

Parish of St. Jude the Apostle's Newsletter  
Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April, Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2025  
EASTER SUNDAY THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, Year C.  
*A Warm Welcome to all to our Church.  
Thank you for joining us for Mass.*



#### Mass Times

**St Judes: Mon, Wed, Fri** 10.00am // **Sat** 5.30 pm // **Sun** 10.00am.  
**St Pius X: Mon, Tue, Thu** 10.00am // **Sat** 7.00pm // **Sun** 11.30am //  
**St Pius X First Friday** 7.00pm. **Taize Mass: St Jude's** Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> March 7.30pm

#### St Judes 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 1030am -1.00pm.  
Saturday morning 10.00, Prayer Service with Holy Communion.  
Confessions on request to Fr. Pat.

**St Judes Parish Office Opening Hours:** Monday, Wednesday,  
Friday 09.30 – 12.30. Closed Tuesday & Thursday.  
Email [stjudesparishwillington@gmail.com](mailto:stjudesparishwillington@gmail.com)  
Phone +353 (0)1 4600127, **Eircode D6W YH51**.  
Parish website [www.stjudesparish.net](http://www.stjudesparish.net)

#### Refrain Sunday Morning Mass

Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia,  
Our triumphant holy day, alleluia,  
Who did once upon the cross, alleluia,  
Suffer to redeem our loss, alleluia.

But the pain which he endured, alleluia.  
Our salvation has procured; alleluia.  
Now above he reigns as king, alleluia.  
Where the angels ever sing, alleluia.

#### **NOTICES:**

**Parish Centre Office – Now available** First Holy Communion and Confirmation gifts and cards, Mass Cards, Baptismal Candles, Rosary beads,  
Parish Office is closed until Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> of April

**Bookings for Anniversary Masses etc.** Please give one Months' notice. Note that all anniversary and remembrance masses must be booked through the Parish Office, (Cash Only).

#### **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock next Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April**

The pilgrimage to Knock forms part of **St Judes 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations**. The pick up times are -Front gates of the St Pius X church at 8.40am sharp. **St Jude's church at 9am sharp.**

#### **Stopped in our Tracks**

I was stopped in my tracks by last Monday's Gospel which twice alluded to 'Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead.' There's a claim.... the same claim made of the Father who raised Jesus from the dead. In faith we subscribe to these almost fantastical claims. There is however a danger, because we are so familiar with the story that it may no longer 'stop us in our tracks'. The reality of Jesus' resurrection should always arise our sense of wonder, joy and hope. Scripture reminds us that Jesus shared with us in all things but sin.... in all things.... in life, in death, in resurrection. That's the heart of Christian faith, the firm hope of new life, of resurrection when our earthly pilgrimage is done. The resurrection of Jesus, our resurrection at some time in the future is not some kind of amazing magic trick. It is the fullest expression of the Father's love for us, the Son's abiding in us, the Spirits ongoing transformation of our lives. We could allow Easter to touch our hearts more deeply by trying to recapture our sense of wonder, by allowing ourselves to be 'stopped in our tracks' by all the wonders that we have been gifted with by our extravagant God of Life. **Fr Pat**

**Thank You** Many, many thanks to all our parishioners for your kindness to me during my recent hospital stay and recovery. I am especially grateful for all the prayers and Masses offered for my recovery, which is going well. Thank you to everyone who dropped in 'Red Cross Parcels' or offered practical support and help in any way.

A special word of thanks to our parish team, Fr Gerry, Fr Jince, Deacon Gerry and the staff / volunteers in our parish offices who all stepped up so generously to keep parish life moving smoothly during my absence. I am recovering well but not quite back to full energy yet .....  
so please be gentle with me. I will offer Mass for all your intentions. **Fr Pat**

**Thank you** We would like to say a big thank you to all who helped in so many ways with the preparation and celebration of Holy Week. Thank you to those who cleaned, prepared and decorated the church, flower arrangements and to the many who assisted in the preparation and celebration of all aspects of the Easter Liturgies. Thank you everyone, very much appreciated. From Priests of the Parish.

**Many Thanks** to Tony Caffrey who looks after our website for uploading all the photos from our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. Please visit website.

**Trócaire Boxes** We invite you to return your Trócaire Boxes / offering to the Parish Office during this coming week or alternatively you can bring it along when coming to Mass next weekend. Thank you.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** [info@lourdes.dublindiocese.ie](mailto:info@lourdes.dublindiocese.ie) / 018087555 or ,  
[john.flaherty@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:john.flaherty@dublindiocese.ie) / 01808557 / [info@joewalshtours.ie](mailto:info@joewalshtours.ie) or 01 2410800.

### **Notices continued**

**Mary's Meals Auction of Hope** Saturday 3rd May - Maynooth College

Lunch €55 at 1pm in Pugin Hall.

Auction (no tickets required) at 2.30pm **Aula Maxima, Maynooth College**

Tickets for lunch:

Mary's Meals Office 01 8535163 (Mon-Fri 9am-1pm), Kevin Beirne 087 9933059

View auction items on [www.marysmeals.ie](http://www.marysmeals.ie) and in

Aula Maxima, 3rd May 1am - 1pm

**Mary's Meals feeds 2.6 million school meals every day to the poorest children in the world.**

**Cinema Recommendation** An animated version of Jesus' life called 'King of Kings' is on general release in cinemas. The story is told through the lens of the writer Charles Dickens, telling the story of his own son. The film is beautifully animated. I highly recommend a trip to the cinema this Easter with children of all ages 8-80!!! Children preparing for First Holy Communion might find it particularly engaging.

**Easter Gift** There are a few hand made wooden gift boxes available in St Pius X parish shop for €10. They mark the Year of Hope or First Holy Communion and would make ideal trinket boxes.

### **Monday 21st**

No Mass in St Judes. **Mass at 11am in St Pius X**

### **READINGS**

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles** (Acts 10:34.37-43)

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea: about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the country-side of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm**(117:1-2.16-17.22-23)

**& This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' **&**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. **&**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **&**

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians** (Col 3:1-4)

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him. *The Word of the Lord.* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Sequence**

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled. Death with life contended; combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there attesting, shroud with grave-clothes resting. Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!

***Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed;***

***let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!***

**A Reading from the holy Gospel according to John** (Jn 20:1-9)

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.' So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead'. *The Gospel of the Lord* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Easter Prayer Draw Us Forth**

Draw us forth, God of all creation. Draw us forward, away from limited certainty.

Draw us into the immense world of Your love. Give us the capacity to even for a moment, taste the richness of the feast of Easter. Give us peace to live with uncertainty, with questions, and with doubts.

Draw us to experience Jesus' resurrection anew, with open wonder, and with increasing ability to see Him in the people of Easter. **Amen Author Unknown**

**WISHING ALL OUR PARISHIONERS A VERY HAPPY EASTER**