

Parish of St. Jude the Apostle's Newsletter
Saturday 3rd Sunday 4th January 2026
2nd Sunday of Christmas
A Warm Welcome to all to our Church.
Thank you for joining us for Mass.



Mass Times

St Judes: Mon (except BH), Wed, Fri 10.00am // Sat 5.30 pm // Sun 10.00am.

St Pius X: Tue, Thu 10.00am // Sat 7.00pm // Sun 11.30am //

St Pius X First Friday 7.00pm. **Taize Mass: St Jude's Jan 25th.** 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
Phone +353 (0)1 4600127, **Eircode D6W YH51.**
Parish website www.stjudesparish.net

Mass Intentions

Saturday 3rd 5.30pm

Pat Ring (Rec Dec),
Bill Bolger (Rec Dec),
Lyn Mulllery (Anniv),
Sheila O'Brien (20th Anniv),

Mary Hedderman (Rec Dec),
Teddy Hartley (Rec Dec),
Kirsty Doolan (Anniv),
Paddy and Mary Gready (Annivs).

Sunday 4th 10.00am

Pat Creaney (Rec Dec),
Nancy Mee (Rec Dec),
May Cullen (Anniv),
Mick O'Neill (Anniv),

Terry Mee (Rec Dec),
Richard (Dickie) Williams (Rec Dec),
Ann O'Connor (Anniv),
Andreas McEntee (21st Anniv).

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.

Bookings for Anniversary Masses etc. Please give one Months' notice. All anniversary and remembrance masses must be booked through the Parish Office.

NOTICES:

Wishing all our parishioners a Healthy, Happy and Peaceful 2026

St Jude's Parish Office will reopen Monday 5th January 2026

Cosy Corner Café will open Monday 5th January 2026. Best wishes for 2026 to all our customers.

Family Mass next Saturday 10th January St Pius X 7pm.

St Vincent de Paul collection next weekend 10th, 11th January.

New Year Resolutions - Have you made a new Year's Resolution?

If the answer is "No", perhaps you could select one or two from Pope Francis's List.

Every year, millions set New Year's resolutions aiming for positive change. Common themes include becoming more active in health and fitness, improving finances, and personal growth through learning. However, most of us often struggle to keep these promises—sometimes because they're simply unrealistic. The secret to a practical New Year's resolution lies in the list itself! Take Pope Francis's simple yet deep advice:

1. Avoid Gossip "Gossiping is akin to Judas's betrayal and tearing someone down. Judging others or speaking ill of them is akin to murder—there's no such thing as harmless slander."

2. Finish Your Meal "Wasting food is like stealing from the hungry. Reflecting on this can inspire solidarity and sharing with those in need."

3. Make Time for Others "Find moments to be kind, thank others, and make someone feel valued".

4. Choose Humble Purchases "Possessions and wealth may bring fleeting happiness, but they ultimately control you and breed insatiable desire. Trust in God for lasting fulfillment."

5. Meet the Poor Personally "Hospitality alone isn't enough; charity should transform lives, not just provide temporary relief."

6. Stop Judging Others "If someone seeks the Lord sincerely, who am I to judge? Hatred and pride stain our lives."

7. Friend Those Who Disagree "Dialogue is essential for growth—whether in families or society. Approaching others with openness leads to mutual understanding and respect."

8. Make Commitments "Be revolutionary—resist the culture of fleeting pleasures and irresponsibility. Have faith in yourself, and dare to be happy."

9. Ask the Lord for Guidance "Many people, young and old are unsure about their future. Pray and ask God to reveal your path, just like Samuel did."

10. Choose Happiness "Joy is a journey, a gift from walking with God. Sharing Him spreads happiness along the way."

READINGS Year A.

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus (Si 24:1-2.8-12)

Wisdom speaks her own praises; in the midst of her people she glories in herself. She opens her mouth in the assembly of the Most High, she glories in herself in the presence of the Mighty One; "Then the creator of all things instructed me, and he who created me fixed a place for my tent. He said, 'Pitch your tent in Jacob, make Israel your inheritance.' From eternity, in the beginning, he created me, and for all eternity I shall remain. I ministered before him I the holy tabernacle, and thus was I established on Zion. In the beloved city he has given me rest, and in Jerusalem I wield my authority. I have taken root in a privileged people in the Lord's property, in his inheritance. ***The Word of the Lord.*** **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms (Ps 147:12-15.19-20) & The Word was made flesh and lived among us.

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem! Zion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates; he has blessed the children within you. R

He established peace on your borders, he feeds you with finest wheat.

He sends out his word to the earth and swiftly runs his command. R

He makes his word known to Jacob, to Israel his laws and decrees.

He has not dealt thus with other nations; he has not taught them his decrees. R

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians (Ep 1:3-6. 15-18)

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determining that we should become his adopted sons and daughters, through Jesus Christ, for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved. That will explain why I, having once heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus, and the love that you show towards all the saints, have never failed to remember you in my prayers and to thank God for you. May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what

hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit. ***The Word of the Lord.*** **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to you, O Christ, proclaimed to the pagans. Glory be to you, O Christ, believed in by the world. Alleluia!

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to John (Jn 1:1-18)

(For Shorter Form, read between → ←). → In the beginning was the Word: the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him. All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower. ← A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light. → The Word was the true light that enlightens all; and he was coming into the world. He was in the world that had its being through him, and the world did not know him. He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him. But to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to all who believe in the name of him who was born not out of human stock or urge of the flesh or will of man but of God himself. The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth. ← John appears as his witness. He proclaims: 'This is the one of whom I said: He who comes after me ranks before me because he existed before me'. Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us, received – yes, grace in return for grace, since, though the Law was given through Moses, grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart, who has made him known. ***The Gospel of the Lord Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

To all who would accept him, he gave the power to become children of God.

May God bring you clarity to your thoughts, calm to your soul and joy to your heart.