

Recently Deceased  
Michael O'Neill  
Christopher (Kit) Parkinson  
Lucy O'Neill  
Matt Crowley  
Anniversaries

Bernadette Veale  
Denis & Ellen Clarke  
Terence Ryan  
Edward Cooley  
Noreen O'Connor  
David Katie & Tom Horan



**Happy Christmas**  
to all our  
parishioners  
and visitors to  
our Parish this  
Christmas  
On behalf of Fr.  
O'Brien, Fr.Ryan &  
Fr.Kiernan may we  
take this opportunity to  
wish you all a very  
happy and peaceful  
Christmas & New Year  
and to thank you for  
your friendship &  
support.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE  
CLOSED NEXT WEEK UNTIL  
FRIDAY 30<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER MASS  
CARDS CAN BE OBTAINED  
FROM THE SACRISTY AFTER  
10AM MASS MONDAY TO  
THURSDAY YOU CAN EMAIL  
ANY REQUESTS FOR  
BAPTISMAL CERTS  
CONFIRMATION CERTS OR  
LETTERS OF FREEDOM TO  
[judesparishoffice@eircom.net](mailto:judesparishoffice@eircom.net)

**Many thanks to those who have  
returned their Christmas Dues**  
Christmas Dues envelopes may be  
handed into the parish office or  
sacristy or placed in safe at back of  
church. Dues envelopes available in  
Church Porch.

**Question Time?**

**Q) Do we know for certain that  
Jesus was born on 25<sup>th</sup> December**  
A. We have no way of knowing the  
actual date. Two reasons are given  
for the selection of this date. It  
took over from the Roman feast of  
the Unconquered Sun at the winter  
solstice. Christians decided to  
celebrate the birth of Jesus as the  
light of God who came to conquer  
the darkness of sin. The second  
reason is that it is nine months  
after the feast of the Annunciation  
and the conception of Jesus. The  
Annunciation was an older feast  
than Christmas. It was celebrated  
on 25<sup>th</sup> March to connect with the  
Jewish tradition that this was the  
first day of creation and the day  
when Abraham was willing to  
sacrifice his son, Isaac. Thus the  
conception of Jesus was linked with  
creation and sacrificial death.



*My Dear Friends in St  
Jude's I wish to express my  
heartfelt gratitude to you all for  
all your prayers, cards and gifts I  
am overwhelmed by your generosity  
& kindness and I wish you and  
your families every blessing for  
Christmas and the new year I hope  
to be back among you all again in  
the not too distant future.  
With every good wish  
Fr Tom*

**Parish of St. Jude the  
Apostle, Willington  
Mass timetable for  
this week.**

**CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS  
FOR 2011**  
Confessions for Christmas  
Xmas Eve 10.30 To 12 noon.  
& 3.00 To 4.00pm

**Christmas Mass Times**  
Sat 24<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas  
Eve)  
Vigil Mass at 6.00 p.m (Children's  
Mass)  
8.00 p.m (Senior Folk Group)  
& 10.00 p.m (Choir)  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas  
Day)  
Masses at 9.00, 10.30 (Parish Choir)  
and 12.00 noon (Organ & Cantor)  
There will be no evening Mass  
Church will be closed after the  
12.00 noon Mass on Christmas Day

**St Stephen's Day**  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> December ( St  
Stephen's Day ) to Saturday 31<sup>st</sup>  
Dec Mass at 10.00 am only.

Masses on weekend of 31<sup>st</sup> Dec/1<sup>st</sup>  
January Vigil Mass at 6.30pm  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January Masses at 9.00,  
10.30 12.00pm  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January to Thurs 5<sup>th</sup>  
January Masses at 9.10am &  
10.00am

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January Feast of the  
Epiphany (First Friday )  
Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Jan Vigil Mass at 7.30pm  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 9.10am 10.00am &  
7.30pm  
Normal Weekend Masses resume  
on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan

*Thank You*

The Society of St Vincent de Paul is  
very grateful for the toys received  
through the 2FM Supervalue Toy  
Appeal  
They are particularly grateful to  
Darragh Horkan and the staff of  
Supersave Orwell S.C. for their  
kindness and courtesy with this  
appeal

Used Stamps

The collection of used stamps is an  
on-going project with the Holy  
Rosary Missionary Sisters.  
A big Thank You for all the stamps  
that have been donated in the past  
you can leave your stamps into the  
parish office.

Many thanks to Fiona Baldwin & all  
who came along to our Christmas  
sing-a-long in Courtyard Café last  
Monday a great time was had by all  
and the sum of €250 was raised for  
the St Vincent de Paul