

Parish of St. Jude the Apostle's Newsletter
Saturday 26th – Sunday 27th September 2026
Twenty - Sixth 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 26th September

Teresa Prendergast (Rec Dec),
Maie McCabe (2nd Anniv),
Declan Molloy (12th Anniv),
Sheila Hughes (17th Anniv),

John McLoughlin (Rec Dec),
Robert Sutton (22nd Anniv),
Tom Fitzpatrick (Anniv),
Mary (Maureen) Kirwan (Anniv).

Sunday 27th September

Marie Egan (Rec Dec),
Evelyn Delos Santos Etto (Rec Dec),
David McCormac (3rd Anniv),
John Molloy (30th Anniv),

Donal Hartnett (Rec Dec),
Resurreccion Encarnade (Rec Dec),
Mary Ryan (2nd Anniv),
Donal Sweeney (21st Anniv),
Sr Therese (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.

World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Sunday Mass Hymns Nos 14, 35, 51, 28.

READINGS - Year A

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel. (Ez 18:25-28)

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm (Ps 24:4-9) R. Remember your mercy Lord

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth and teach me: for you are God my saviour. **R**

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth.

In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. **R**

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray,

he guides the humble in the right path he teaches his way to the poor. **R**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians. (Phil 2:1-11) (For Shorter Form, read between → ←).

→If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:←

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father. *The Word of the Lord.*

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, alleluia! God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. Alleluia!

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (Mt 21:28-32)

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you

go and work in the vineyard today.” He answered, “I will not go”, but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, “Certainly, sir”, but did not go. Which of the two did the father’s will?’ ‘The first’ they said. Jesus said to them, ‘I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.’

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessed are they who know their need of God (Mt 5:3).

May we recognise ourselves as part of the community of the needy and show the compassion of Jesus to all without distinction.

NOTICES:

Messages from Father Pat - Funeral Ministry Team. We continue to experience change and development in our parishes as we find new ways to support each other in a rapidly changing world. In our diocese the Building Hope process is guiding us in new ways of being church together. One such innovation is the introduction of Lay led Funeral Teams across the diocese. Lay Funeral Ministers are people of faith and prayer who have been trained to assist in leading prayer at funerals. Here in St Jude / St Pius X we now have one team of Lay Funeral Ministers trained to support families in prayer. Our Lay Ministers will, going forward, lead prayers at gravesides and crematoriums or in the funeral home, family home the evening before. Going forward, our lay ministers lead prayers at gravesides and crematoriums. They will also lead families in prayer in funeral homes or family homes as requested. Our new lay ministers will be commissioned for service at the 11.30 am Mass in St Pius X church on Sunday 1st November, the feast of All Saints.

Church Heating You may be aware our church heating is unfortunately out of order at the moment. Thank God, we haven’t needed it during the summer months. The problem is with leakage in underground piping which will need to be replaced. We are currently putting a project out to tender but envisage it will take some months to resolve. As the colder weather sets in we ask you to hang in there with us and wrap up as appropriate when coming to church. This vital repair work is very expensive and is estimated will cost in the region of €150,000. It’s a good time to review your financial support of the parish. Do you support the parish planned giving / family offering collection? (This is separate to the first and second collections at Mass). The family offering is what pays for the day to day running of the parish and all associated costs, which are substantial. Everyone who supports and cares about the work and mission of our parish should be supporting the family offering collection, according to your means. Further information and forms are available in the parish office.

St Jude Church collections last weekend First collection € 1040, Cross Care € 2010. Very much appreciated, Thank you.

Saints & Feast days during the coming week: 29th – Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, archangels; 30th – Jerome, doctor of the Church, translated the Bible into the Vulgate Latin, and wrote commentaries on Scripture; 1st – Thérèse of Lisieux, doctor of the Church, known for her 'little way' to God; 2nd – Guardian Angels; 3rd – Blessed Columba Marmion, whose aim in life was to bring people to God and to bring God to people.

First Friday This coming Friday is the First Friday of October. Morning Mass will be celebrated in St Judes at 10am and in the evening at 7pm in St Pius X, at which we prayerfully remember all those who are named on the Altar List of the Dead.

Blessing of pets The Season of Creation concludes on Sunday 4th October, the feast of St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and the environment. To celebrate the feast there will be a short blessing of pets next **Saturday 3rd October at 12noon**, in the grounds of St Pius X Church.. Please ensure that all dogs are on a lead.

Safeguarding Sunday 'This year our diocesan Safeguarding Sunday coincides with the "World Day of Migrants and Refugees". We should take this opportunity to reflect on the particular vulnerability of the children who come to this country as refugees or seeking international protection.'

Archbishop Dermot Farrell

Message - Holy Father Pope Leo XIV for the 112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees -27th September 2026 ***"Even just one of these children"*** "The title is a reference to Matthew 18:5: *'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.'* With this theme, our Holy Father intends to express the Church's concern for minors directly involved in migration, recalling the duty to welcome each one of them as the Gospel teaches us. You may access Pope Leo's full message from parish website

Month of the Rosary Each week during the month of October, on one afternoon each week, we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction during which we will recite the rosary – one afternoon for each of the mysteries – at 3.00pm to 4.00pm, in St Pius X Church
Wednesday 7th - The Glorious Mysteries (*Our Lady of The Rosary*)
Tuesday 13th - The Sorrowful Mysteries
Thursday 22nd - The Mysteries of Light (*Feast of St John Paul II*)
Monday 26th - The Joyful Mysteries

The Art Class are looking for new members, male and female, every Wednesday 2-4pm in the Parish Centre. Contact Jo @ 087 2662996

Retiree Pilates and Strength Classes Mondays 11.15am - 12.15pm. Price €15 per class. More details can be found on info@cmgfit.com or text 08607598881 for further details.

As Christians, as humans, the plight of those forced to flee because of violence or persecution becomes our concern too.