

**Parish of St. Jude the Apostle's Newsletter**  
**Saturday 4th Sunday 5th April 2026**  
**Easter Sunday**

***A Warm Welcome to all to our Church.***

***Thank you for joining us for Mass.***



**St Judes Information Mass Times** Please see Parish Website

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.

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday and in St Pius X on 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

**The Mass intentions this weekend are for all those whose names are included in Easter Bouquets.**

## **READINGS Year A**

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.** (Ac 10:34.37-43)

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea: about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the country-side of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days

afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.’

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 117: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23 & Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say: ‘His love has no end.’ **&**

The Lord’s right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. **&**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **&**

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians (Col 3:1-4)**

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God’s right hand.

Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with

Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

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

**Sequence:** Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled. Death with life contended; combat strangely ended! Life’s own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ’s glory as he rose! The angels there attesting, shroud with grave-clothes resting. Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!

**Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed;  
let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (Mt 20: 1-9)**

After the sabbath, and towards dawn on the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to visit the sepulchre. And all at once there was a violent earthquake, for the angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled away the stone and sat on it. His face was like lightning, his robe white as snow. The guards were so shaken, so frightened of him, that they were like dead men. But the angel spoke; and he said to the women, ‘There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who

was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would. Come and see the place where he lay, then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him." Now I have told you.' Filled with awe and great joy the women came quickly away from the tomb and ran to tell the disciples. And there, coming to meet them, was Jesus. 'Greetings' he said. And the women came up to him and, falling down before him, clasped his feet. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee; they will see me there.' *The Gospel of the Lord* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

***Lord Jesus, you are the true Lamb who has taken away the sins of the world; by dying you have destroyed our death, and by rising, restored our life.***

<b>NOTICES:</b>
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**Message from Father Pat** It may be difficult for many people to sense that Easter Joy this year - so much war and destruction, financial and political issues as well as the weight of whatever worries or concerns each one of us carries. Our capacity for communication is such that we can be overwhelmed by the darkness that so often assails us. But this is, as it always has been.

I say that not in despair but in hope. The world in which Jesus immersed himself was one full of enmity and violence too. And into this chaos he breathes his message.... 'the Kingdom of God is close at hand'....peace be with you. The response of the powerbrokers of the time, as it too often was, torture and execution. All seemed lost, wasted. But NOTHING is ever wasted in our pilgrimage with God. Nothing was wasted in Jesus' passion and death. His resurrection is our reassurance too, that the Kingdom of God is always close at hand - that we can have peace, peace even in the shadows of life.

As disciples of Jesus, we are invited to live in a unique and privileged way - to live within that peace that seeks constantly to live within us. That is the message of the Eucharist, that is the message of Easter. May we allow the peace of the Risen Jesus to dwell in us this Easter season and may we live in that peace with one another. Peace be with you. **Fr Pat**

**St Vincent de Paul** collection will take place at all masses weekend 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> April

**PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK** 25th April both St Judes and St Pius X churches. Bus collection points St Pius X 8.30 sharp and St Judes at 9 a.m. sharp. The price is €25. Please call into the Parish Office. in St Judes or St Pius X to register.

**Pilgrimage to Lourdes 3<sup>rd</sup>- 7th August 2026 (4 nights)** If interested, please contact Deacon Gerry: 086 842 1513 / [gerryplarkin@outlook.com](mailto:gerryplarkin@outlook.com)

**Family Mass** The next celebration of Family Mass for the parishes of St Pius X and St Judes will take place next Saturday 11th April at the 5.30pm Vigil in St Judes. We encourage all families with young children to join us for this Mass, however we especially encourage the children who will be celebrating First Holy Communion during May to join us for this Mass.

**Tommy wishes to thank** everyone who helped in the celebration of Mass on Holy Thursday.

**A Sincere Thank You** to all who helped in so many ways with the preparation and celebration of Holy Week. Thank you to those who cleaned, prepared and decorated the church, prepared flower arrangements and to the many who assisted in the preparation and celebration of all aspects of the Easter Liturgies.

**Urbi et Orbi** On Easter Sunday morning Pope Leo XIV will deliver his message and Easter Blessing to the city and the world from St Peter's Basilica at 12noon. This can be viewed live from the Holy See website - [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va). It is also being televised on RTE1.

**Scripture Group** next meeting will take place this coming Wednesday 8th April at 7.30pm in the Sacristy St Pius X Church.

**Trócaire Boxes / Offering** We invite you to return your Trócaire Box(es) / offering to the Parish Office during this coming week or alternatively bring it along to Mass next weekend. Thank you.

**Easter Monday** 6<sup>th</sup> April, St Judes church will be open. Funeral Mass at 10am.

**First Friday - Evening Mass** This coming Friday 10th April Mass will be celebrated at 7pm in St Pius X, remembering all those named on the Altar List of the Dead. First Friday Mass is taking place this coming Friday due to Good Friday.

**Easter Prayer** God, we come before you with grateful hearts for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. We thank You for His sacrifice on the cross and for the hope of eternal life that His resurrection brings. May we never take for granted the magnitude of your love for us and may we always be filled with gratitude for your blessings in Jesus' name.