

Parish of St. Jude the Apostle's Newsletter
Saturday 25th Sunday 26th April 2026
4th Sunday of Easter - Day of prayer for Vocations
A Warm Welcome to all to our Church.
Thank you for joining us for Mass.



St Judes Information Mass Times Please see Parish Website
Tues morning Rosary and Holy Communion 10.00am, Adoration 9.15 to 11.00am
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.

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Parish Centre Office – Mass Cards, Baptismal Candles, Rosary beads are available in Parish Office.

Baptisms are held Monthly in St Judes on the 3rd Sunday and in St Pius X on 1st Sunday. More Information in the Parish Office.

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

Newsletter Items If you would like an item added to our Newsletter, please email Parish Office before 4pm Wednesday

Coeliac Holy Communion Please only approach coeliac Minister if you are coeliac.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 25th April

Kitty McEvoy (Rec Dec),
Ita Kernan (Rec Dec),
Simon Lawlor (4th Anniv),
Ciaran Dunne (B/Day Rem),

Martin Giering (Rec Dec),
Bernie Brennan (Rec Dec),
Ethel Lee (39th Anniv),
Esther Cotter (B/Day Wishes).

Sunday 26th April

Philip Ennis (Rec Dec),
Paddy Doyle (Anniv),
Tommy Higgins (Anniv),
Kitty (Get Well),

Bessie Higgins (Anniv),
Phil Roche (Anniv),
Fr. Paddy Clarke (4th Anniv),
Banshie Keane (Spec Int).

READINGS**Year A**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (Ac 2:14,36-41) On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.' Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number. *The Word of the Lord.* **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms (22: 1-6) R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **R**

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **R**

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R**

A reading from the first letter of St Peter (1 Pt 2:20 -25)

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you are called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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Thanks be to God.

***Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!***

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to John (Jn 10:11-18)

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.' Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them. So Jesus spoke to them again: 'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.' *The Gospel of the Lord Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

Often, loving Lord, we find ourselves astray and defenceless.

Let us recognise your voice, calling us one by one as you call us to follow you.

NOTICES:

Taize Mass Sunday 26th April at 7.30pm. Celebrant Father Damien Farnon. All very welcome

Family Offering Collection – New boxes of envelopes

Dear Parishioner(s), Our new Family Offering Envelopes are available to collect for anyone who is registered as a contributor. Please collect your box of envelopes from the back of the church. Our new envelopes are orange. Please dispose of any remaining old (green) envelopes. The Family offering collection pays for the day to day running of our parish, bills, salaries, repairs, insurance etc. If you do not already contribute, please consider signing up. Contact the parish office. Many thanks for your contributions, generosity and supporting your parish. Fr. Pat.

Church Heating We apologise for the lack of heat in the church.

Unfortunately, we have developed a serious leak in the underfloor pipework. This will require a refit of the heating pipework throughout the church and will take some time. (Thank God it is approaching Summer).

Another reason to actively support the Family Offering Collection. Fr. Pat

WILLINGTON SCOUTS CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF SCOUTING

St Judes GAA Club, Saturday 9th May at 7.30pm. **WWW.103.IE/50YEARS**

FOOD - MUSIC - DRINKS - MEMORIES Tickets €50. Thank you.

Church Gate Collection for the Charity Mary's Meals, Dear Parishioner, Our Dublin Volunteer Group are collecting following all the Masses, at St Jude on Saturday 25th April and Sunday 26th April. Mary's Meals feeds

over 3.1 million children every day at schools in 17 of the world's poorest countries. For €22 a child can receive a Mary's Meal each day for a full year. Over 96% of the money donated goes directly to the provision of food. Over the last 9 years our Dublin volunteer Group have been supporting three schools in Africa, "Gold Camp Public School" in Liberia with 256 children at an annual cost of €5,632, Chitala School in Zambia with 490 children at an annual cost of € 10,780 and Namitalala School in Malawi, with 332 children at an annual cost of €7,304. Your Donation will feed these children, who might otherwise miss school, to work, beg, scavenge for food, and miss a precious education, which can be their ladder out of poverty. You can make this life changing work possible, and we are so grateful for your support. Many thanks, John Shortt.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes 3rd- 7th August 2026 (4 nights) If interested, please contact Deacon Gerry: 086 842 1513 / gerryplarkin@outlook.com

Good Shepherd Sunday – Vocations Sunday 'Every vocation is an immeasurable gift for the Church and for those who receive it with joy.

Pope Leo XIV In his message for this year's World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Pope Leo XIV reminds us that vocation is an "interior discovery" of God's gift, planted deep within our hearts and nurtured through prayer, listening, and trust. He encourages all of us to create a spirit of faith, prayer, and support, so that God's call may be heard and generously embraced. You may read Pope Leo's full message for this 63rd World Day of Prayer for Vocations 2026 on our parish website. May this Good Shepherd Sunday be a moment of encouragement and support, where vocations are welcomed, nurtured, and allowed to flourish among us.

Archdiocese of Dublin - Lay Ministry Appeal

The annual Lay Ministry Appeal will be held next weekend 2nd / 3rd May. This year's theme is '***Building faith-filled communities.***'

The collection will replace the Share Collection at all Masses next weekend.

Archdiocese of Dublin - Lay Ministry courses If you are interested in completing either of these courses, please do attend the information evening on the 25th May where you can find out more about what they entail. You can register for the evening directly on the Archdiocese website or alternatively please have a chat with Fr Pat. We would be delighted if members of our parish community can participate in either of these courses, bringing back and sharing their learning in our parish.

Active Retirement Association will meet this coming Monday 27th April at 11am in St Mary's Room, St Pius X.

First Friday This Friday is the First Friday of May. Morning Mass is celebrated at 10am in St Judes and evening Mass is celebrated at 7pm in St Pius X, at which we remember in prayer all those named on the Altar List of the Dead.

God our Father, please send Your Holy Spirit to help others to respond and give Courage, Wisdom, and Guidance to young people to answer your call.