when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify themselves, must try to be as pure as Christ.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia, alleluia! Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (Mt 21:33-43) 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.**

If we wish to join the saints both now and into eternity, we must make our own the "mission statement" of Jesus, which is the Sermon on the Mount.

NOTICES:

PLEASE do not forget to WRAP UP WELL coming to church while our heating system is out of action. Many thanks for your understanding and co-operation. Fr. Pat

St Jude Church collections last weekend First collection €930, Second Collection €825. Very much appreciated, Thank you.

Saints & Feast days during the coming week:
2nd – The Commemoration of all the faithful departed; 3rd – Malachy, +1148, bishop of Armagh, founded Mellifont, the first Cistercian house in Ireland; 5th – Martin de Porres, +1636, cared for the poor and the sick; 6th – all the saints of Ireland.

Advance Notice St Vincent de Paul Collection will be held at all Masses next weekend 7th / 8th November.

Advance Notice Next Family Mass will be on Saturday 14th November at 7pm in St Pius X church.

Feast of All Souls – Monday 2nd November Celebrations of Mass 10am - St Judes, 10am - St Pius X, 7pm - St Pius X

First Friday This Friday is the first Friday. Morning Mass will be celebrated at 10am in St Judes and evening Mass will be celebrated at 7pm in St Pius X, remembering all who are named on the Altar List of the Dead.

Message from Father Pat We received a letter from Crosscare expressing their thanks and gratitude for the collection of €2,010. The letter is on the notice board in church porch.

Notice to all Parish Volunteers St Jude and St Pius X - November 2026 In compliance with Diocesan requirements all volunteers who are involved 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. Further to previous communications those who have not attended one of these sessions in the last three years, or who now need to renew their attendance, must attend on one of the following dates. 11th Nov – Holy Redeemer, Bray – 7pm to 8.30pm. Please also make sure you register on the day as this will form part of our Child Protection Records. Your cooperation and support in this central aspect of Parish life is very much appreciated. ***Fr Pat.***

Altar List of the Dead The 2026 November Altar List of the Dead Envelopes are available in the porch of the church. The souls of all who are named on the Parish Altar List of the Dead are remembered at all Masses in November and on the First Friday of each month throughout the year.

2026 - Annual Mass of Remembrance

The Annual Mass of Remembrance of parishioners who have died during the past year will be celebrated on Wednesday 18th November at 7.30pm. Relatives and friends of all whose funerals were celebrated in St Judes parish are invited to join in this parish celebration of prayerful remembrance. If, during the past year, you and your family celebrated a funeral of a loved one in another parish at home or abroad you are most welcome to join us for this celebration. Notifications Letters are being sent this weekend.

Share Appeal Sunday takes place on the weekend of November 7/8. Important work is funded by this collection.

Parish Pastoral update The Joint Parish Pastoral Council of St Pius X and St Jude the Apostle met last week. Fr Pat welcomed new members and thanked those who have stepped down for all their work. Feedback on recent Synodal training for PPC members was very positive, focused on prayer, reflection and sharing of faith. Faith development initiatives were discussed including ways to encourage lay people, in particular young people to become involved in parish life. The development of the role of our lay Funeral Ministry team who will be commissioned this Sunday is a real example of lay-led ministry under Building Hope. The need for new volunteers in both parishes was also highlighted. Training for new Ministers of the Word and Ministers of the Eucharist will take place shortly. The need to align our pastoral priorities under the 4 Building Hope quadrants of Servant Leadership, Faith, Social Justice and Welcome was also discussed and will continue to be considered at future PPC meetings.

Choir looking for singers Singers are invited to sing on Sunday morning at 10am Mass. We are short of female voices. No previous experience required. If you are interested, please come along at 9.15am before Mass to practice with the choir. Amy or Louise are available after mass for more information.

St Judes Christmas Fair Sunday 6th December 3pm – 6pm Parish Centre and Grounds. If you are interested in taking a stall please contact Parish Office or email stjudesparishwillington@gmail.com

Just a thought The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good people to do or to say nothing.