

Parish of St. Jude the Apostle's Newsletter
Saturday 6th Sunday 7th December 2025
Second Sunday of Advent
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 Dec 7th. 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.
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Mass Intentions

Saturday 6th 5.30pm

Pat Shaughnessy (Anniv),
The Keane Family (Annivs),
Seamus McHugh (Annivs),
Daniel Malone (1st Anniv),

Pat and Gloria Maguire (Anniv),
Michael McHugh (Anniv),
Bridie, Jerry, Tom Maguire (Annivs),
Fergal Lyons (17th Anniv).

Sunday 7th 10.00am

Fr. Brian Connolly (Anniv),
Michael Barber (Anniv),
Baby Grace (1st Anniv)
Mohammed + Frances Muharez (nee Collard) (Annivs),
Sinnead Hayes (21st Anniv).

Patricia Creaney (Rec Dec),
Jack Crennan (Anniv),
Baby Abigail Rose Hollingsworth (Anniv),
Christy McCormack (9th 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:

50th Anniversary Mass: Archbishop Dermot Farrell will be celebrating the 10am Mass on Sunday 7th December which will be exactly 50 years to the day since the Church was opened. Please join us for this celebration. There will be a cuppa after Mass in the Hall in the Parish Centre.

Taize Mass this Sunday at 7.30pm. Celebrant Bishop Eamonn Walsh. Entrance through Rossmore door. All very welcome.

Department of Education - Have your say The current Department of Education survey on the future of patronage in the primary sector is important in that it will shape the discussion on primary school divesting for the years to come throughout the Republic of Ireland. The survey is school specific and **needs to be responded to by all parents and prospective parents locally**. It is important that those who wish for a change in patronage would have their voice heard. It is equally important that those who wish for a Catholic education for their children, and the support for sacramental preparation available in Catholic schools, would have their voice heard also. For those reasons and to ensure that an accurate picture emerges, **please participate in this survey if you are a parent or a prospective parent of a Primary school student. The survey can be accessed at www.gov.ie/primaryschoolssurvey/.** It closes on Tuesday, December 16.

St Vincent de Paul Annual Christmas Appeal will be held at all Masses **this weekend 6th/7th December**. The collection will replace the Share (2nd) collection. Thank you for your donations.

Message from Father Pat. Many thanks to everyone who supported our parish Christmas Fair last Sunday. A special word of thanks to our organising committee, volunteers and sponsors and Santa Claus of course. The afternoon was a great expression of our community at its best.

Monday, 8th December, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and a holy day of obligation.

St Judes Advent Carol Service - Sunday 14th December - 7.30pm.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Pastoral Area - Wednesday 17th December at 7.30pm St Joseph's Parish, St Pius X Parish and St Jude's Parish Penitential Service in St Joseph's Church, Terenure

Bambinelli Sunday. Next Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete **Sunday. Confessions Saturday 20th December** St Pius X 12noon - 1pm.

St Jude the Apostle 1pm - 2pm

2026 Calendars supporting Parkinson's Disease are available for sale in the Parish Office. Please support this worthy cause.

Light Up a Life Christmas Cards for the Hospice in Harolds Cross are for sale in the Parish Office.

Hope Suicide Prevention Centre Christmas Concert St Aengus Church Tallaght
14th December 6.30pm

READINGS

A reading from the prophet Isaiah. (Is 11:1-10)

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict of hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless; his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 71:1-2.7-8.12-13.17)

R In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.

O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement R
In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.

He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. R
For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. R

May his name be blessed for ever and endure like the sun.

Every tribe shall be blessed in him, all nations bless his name. R

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans. (Rm 15:4-9)

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give

glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name. *The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all humankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. (Mt 3:1-12)

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The circle without beginning or end of our Advent Wreath points us towards God who was, who is and who will be. The green branches symbolise life. The additional candle lit each week shows the gradual unfolding of God's plan for humankind and for us.

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small.

All things wise and wonderful The Good Lord made them all.