



PARISH OF THE HOLY REDEEMER DUNDALK
27TH NOVEMBER 2022
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
A Parish in the 'Dun Dealgan' Pastoral Area



First Sunday of Advent (Cycle A) Matthew 24:37-44

"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."



Jesus gives us a very clear image in this Sunday's Gospel: a thief in the night. Of course, we say, if we knew the hour that someone was going to break into our house, we would be prepared! We would call the Gardai. We would lock the doors. We would make sure all of our valuables were hidden away. But, as Jesus points out, we so rarely can know in advance when such things will happen. The only real solution is to plan ahead—and be prepared. When Jesus tells us to "stay awake" in the Gospel, he's not saying we should never go to sleep! Rather, he is encouraging us to ready our hearts for what's to come. We can do this by asking ourselves what we need to change in our lives in order to better love ourselves, our neighbours and our God. By reflecting on the changes we need to make, we prepare our hearts to welcome Christ into our lives in a new way this Christmas.

First Advent Candle: The first purple candle symbolizes hope. Also known as the "Prophecy Candle" in memory of the prophets, particularly Isaiah, who prophesied the birth of Christ. It symbolizes the anticipation felt in awaiting the coming Messiah.

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S COMING IN GRACE

O Lord Jesus, during this Advent come to us in Your Grace. Come to prepare our hearts, minds and bodies. To welcome You on Christmas Day. Come to comfort us in sadness, to cheer us in loneliness, to refresh us in weariness, to strengthen us in temptations, to lead us in doubt and to exult us in joy.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COLLECTION Will be taken up at all Masses next weekend **3rd/4th December**. Please give what you can to support the society in these difficult times. Thank you.



VOLUNTEER SUNDAY-27th November The Archdiocese of Armagh have launched this Sunday as "Volunteer Sunday" Would you like to volunteer to help your local Church by contributing your talents and skills for the good of the entire parish community? If so, please pick up at leaflet at the back of the Church for further information. If you wish to volunteer in our parish, please leave your name and contact number in Sacristy/Parochial House. Thank you.

"We need lay people who take risks, who get their hands dirty, who are not afraid of making mistakes, and who go forward. We need lay people with a vision of the future..." *Pope Francis*

BAPTISMS are conducted weekly at 2.00pm on a Saturday and at 12:30pm on a Sunday. Contact the parish office to arrange a day and time for the Baptism. Please give at least one month's notice. We welcome into our Christian community recently baptised:-
Evie Marie Mulholland.



WELCOME To those aged between 18 & 40yrs, to a Relaxed Time of Peace and Quiet Prayer, in Candlelight, with the Music of "TAIZE". **Friday 2nd DECEMBER** 8pm - 9pm followed by Tea/Coffee "Bethany" 34 Point Road, Dundalk A91 WOC9.

PRIESTS IN PARISH
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS
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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 (Vigil)	26th Nov.	6.00pm	Av's	Thomas McCabe. Bertie McCrave. Patrick & Mary Litchfield. Brigid & Michael Toner, Ollie, Lily & Alan Toner. Martin & Dessie Shields..
Sunday	27th Nov.	10.00am	Av	Enda McGuill.
		11.30am	RIP	Mary Quigley.
Monday	28th Nov.	10.00am	RIP	Patrick & Gretta Bennett.
Tuesday	29th Nov.	10.00am	1st Av	Margaret O'Malley.
			Av	Donald McCrave.
Wednesday	30th Nov.	10.00am	Av	Ownie McGuinness.
Thursday	1st Dec.	10.00am	RIP	Rose & Arthur Devlin.
Friday	2nd Dec.	10.00am		Parish List of the Dead.
Saturday (Vigil)	3rd Dec.	10.00am		Mass Card Intentions.
		6.00pm	Av's	Joe & Emily Callan, Mary Ellen Carter. Mary Garland
Sunday	4th Dec.	10.00am	Av's	Mary Sweeney. Patrick Whelan.
		11.30am	Av's	James English. Edward & Maura Galvin.

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY: Pat-Joe McEvoy, Aisling Park. Marie Mary Finnegan (née McArdle) Culhane Street. James (Roy) Mackin, Culhane Street. Douglas (Doug) Stewart, Mount Avenue.



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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Takes place in our Church, Tuesdays 10.30 am to 4.00 pm and every first Friday of the month 10.30am to 4.00 pm. All are welcome to spend time with the Lord.

SHOEBOX APPEAL Many thanks to all those who participated in this years Shoebox appeal. All of your shoeboxes and donations will now make their way to children affected by poverty in Eastern Europe and Africa. From all of us in the Parish Office and from Team Hope, many thanks for your kindness and generosity.

ALONE - Provider of Services to Older People

"Would you be willing to provide companionship or make calls to Older People once a week? ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested please sign up here: <https://alone.ie/volunteers/>
For more information, contact Fiona on fiona.boyle@alone.ie or on 086 1366539."

MASS CARDS/BOUQUETS are available from the Sacristy or Parish Office. All Mass Card Intentions will be enrolled and included in the 10.00am Mass each Saturday morning.

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.

