



PARISH OF THE HOLY REDEEMER, DUNDALK

A Parish in the 'Dun Dealgan' Pastoral Area

25th December 2011 *The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ*

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.



CHRISTMAS CRIB: You are invited to spend some time in prayer at the Christmas Crib. *May our time give us peace and joy, feeling very close to God and to one another.*

Fr. Paddy & Fr. Paul wish each and every one of you a Happy & Holy Christmas, with a peaceful New Year to follow.

WELCOME HOME: We welcome home the sons and daughters of our parish, & those who have returned to celebrate Christmas in the locality. We hope you will have a refreshing & relaxing holiday.

A SPECIAL COLLECTION for Priests of the Parish at all Masses today. Thank you for your kind and generous support for the priests all year.

MASS ON MONDAY 26TH DECEMBER: will be at 10am only, as Monday is a Bank Holiday there will be no 7.30pm Novena Mass. Novena Prayers will be said at the morning Mass.

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY: Larry O'Hanlon, Kilcurry. Fran Rogers, Bay Estate. Thomas (Bunny) McGee, Hughes Pk. John Griffin, & Bernadette Lydon, Muirhevnamor. Dan McCutcheon, St. Patrick's Tce. Eithne Masterson, St. Alphonsus Rd. Teresa Cuthbert, Lurgangreen. Ann Norton, Coes Rd. Margaret Byrne, Drogheda. Maureen Coleman, Seafield Lawns. Pat McCartan, Ard Easmuinn. Lily McDonall, Bohar. Patricia Ryan, Lower Point Rd. Patrick Monaghan, Alberta, Canada. Lily Carroll, (nee Barry) Blackburn. Rose Conlon (nee Duffy) O'Hanlon Park. Michael Smyth, St. Patrick's Tce.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM FR. PADDY

At one of the school Christmas Plays I attended this week, there was a line **"Its not the gift you give, but the love with which it's given, that matters most"**.

When Jesus Christ - **the reason for the season** - first came into the world, two hearts united in love turned toward him, welcomed him, and cherished him. The tiny body of Jesus may have laid in the cold manger, but He was safe and secure in the hearts of Joseph and Mary.

Christ came as a child into the world to make all things new (Rev 21:5). He came into a human family to reveal God's desire to restore the human family wounded by sin.

He gives us life, love, and salvation because of and in spite of our worst behaviour. Jesus knows we mess up, and he meets us there and loves us still. Jesus is not only the focus of the season, but of our whole lives.

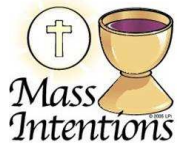
In these difficult financial times especially, many will find that their gift giving has to be reduced somewhat, but more than ever, our parish, community, society and world need the love with which the gift is given.

Lord Jesus Christ, help us this Christmas season to turn again to one another and find our way back to you. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, please pray for us that our families may be happy and holy.

On behalf of Fr. Paul & I, we wish you, and your families every blessing on the feast of Christmas.

ANNIVERSARY & REMEMBRANCE MASSES

Christmas Eve (24th December)	6.00pm	Parishioners & Friends of Holy Redeemer.
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Christmas Day (25th December)	10.00am. Av.	Brendan McKeever.
	11.30am.	Mass for Christmas Intentions.
	12.30pm. Av.	Patrick Kirk & Nan & Patrick Clifford.
Monday 26th December	10.00am. Av.	Ann Hodgers.
Tuesday 27th December	10.00am. Av.	John & Katie Faulkner & family mem.
Wednesday 28th December	10.00am. Av.	Daniel Hearty.
Thursday 29th December	10.00am. Av.	Florence Farrelly.
Friday 30th December	10.00am. Av.	Kathleen & Larry McBride.
Saturday 31st December	10.00am. Av's	Mon. Peter Shields. Pamela O'Rourke. Lucia Murray. Aileen Callaghan. Paddy McHugh.
Saturday 31st December (vigil)	7.30pm. Av.	Mary & Bernard Toal.
Sunday 1st January	9.00am. Av.	Paul McNally.
	11.30am. MM	Margaret Woods.
	6.00pm. Av.	



NEW MASS TIMES IN OUR CHURCH IN 2012: **Saturday Evening Vigil:** 7.30pm
Sundays: **9.00 am, 11.30am, & 6.00pm.**

SUNDAY 1ST JANUARY is the Solemnity of 'Mary, the Mother of God' and **MONDAY 2ND** is the Church's World Day of Prayer for Peace. Mass Times: Saturday vigil: 7.30pm. Sunday 9.00am 11.30am & 6.00pm.



CAROL SINGING: The annual Carol Singing around Ard Easmuinn was a great success. The collection yielded €719 for S.O.S.A.D. Thanks to all who contributed and participated. Special thanks to Ann & Caroline who provided the hot beverages.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Tuesdays after 10.00am Mass until 11.30am.

2012 PARISH CALENDARS are being distributed at present. If you have not received one, please feel free to pick one up at the entrances to the Church.

HOLY REDEEMER MEDITATION GROUP will resume on Wednesday 11th January 2012 at 8.00pm in the quiet room of the Holy Redeemer Church.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE 2012 4th May - 12th May. 9 Days €520 pps. Contact Pat or Phil 087-2238911.

AMEN SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS have recommenced on a Monday Evenings in Navan from 8.00pm – 10.00pm. The Group Meetings are a support for men who suffer domestic abuse or are going through separation. The meetings will cover issues of Stress, Anxiety, Anger, Grief and New Beginnings. Please call 046 9023718 for further information.

PARISH COLLECTIONS: 18th December €1,209 (Church) €480 (Envelopes). **We thank you for your continued support of the parish.**

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE LOTTO: 19th December 02-08-10-23. No Match 3 winner. Lotto Jackpot: €7,300. Next Parish Bingo Monday on 2nd January at 8.30pm: Flyer: €5,770.

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Beannachtaí na Nollag oraibh agus Athbhliain faoi shéan agus faoi mhaise daoibh go léir.