

## Parish Flag



## PARISH OF THE HOLY REDEEMER, DUNDALK

8th December 2010

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

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT

*Celebrating our Pentecostal faith in the Eucharist, we continue to be a vibrant, inclusive, faith, community, in the Spirit of our loving Redeemer.*

**TODAY IS THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.** (A holy day of obligation) 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.' **Mass Times are: 10.00am, 11.30am & 7.30pm.**

**A HEALING MASS** will be celebrated at the 7.30pm Mass tonight (Wednesday 8th December).



**PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS:** Wednesdays of Advent; 15th & 22nd December in the Church of the Holy Redeemer from 7.30pm—8.00pm. **Remember the reason for the season!**

**PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS** by reflecting on the Sunday readings in Advent each Wednesday at 2.15pm. Sr. Clare, 137 Cedarwood Pk. 9339816. **All welcome.**

**DUNDALK CURSILLO:** Mass in preparation for Christmas Friday 17th December, 8.00pm Marist Church Crypt, St Mary's Road, Dundalk. Refreshments served after Mass. All are welcome!

**THE ROTARY CLUB OF DUNDALK** will erect a **Tree of Remembrance** in Earl Street, Dundalk on Friday 10th December at 5.00pm. All are welcome. You can come and join us any day up to December 23rd and place a yellow ribbon on the tree with the name of the person whom you wish to remember

**MAYNOOTH CALENDARS 2011** on sale €5 each available from the sacristy. These show scenes from the life of student priests. By purchasing a calendar, you are supporting them—including our very own Damian Quigley.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS** are available to purchase. 5 Christmas Cards for €2 will be on sale in the Sacristy of the Church & parish office. (These cards were made especially by our Parish with a photograph of the Crib in the Church of the Holy Redeemer.)

**Benedict XVI** today asked for all Catholics around the world to pray for the Church in China, which he said is going through moments of particular difficulty. The Pope made this appeal at the end of a general audience held in Paul VI Hall. "I entrust to your prayer and to that of Catholics worldwide the Church in China that, as you know, is going through particularly difficult moments," the Holy Father said. "We ask the Blessed Virgin Mary, Help of Christians, to support all the Chinese bishops, so dear to me, so that they will give witness to their faith with courage, placing every hope in the Saviour we await. "Moreover, we entrust to the Virgin all the Catholics of that beloved country so that, with her intercession, they will be able to live an authentic Christian existence in communion with the universal Church, thus contributing also to the harmony and common good of their noble people."

### CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS

**SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION** Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December: Parish Penitential Service: 7.30pm. Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December: Confessions: 10.30am. 11.00am. 12.00noon - 1.00pm. 4.45pm 5.45pm.

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES** The Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December: (Christmas Eve) Family Mass at 6pm. Vigil Mass for Christmas: 10.00pm. (Carols at 9.30pm.)

**SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER:** (Christmas Day) Mass Times: 10.00am. 11.30am. & 12.30pm. **N.B. No 6.00pm or 7.30pm Vigil Mass on Christmas Day.**

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Tuesday 7th December (vigil). 7.30am Av. Patrick Kirk.  
Wednesday 8th December. 10.00am. Av. John McGee.  
11.30am. Av. Bill Stephens.  
7.30pm. Av. Kathleen & Edward Robinson.  
Thursday 9th December. 10.00am. Av. Edward & Mary McKenna.  
Friday 10th December. 10.00am. Av. Lorraine McGuinness.  
Saturday 11th December. 10.00am. Av. Kathleen Pearson & Maggie & Paddy Carron. James McCrave Lorraine McGuinness. Aidan Myers. Peter McCourt.  
Saturday 11th December. (vigil) **7.30pm. Av.** Busby Family.  
Sunday 12th December. **10.00am. Av.** Pat McKinley.  
**11.30am. Av.** McEntee & Maguire families.  
**12.30pm. Av** Brendan McKeever.  
**6.00pm. Av.** Christine McCorville. Florence & Kathleen McKenna. James Wykes & Lily & Harry Lawlor & Clarke families. Hubert Kearney.

**CHRISTMAS DUES 2010:** The Dues is a source of income for Cardinal 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.

### Why Jesus is Better than Santa Claus

Santa lives at the North Pole...	<b>JESUS</b> is everywhere.
Santa rides in a sleigh...	<b>JESUS</b> rides on the wind and walks on the water.
Santa comes but once a year...	<b>JESUS</b> is an ever present help.
Santa fills your stockings with goodies...	<b>JESUS</b> supplies all your needs.
Santa comes down your chimney uninvited...	<b>JESUS</b> stands at your door and knocks, and then enters your heart when invited.
You have to wait in line to see Santa...	<b>JESUS</b> is as close as the mention of His name.
Santa lets you sit on his lap...	<b>JESUS</b> lets you rest in His arms.
Santa doesn't know your name, all he can say is "Hi little boy or girl, what's your name?"...	<b>JESUS</b> knew our name before we were born. Not only does He know our name, He knows our history and future and even how many hairs are on our heads.
Santa has a belly like a bowl full of jelly...	<b>JESUS</b> has a heart full of love.
All Santa can offer is HO HO HO...	<b>JESUS</b> offers health, help and hope.
Santa says "You better not cry"...	<b>JESUS</b> says "Cast all your cares on me for I care for you."
Santa's little helpers make toys...	<b>JESUS</b> makes new life, mends wounded hearts, repairs broken homes and builds mansions
Santa may make you chuckle but...	<b>JESUS</b> gives you joy that is your strength.
While Santa puts gifts under your tree...	<b>JESUS</b> became our gift and died on a tree. the cross.



We need to put Christ back in CHRISTmas, Jesus is still the reason for the season. **"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).**

**Priests of the Parish:** Fr. Patrick Rushe & Fr. Paul Montague

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