

Parish of St. Jude the Apostle's Newsletter
Saturday 21st December, Sunday, 22nd December 2024
A Warm Welcome to all to our Church.
Thank you for joining us for Mass.



Mass Times

St Judes: Mon, Wed, Fri 10.00am // **Sat** 5.30 pm // **Sun** 10.00am.

St Pius X: Tue, Thu 10.00am // **Sat** 7.00pm // **Sun** 11.30am // **First Friday** 7.00pm.

St Judes Additional Information

Tuesday morning Prayer Service and Holy Communion 10.00am

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

Friday morning Adoration 10.30am -1.00pm.

Saturday morning 10.00, Prayer Service with Holy Communion.

Confessions on request to Fr. Pat.

Taize Mass: Sunday 22nd December 7.30pm.

St Judes Parish Office Opening Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 09.30 – 12.30.
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4th Sunday of Advent, Year C. 22 December 2024.

A reading from the prophet Micah (Mi 5:1-4) The Lord says this: You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old. The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth. Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel. He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord, with the majesty of the name of his God. They will live secure, for from then on, he will extend his power to the ends of the land. He himself will be peace. *The Word of the Lord.* **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 79 **R God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.**

O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne.

O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help. **R**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see.

Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. **R**

May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength.

And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. **R**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews (Heb 10:5-10)

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world: You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me. You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin; then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book, 'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.' Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

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

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the handmaid of the Lord: let what you have said be done to me Alleluia!

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (Lk 1:39-45)

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.' *The Gospel of the Lord* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

NOTICES:

Message from Fr. Pat: Jubilee Hope

In our frantic, jaded world we can lose sight of wonder in the ordinary. There is nothing more wonderful than a human face, especially the face of a baby. You feel your obligation to a child when you have seen and held them. Every human face is a claim on us, because you can't help but sense the uniqueness of it, the courage of it. This is most true in the face of an infant. Perhaps this is why God in his wisdom chose Jesus, born as one of us, to be the means, the face of our salvation.

The last year has seen us continue to build relationships of friendship and practical support in our neighbouring partnership parishes (Terenure, Templeogue, Kimmage Manor and Greenhills) As the number of priests available for ministry continues to diminish, we are finding new ways to co-operate more fully between the parishes of St Judes and St Pius in particular, in order to keep both our parishes vibrant and active. The 'Building Hope' pastoral initiative will continue its work of building our communities of faith, hope and love across the diocese.

The year ahead will be full of challenges and opportunities. Pope Francis has designated 2025 as a Jubilee or Holy Year with 'HOPE' as its central theme. May each one of us, our families and communities be renewed in hope during this year. 'Hope does not disappoint' (Romans 5:5)

Many thanks to so many people, staff and volunteers who give so generously and cheerfully of their time and gifts to make our parishes bloom. May each one of our parishioners find peace and rest this Christmas as we celebrate again the birth of hope, Jesus Christ. Fr Pat

Merchants Quay Appeal

We have this week received a letter of thanks from MQI in grateful appreciation for our recent donations, including cash donations. All will make a huge difference to the many people to whom MQI will help this Christmas. Thank you to all who were able to support this appeal.

Taize Mass: Sunday 22nd December 7.30pm. Celebrant Fr. Dan O'Callaghan. All welcome

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord / Monday 6th January – Mass Times

St Judes - 10.00am // St Pius X – 10.00am and 7.00pm evening Mass

Parish Centre Office Shop - Mass Cards, Baptismal Candles, Rosary beads, Christmas Cards, Christmas Mass Bouquets (Proceeds to Capuchin and Laura Lynn), also Charity Packs of Christmas Cards now available. Opening hours same as Parish Office (above).

Parish Centre Gift Shop Clearance Sale – Everything 50% OFF Gifts for all occasions (See Paddy, Cash Only).

Bookings for Anniversary Masses etc. Please note that all anniversary and remembrance masses can be booked through the Parish Office. Opening hours Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm.

Cosy Corner Café – New Opening Times from from 6th Jan Mon - Fri 8.30am – 3.30pm / Sat 10am - 4pm.(Tom 083 1838006)

Toddlers World A fun interactive music class, suitable from 4 months to 4 years and beyond. Mon, Thurs and Fri in St Judes Pastoral Centre 9.45am – 11am. Contact Amanda 086 1700806 to book. Parish Office Christmas Times – Mon 23rd 1000-1200, Reopening Mon 6th January 2025 0930-1230.

Templeogue Men's Shed selling 2025 calendars at church gates , proceeds to Parkinson's Ireland.

Anniversaries this weekend:

Sat 21st 5.30pm: Cora Duffy (Anniv), Lena and Paddy Knight (Rem), Michael Hartnett (Rem), Mary Greavey (7th Anniv), Paddy Greavey (15th Anniv), George Clinton (1st Anniv), Elizabeth and Mary Mallon (Annivs), Deceased members of Malon Family, John McVicker (19th Anniv), John McVicker (4th Anniv), Deceased members of McVickers Family.

Sun 22nd 10.00am: Deirdre Flemming (Sp Int for Speedy Recovery), Kavanagh Family (Sp Int), Joan Cullen (Rec Dec), Breda Barrett (Rec Dec), John Writty (Rec Dec), Tom Plain (Anniv), Henry Cogley (60th Anniv), Kitty Breslin (B/Day Rem), The Flannery Family (Sp Int), Mass for all who sympathised with Taylor Family recent bereavement.

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name will be called Emmanuel.