

PARISH OF THE HOLY REDEEMER DUNDALK

1ST JANUARY 2023

Mary, The Holy Mother Of God A Parish in the 'Dun Dealgan' Pastoral Area



PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Dear Lord, we pray that this New Year will bring us closer to You. May we take the time to get to know You. Help us to truly celebrate the gifts You have graciously given us and use them to serve You and spread Your word. May we also see and love You in all the people we meet, so that in turn, they can see You in us. We know that all human relations take time if they are to grow and deepen. This is also true of our relations with You, the Father and the Holy Spirit, which must grow over the course of our lives. In this new year, let us realise that every action of ours no matter how great or small enables us to be in touch with You. Let us accept You in our lives, in the way it pleases You, as the truth to be spoken, as life, to be lived, as light, to lighted, as love to be followed, as joy to be given as peace, to spread about, as sacrifice, to be offered among our relatives, friends, neighbours, and all people. **Amen**

On this coming Friday 6th January we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord which is a Holy day of obligation. Mass time - 10.00am.

People find God in many different ways at different times of life. Prayer, nature, love, sacraments and even suffering are privileged ways. Also in questioning the depths of the meaning of life, and in questioning who God is. Like the Magi, we find God in our own way, each of us following a personal star leading to God. The Magi were people who bypassed some ordinary ways that the people of the time went towards God, yet they found their way. All of his life, Jesus, the child of Bethlehem will be reaching out to everyone, finding them as they look for him. The Magi were true to their search and found God in a child

WORDS OF THANKS FROM THE PRIESTS OF THE PARISH To everyone who worked so hard over the Christmas period to ensure that the Church and the Masses were so beautiful and prayerful. We are so grateful for every contribution - however small - and we ask God's blessing on everyone who 'gave' of their talents, time, abilities and donations this Christmas. Thank You!

<u>CHURCH GATE COLLECTION</u> This weekend is in aid of St. Vincent De Paul. We thank you for your support.

<u>A SECOND COLLECTION</u> will be taken up at all Masses next weekend to build up parish funds for future maintenance.

<u>CHRISTMAS DUES 2022</u> The Christmas dues are currently being collected. These dues are for the upkeep of the priests who serve this parish. We are grateful to all the dues collectors for their work and the generous support of the parishioners. Dues books and envelopes are available for collection in the sacristy. If you do not receive a Dues Envelope and would like to make a donation, please avail of an envelope which are located at the back of the Church. Thank you.

MASS TIMES IN OUR CHURCH: Saturday Evening Vigil: 6.00pm. Sundays: 10.00am & 11.30am. Weekdays: Monday - Saturday: 10.00am. There will be no confessions the week after Christmas.

PRIESTS IN PARISH V Rev Mark O'Hagan Adm. Rev Maciej Zacharek CC Rev Stephen Wilson CC. Rev Peter Hassan CC Tel: 042 933 4259



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 10am-1pm. 2pm-4pm. Office closed Friday-Sunday

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COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT:

"Conscious of our brokenness and moved by the Spirit of Compassion, we the Holy Redeemer Parish Pastoral Council, strive to be messengers of God's healing and love in today's world and to encourage and support all parishioners to bear witness to the Gospel of Christ."

Anniversary and Remembrance Masses				
Saturday	31st Dec	6.00pm	RIP	Peter Richardson. Mass intentions Por the week
(Vigil)		1		Š
Sunday	1st Jan	10.00am		
		11.30am	Av's	Barlow McCrave & Seamus McArdle.
Monday	2nd Jan	10.00am	$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}$	Micéal Hinchey.
Tuesday	3rd Jan	10.00am		Holy Souls.
Wednesday	4th Jan	10.00am	$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}$	Thomas Callan.
Thursday	5th Jan	10.00am		
Friday	6th Jan	10.00am		Parish List of the Dead.
Saturday	7th Jan	10.00am		Mass Card Intentions.
(Vigil)			Av's	Margaret Sullivan. James Smyth. Laurence Mulrey.
		6.00pm	Av's	Joan Agnew. Jim McCabe. Paddy McEnteggart.
				Carol, Connie & Briege Brady.
				Gerard Kearney. Terry Beagan Jnr. Molly Landy.
Sunday	8th Jan	10.00am	Av's	Reggie Murphy. Tom McFaul.
		11.30am	MM	Tom Gernon.
			MM	Peter Shevlin.

<u>FRIDAY IS FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH:</u> The sick and housebound will be attended during the week as arranged. If you or you know anyone who would like to be attended to on the First Friday of the month by the priest please contact the parish office.

<u>CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY</u> Takes place this Sunday at 3pm in St. Nicholas' Church, Dundalk. Featuring Holy Hour, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Confessions and Anointing of the Sick. Come and receive God's blessing.

<u>BAPTISMS</u> Are being conducted fortnightly at 12:00 noon on a Saturday and at 12:30pm on a Sunday (these times may change if a funeral is taking place). Call to the parish office to arrange a day and time for the Baptism. Please give at least one months' notice.

<u>CHRISTMAS CRIB</u> You are invited to spend some time in prayer at the Christmas Crib in our Church. May this time give you peace and joy, and a feeling of closeness to God and to one another.



OUTDOOR CRIB "Bethany", House of Prayer, 34 Point Road, Dundalk. All are welcome to visit the Crib in our front garden.

2023 PARISH CALENDARS are available at the back of the Church. Please feel free to help yourselves. If you have a neighbour, friend or family member who would like one, please take one for them.





SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS POLICY STATEMENT

The parish recognises and upholds the rights of all children and vulnerable adults and is committed to ensuring their safety and wellbeing at all times. A copy of the policy is always available for those who wish to view it in the parish office or the Sacristy.

