

**Parish of the Holy Redeemer, Dundalk.**

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**8th December 2008**

**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**Priests of the Parish:** Fr. Padriag Keenan & Fr. Patrick Rushe.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT**

*Our mission is to create a vibrant parish for the enrichment of all. Learning and communicating with each other and, energised by the Spirit of Pentecost, we will work to build a spiritual community and witness to Jesus Christ.*

**Christmas Mass Times.**

**Wednesday 24th Dec. (Christmas Eve)**

**Family Mass: 6.00pm.**

Vigil Mass for Christmas: **10.00pm**  
(Carol Service at 9.30pm.)

**Thursday 25th Dec. (Christmas Day)**

**Mass: 10.00am 11.30am. & 12.30pm.**

**Sacrament of Confession:**

**Parish Penitential Service:**

Monday 22nd December at **7.30pm.**

**Confessions:** Wed 24th December.

10.30am. - 11.00am.

12.00noon - 1.00pm.

**Advent Prayer Service** (in preparation for the Birth of Jesus Christ.)

Wednesdays 10th December

7.30pm - 8.00pm.

**The Pope's Intentions for December.**

**General:** That in the face of a spreading of culture of violence and death the Church through her apostolic and missionary activity may promote with courage the culture of life.

**Missionary:** That especially in mission countries Christians may show with acts of fraternal love that the Child born in the stable at Bethlehem is the luminous Hope of the world.

**Mary's Dream**

*I had a dream, Joseph:*

*I don't understand it,*

*but I think it was about a birthday celebration for our son.*

*The people in my dream had been preparing for about 6 weeks.*

*They had decorated the house and bought new clothes.*

*They'd gone shopping many times and bought many elaborate gifts.*

*It was peculiar, though, because the presents weren't for our son.*

*They wrapped them in beautiful paper and stacked them under a tree.*

*That's right Joseph, a tree, right inside their homes!*

*They'd decorated the tree with sparkling ornaments.*

*There was a figure like an angel on top of the tree.*

*Everyone was laughing and happy.*

*They gave the gifts to each other, Joseph, not to our son. I don't think they even knew him.*

*They never mentioned his name, I had the strangest feeling that, if our son*

*Jesus had gone to this celebration, he would have been intruding.*

*How sad for someone not to be wanted at his own birthday party.*

*I'm glad it was only a dream.*

*Imagine how awful Joseph if it had been real.*

**The Immaculate Conception of Mary the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

We celebrate Mary who from the first instant of her experience in the womb of her mother Anne was 'by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God, and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved free from all stain of original sin.'

**CHRISTMAS DUES 2008**

**The Dues** is a source of income for *Archbishop Sean Brady & the Priests* of the Parish. The **Priests Dues** are collected during the year. We thank you for your generosity in the past and your continued support.

**We wish to inform you that the Christmas Priests Dues will be collected during the coming weeks.**

*We are grateful to all the Dues Collectors for their work and the support of the Parishioners.*

**Pastoral Areas.**

- **Fr. Keenan:** Woodland Park, Woodview Terrace, Oakland Park, Barton Park, Marian Park, Townspark, Ardee Road, St. Ronan's Terrace, Mounthamilton, (Ardee Road), Knockbridge Road, Ballybarrack, Patrick Tierney Terrace, Brickfield Close, Ard Easmuinn, Mount Avenue.
- **Fr. Rushe:** Ashling Park, Farndreg Estate, New Farndreg, Castleross, Carrick Road, Mounthamilton Close, Willowgrove, Railway Terrace, Demesne Terrace, Rockfield Gardens, Cedarwood Park, Beechmount Drive, Lis Na Dara.

**Armagh Diocesan Youth Council & Habitat for Humanity NI.** Are you aged 18—35? Do you want to help a family in Ethiopia to get the house they've always wanted? We are looking for 16 young people in the Diocese who will "build houses, build hope, build communities" in a partnership project with the Armagh Diocesan Youth Council and Habitat for Humanity NI. The build will take place mid July-mid August. Actual dates to be confirmed.

For more information contact: Pierce/Kate on 04837525592

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