

Parish of St. Jude the Apostle's Newsletter  
Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb, Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2025  
The Presentation of The Lord, Year C.  
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: Mon, Tue, Thu** 10.00am // **Sat** 7.00pm // **Sun** 11.30am // **First Friday**  
7.00pm. **Taize Mass:** Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 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.  
Email [stjudesparishwillington@gmail.com](mailto:stjudesparishwillington@gmail.com)  
Phone +353 (0)1 4600127, **Eircode D6W YH51**.  
Parish website [www.stjudesparish.net](http://www.stjudesparish.net)

#### Anniversaries this weekend:

**Sat 1<sup>st</sup> 5.30pm:** Willy Power (Anniv),  
Susan Gordon (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv), Katherine Tracy (11<sup>th</sup> Anniv),  
Shiela Murray (Rec Dec), Jimmy Martin (Rec Dec),  
Richard Kennedy (Rec Dec), Helen (Special Int.).

**Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> 10.00am:** Seamus Keating (17<sup>th</sup> Anniv),  
Michael Conroy (10<sup>th</sup> Anniv), Michael Ryan (Anniv),  
Tom Ryan (Anniv), Paddy Doyle (Anniv),  
Maureen Corrigan (Rec Dec), Catherine Higgins (Rec Dec),  
Sophie and Family (Special Int.).

#### Refrain Sunday Morning Mass

Take and eat, this is my body given up for you.  
Take and drink, this is my blood given up for you.

Magnificat, Magnificat anima mea Dominum.

#### **NOTICES:**

**Parish Centre Office Shop** - Mass Cards, Baptismal Candles, Rosary beads, Opening hours same as Parish Office (above).

**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.  
(Apologies, Cash Only at the moment).

**Family Mass** – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb in St Pius X at 7pm

**Youth Café** – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> in St Pius X St Mary's Room after Family Mass.

**St Jude the Apostle 50th Celebrations:** - In 2025 it will be 50 years since the parish of St Jude the Apostle became a parish 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 1975. Volunteers to help us celebrate this occasion needed. Volunteers from St Pius X very welcome. Anyone who would be willing to serve on a committee to plan and organise events should contact either: the parish office, a member of the Parish Council, Tommy Hartnett or Liam Dolan.

**Donations** We are very pleased to announce that St Judes Parish donated €1,600.00 to Laura Lynn Hospice and €1,600 to Brother Kevin Capuchin Day Centre. Thank you very much for your generosity.

#### **Child Protection Information Sessions for Volunteers**

To comply with Diocesan Policy, **all** Parish Volunteers must attend an Information Session every three years. All those currently in ministry are asked to please take advantage of the coming dates in order to comply with this requirement. The most convenient location for volunteers from St Judes Parish is **Mt Argus on 12th February at 7.30pm**

#### **Online Enrolment for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy**

**Communion** Parents of 6th class children and 2nd class children are invited to enrol their children for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion, to be celebrated in May this year. Online enrolment via links on our parish website. We would kindly ask parents to complete the enrolment by Friday 7th February 2025. This will enable the parish to keep parents informed about developments in the preparation for the Sacraments. Our Family Mass on the second Saturday of each month is a central element of your child's preparation for the Sacrament and therefore can we ask you to please make the effort to attend each month.

Link for registration for **Communion** <https://forms.gle/kWiJ1DhKb5AtudSv7>

Link for registration for **Confirmation** <https://forms.gle/MM9jFzZdycgeX1bp9>

Please Note: You will also need to drop a copy of your child's Baptism Cert into the Parish Office (Mon, Wed and Fri 9.30 - 12.30.) Certs are available from the church where your child was baptised.

**Blessing of Candles** - This weekend we celebrate Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. Candles will be Blessed at all Masses this weekend.

**Bank Holiday Monday (3<sup>rd</sup> Feb)** – St Judes church - No Mass.

**Notices continued**

**Bank Holiday Monday (3<sup>rd</sup> Feb) Feast of St Blaise, Bishop and Martyr –**

St Pius X 1100am Mass traditional Blessing of the throats during Mass.

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb – First Friday** Mass will be celebrated in St Judes at 10am and St Pius X in the evening at 7pm commending to God's mercy the souls of all our beloved dead named on the Parish Altar List.

**Readings**

**A reading from the book of Malachi** (Mal 3:1-4) The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his Temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fullers' alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to Yahweh as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by Yahweh as in former days, as in the years of old. *The Word of the Lord.* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalms (Ps 23:7-10) R Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord.**

O gates, lift up your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! R

Who is the king of glory? The Lord, the mighty, the valiant, The Lord, the valiant in war. R

O gates, lift up your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory!. R

Who is he, the king of glory? He, the Lord of armies, he is the king of glory. R

**A reading from the letter to the Hebrews** (Heb 2:14-18)

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Jesus too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

***Alleluia, alleluia! The light to enlighten the Gentiles and give glory to Israel, your people. Alleluia!***

**A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke** (Lk 2:22-40) (*For Shorter Form, read between > < .*) >When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said: 'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel'. <

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.' There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem. When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

*The Gospel of the Lord*

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

***My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.***