

**Parish of St. Jude the Apostle's Newsletter**  
**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December, Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024**  
*A Warm Welcome to all to our Church.*  
*Thank you for joining us for Mass.*



**Mass Times**

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
<b>St Judes</b>	10am	-	10am	-	10am	5.30pm	10am
<b>St Pius X</b>	10am	10am	-	10am	First Fri 7pm	7pm	11.30am

**Additional Information**

**St Judes** Tuesday morning Prayer Service and Holy Communion 10.00am  
 Thursday morning Rosary and Holy Communion 10.00am, Adoration 9.15 to 11.00am  
 Friday morning Adoration 10.30am -1.00pm.  
 Saturday morning 10.00, Prayer Service with Holy Communion.  
 Confessions on request to Fr. Pat.  
**Taize Mass:** Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm.

**St Judes Parish Office Opening Hours:** Monday, Wednesday, Friday 09.30 – 12.30.  
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**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent, Year C. 8 December 2024.**

**A reading from the prophet Baruch (Ba 5:1-9)**

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness.' Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort. *The Word of the Lord.* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm (Ps 125) & What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.**

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.  
 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **R**  
 The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'  
 What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **R**  
 Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.  
 Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **R**  
 They go out, they go out, full of tears carrying seed for the sowing:

they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **R**

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians (Ph 1:4-6. 8-11)**

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God. *The Word of the Lord.* **Thanks be to God.**

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

## **A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (Lk 3:1-6)**

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God. *The Gospel of the Lord* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **NOTICES:**

**Taize Mass:** This Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm.

**ADORATION INVITE:** - During Advent, why not sacrifice some time every Friday, between 10.30 am and 1pm to pray before the Blessed Eucharist. "The Prince of Peace", for Peace in the World. Imagine what it would be like if we had continuous Prayer, every Friday, rising to Heaven from our Church, for Peace in the World.

**LECTIO DIVINA JOURNYING WITH THE WORD OF GOD** - As we come to the season of Advent you are invited to join us to grow in uniting ourselves with the Lord by getting to know Him through the practice of Lectio Divina reading and experiencing the Word of God for each Sunday in Advent, as we wait in Joyful Hope for the coming of the Lord. Each Thursday at 2.00pm Room 1 in the Parish Centre St. Jude. All Welcome.

**Hospice Light Up A Light** – Light Up A Light Cards and Names for the Light Up A Light available in Parish Office.

**Parish Centre Office Shop** - Mass Cards, Baptismal Candles, Rosary beads, Christmas Cards, Christmas Mass Bouquets, also Charity Packs of Christmas Cards now available.. Opening hours same as Parish Office (above).

**Parish Centre Gift Shop Clearance Sale** – Everything 50% OFF Gifts for all occasions (See Paddy, Cash Only).

**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.

**Cosy Corner Café** – (Tom 083 1838006). Open Tues – Fri 8.30am - 3.30pm / Sat-Sun 9am - 2pm.

**Advance Notice St Judes Christmas Carol Service** Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm.

**Toddlers World** A fun interactive music class, suitable from 4 months to 4 years and beyond. Mon, Thurs and Fri in St Judes Pastoral Centre 9.45am – 11am. Contact Amanda 086 1700806 to book.

**Focus Ireland** wish to thank all the parishioners and St Judes for all their support over the last year and to wish everybody a Very Happy Christmas.

### **Family Mass this weekend**

This Saturday we celebrate our monthly family Mass in St Pius X Church at the 7pm Vigil Mass. We welcome children and families from both the St Pius X and St Jude the Apostle parishes. We encourage families with young children to join us for this Mass. This is a wonderful opportunity to help the children prepare for Christmas and the celebration of the Lord's Nativity.

**Feast of The Immaculate Conception - 9<sup>th</sup> December** - With the 8<sup>th</sup> December falling this year on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent the celebration of the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** is celebrated on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December**. This is a holy day of obligation and Mass will be celebrated on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> as follows.-.

**St Pius X - 10am, St Judes - 10am, St Pius X - 7pm**

**A HUGE THANK YOU** - to all who were able to respond to last Sunday's appeal in support of the great and much needed outreach of Merchants Quay. The response in St Pius X and in St Jude's was nothing short of amazing. All items and offerings will be presented to the personnel of Merchants Quay on Monday who are so very grateful for your generosity. **WELL DONE.**

**St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal 2024** This Sunday, we have the opportunity to support the volunteers of SVP in their ministry of reaching out this Christmas to help those who come to them for assistance. Today's collection is the second collection, replacing the usual Share collection. **Many, many thanks for your donation.**

### **Development of Faith & Prayer**

Wednesday 11th December at 7.30pm in Kimmage Manor Parish Hall, Bríd Liston will present on Love: a human relational value, radicalised by Jesus Christ and lived by us as Christian disciples. All are welcome.

**Scripture Group - St Pius X Church** This coming Wednesday 11th December at 7.30pm in the Sacristy. New members are always welcome. Please come along on Wednesday or contact Deacon Gerry 086 842 1513.

**CAROLS FOR ALL** Rathgar - Terenure Fellowship invite you to ZION Church, Bushy Park Road, Rathgar Friday 13th December at 7pm *Followed by refreshments*

### **Bambinelli Sunday**

Next Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday, or Bambinelli Sunday. Gaudete means Rejoice and on this Sunday we rejoice that Christ is coming. A tradition in Rome and now elsewhere in the world is for families to bring the baby Jesus from their family crib to church where they are blessed at Mass. We invite families to bring your baby Jesus figure to Mass next Saturday / Sunday or have it present with you at home for the broadcast Mass to receive the blessing.

### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - St Pius X Church**

This Sunday, 8th December there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 3-4pm, concluding with Benediction.

**Knocklyon History Society** – Christmas 2024 Celebration A selection of Seamus Heaney's poems Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 7.45pm. Location The Iona Centre, Knocklyon beside St Columcille's Church (No 15 bus to Supervalu Knocklyon).

### **Anniversaries this weekend:**

**Sat 7<sup>th</sup> 5.30pm:** Baby Abigale Rose Hollingsworth (Anniv), Tom Finn (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv), Ann O'Connor Rogers (Rec Dec), Yvonne Wilson (Months Mind), Alex Mc Farlane (Anniv), Peggy Mc Farlane (Anniv), Catherine Sheil (Anniv), Doloras Maher (Get Well).

**Sun 8<sup>th</sup> 10.00am:** Fergal Lyons (Anniv), Breda Walsh (19<sup>th</sup> Anniv), Sinead Hayes (20<sup>th</sup> Anniv), Jack Crennan (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv), Gertie Boland (Months Mind), Christopher Daly (Anniv), Mary Daly (Months Mind), Teresa and Val Finegan (Annivs)

***Arise and stand upon the heights and behold the joy which comes to you from God***