

Parish of St. Jude the Apostle's Newsletter
Saturday 13th Sunday 14th December 2025
Third Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday
A Warm Welcome to all to our Church.
Thank you for joining us for Mass.



Mass Times

St Jude's: Mon (except BH), Wed, Fri 10.00am // Sat 5.30 pm // Sun 10.00am.

St Pius X: Tue, Thu 10.00am // Sat 7.00pm // Sun 11.30am //

St Pius X First Friday 7.00pm. **Taize Mass: St Jude's Dec 7th.** 7.30pm

St Jude's Additional Information

Tuesday morning Prayer Service and Holy Communion 10.00am

Thurs morning Rosary and Holy Communion 10.00am, Adoration 9.15 to 11.00am

Friday morning Adoration 10.30am - 1.00pm.

Saturday morning 10.00, Prayer Service with Holy Communion.

Confessions on request to Fr. Pat.

St Jude's Parish Office Opening Hours: Monday, Wednesday,
Friday 09.30 – 12.30. Closed Tuesday & Thursday.
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Mass Intentions

Saturday 13th 5.30pm

Patricia Rafferty (Rec Dec), Cormack Rafferty (Anniv),
Grandparents Ann + Matt Ryan (Annivs), Anne Nason (5th Anniv),
John and Baby O'Halloran (Annivs), Sean and Catriona Crowley (Annivs),
Christy McCormack (9th Anniv), Sean (Special Int),
Declan Devlin (Special Int).

Sunday 14th 10.00am

Patty Cahill (Anniv), Hugh and Pat Doyle (Annivs),
Vincent Kelly (1st Anniv),
Pauline Keogh (8th Anniv), Breda Walsh (20th Anniv),
Declan Devlin (Special Int), Rafferty Family (Special Int),
Kitty Breslin (Birthday Rem.).

Parish Centre Office – Mass Cards, Baptismal Candles, Rosary beads are available in Parish Office. **Baptisms** are held Monthly in St Jude's on the 3rd Sunday and in St Pius X on 1st Sunday. More Information in the Parish Office.

Bookings for Anniversary Masses etc. Please give one Month's notice. All anniversary and remembrance masses must be booked through the Parish Office.

NOTICES:

Reconciliation Penitential Service IMPORTANT DATE CHANGE

Please note a **change in date** for the Pastoral Area Sacrament of Reconciliation. It will now take place on **Thursday 18th December at 7.30pm** in **St Joseph's Church, Terenure.**

"The church is a hospital for sinners." (Pope Francis).

Confessions Saturday 20th December

St Pius X 12noon - 1pm. / **St Jude the Apostle** 1pm - 2pm

Department of Education - Have your say. FINAL CALL

The current Department of Education survey on the future of patronage in the primary sector is important in that it will shape the discussion on primary school divesting for the years to come throughout the Republic of Ireland. The survey is school specific and **needs to be responded to by all parents and prospective parents locally.** It is important that those who wish for a change in patronage would have their voice heard. It is equally important that those who wish for a Catholic education for their children, and the support for sacramental preparation available in Catholic schools, would have their voice heard also. For those reasons and to ensure that an accurate picture emerges, **please participate in this survey if you are a parent or a prospective parent of a Primary school student. The survey can be accessed at www.gov.ie/primaryschoolssurvey/.** It closes **Tuesday, December 16th.** **St Vincent de Paul Annual Christmas Appeal** held at all Masses last weekend amounted to €7370. Thank you so much for your generous donations.

St Jude's Advent Carol Service - Sunday 14th December - 7.30pm.

Bambinelli Sunday. This Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday. ***The baby Jesus figure*** from your family crib will be blessed at all Masses.

2026 Calendars supporting Parkinson's Disease are available for sale in the Parish Office. Please support this worthy cause.

Light Up a Life Christmas Cards for the Hospice in Harolds Cross are available for sale in the Parish Office.

Hope Suicide Prevention Centre Christmas Concert St Aengus Church Tallaght Sunday 14th December 6.30pm.

Kimmage Manor Parish Church Carol Service will be held on Sunday 14th December at 7pm. With combined choirs from Kimmage Manor and Holy Spirit Greenhills.

CROSSCARE CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2025 As the cost of living continues to rise, more families than ever are turning to Crosscare for help. (Cont.) This year, almost 3,000 people – including 1,200 children – sought basic food support, while nearly 12,000 affordable meals were served in the Portland Row Community Café. Crosscare's Food and Support model combines choice-based food access, low-cost meals, one-to-one casework, and supports such as welfare advice, budgeting help, and improved access to healthcare, education, and employment. If you can, please support our 2025 Christmas Food Poverty Appeal at www.crosscare.ie or call 01 8360011.

READINGS

A reading from the prophet Isaiah. (Is 35:1-6.10)

Let the wilderness and the drylands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy. The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God. Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. 'Look your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy, for those the Lord has ransomed shall return. They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended. *The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

Psalms 145:6-10 R Come, Lord, and save us.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed.

It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. R
It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. R

It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. R

A reading from the letter of St James. (Jm 5:7-10)

Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. *The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

***Alleluia, alleluia! The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia!***

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. (Mt 11:2-11)

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.' As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

***Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.***

**The only time we should look down on others is when
we are offering a hand to help them up.**