

Parish of St. Jude the Apostle's Newsletter
Saturday 6th, Sunday 7th September 2025
Twenty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time
A Warm Welcome to all to our Church.
Thank you for joining us for Mass.



Mass Times

St Judes: 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 Sun 28th Sept 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.
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Mass Intentions

Saturday 6th 5.30pm

Desmond Sanfey (1st Anniv),	Liam Carroll (1st Anniv),
Pat Kehoe (Anniv),	Don Lehane (Anniv),
Pierce Power (9th Anniv),	Michael Buckley (14th Anniv),
Margaret Brickley (30th Anniv),	
John McVickers Senior and his son John (B/Dayday Remembrance).	

Sunday 7th 10.00am

Tom Benson (Rec Dec),	Aubrey Murphy (Rec Dec),
Michael Nolan (Rec Dec),	Valerie Collins (Rec Dec),
Michael Barry (Rec Dec),	Ted Keenan (Rec Dec),
Gertrude Hayes (Anniv),	Jim Gahan (Get Well).

Choir New Members Invitation to sing with choir at the 10am mass. The choir practice on Thursday 5pm to 6pm in the church or the pastoral centre. New members are welcome any time or if you can't get to the practice come at 09.30am on Sunday morning and join the singing practice.

NOTICES:

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

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

Baptisms are held Monthly in St Judes on the 3rd Sunday and in St Pius X on 1st Sunday of each Month. Information is available at the Parish Office.

Lourdes Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage This year the Diocesan Pilgrim age is again planning to bring sick pilgrims to Our Lady's Shrine, Lourdes, Sept 4th – 9th under the leadership of Archbishop Dermot Farrell. For further information or Application forms for sick pilgrims, please contact the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office, phone 01-8087555/01-8376820 or email info@lourdes.dublindiocese.ie. You can enrol as an associate member by making a donation (to help fund sick pilgrims) at the Parish Office. Thank you for donations.

World Alzheimer's Day 2025 The Alzheimer Society of Ireland **Memory Walk** will take place in Deer Park, Mount Merrion on Sunday 21st September 12 Noon. All are welcome. Further details www.memorywalk.ie

Message from Father Pat – New Seasons September has some of the hallmarks of a New Year for many of us. As Autumn begins, many other elements of life begin again after a break for Summer – school, college, clubs, societies. Our church family also goes back into full flight with the return of choirs, prayer and pastoral initiatives as well as the ongoing work of animating our parish communities through our pastoral council and finance teams. We continue the jubilee year 2025 as pilgrims of hope as well as engaging with the wider synodal process in our church. The canonization of Carlo Acutis, the modern saint of young people takes place this weekend, Sunday 7th September. We hope to develop a Carlo Acutis shrine in one of our churches in the coming months after an art competition in our local Secondary Schools. As we continue to develop our friendship with surrounding parishes (partnership) we hope to begin a young adult (faith and friendship) group in the parish in the near future, to encourage and support our young people in their journey with God. Among the many demands and choices coming at each of us at this time of year, let's choose gratitude for all the many gifts in our lives and make at least one active choice in pursuit of the development of our spiritual and /or parish life.

May we continue to be blessed in faith, hope and love in the season ahead.

Message from Father Pat - Church Maintenance You will know that our 27-year-old boiler sat down beyond repair in May. Our new boiler is now in place. Many thanks to Marguerite for all the work getting the project over the line. The new boiler has cost over €30,000. We are also in the process of organising roof repairs to the church which will cost approximately €15,000. These and all other day to day parish expenses are paid through the Family Offering collection, not the First and Second collections at Masses. Everyone who is happy that we have a beautiful church / parish centre to use should be contributing according to our

Family Offering collection, we would be delighted if you would consider it. Please talk to Marguerite in the parish office.

Message from Father Pat - Mass for Life A Mass for Life, to pray for all the protection / sanctification of life from the womb to the tomb, will take place in St Pius X Church, Templeogue on Saturday 20th September @11am, followed by refreshments. All are welcome.

Bridge Classes for Beginners Templeogue Bridge Centre. Bridge is a great game for all ages. Learn the skills today and gain a Hobby for life. €120 for 12 lessons with registered teachers. Classes will be run

Mon / Tue Nights, Mon / Wed Evenings starting end of Sept. More details and to book Phone **Mary 087 161 89 88, Email sec.tccbc@gmail.com**

Local conference Vincent de Paul collection will be held next weekend.

Sacred Heart Messenger is available in Parish Office if you are interested.

New Heating System is now up and running.

The Active Retirement Association this coming Monday 8th September at 11am in St Pius X St Mary's Room, and on Thursday morning, tea and coffee immediately after the 10am morning Mass, also in St Mary's Room.

If you are free Monday or Thursday, do come along, all are very welcome.

Apostolate of Our Lady of Fatima 13th September at 2pm Church of the Holy Spirit, Ballyroan Holy Mass commencing at 4pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Confessions, Divine Mercy, Way of the Cross, Benediction and Mass. Celebrant Fr Piaras McLoughlin, Fr Ubaldo. All welcome.

A prayer for Palestine and Israel O God of life and love and peace, We witness the violence and injustice in your Holy Land -And our hearts break. Our hearts break for the people of Israel - For the victims of violent attacks by Hamas For those who live with fear and insecurity For those who suffer from the inter-generational trauma of violence. Our hearts break for Palestinians - For the victims of violent attacks by the Israeli military For those being denied water, electricity and medical care. For those who are refugees, long displaced from their homes. We especially pray - That weapons of war be laid down. That walls of separation be dismantled That prisoners be released. That demonizing of "the other" cease. That political leaders seek the good of all people in Palestine and Israel. O God, whose heart breaks for the world, May your justice dwell in the land May your righteousness abide in fruitful fields. May the effect of righteousness be quietness and trust forever. May the effect of justice be peace - enduring peace. Amen.

READINGS

A reading from the book of Wisdom. (Wis 9:13-18) 'What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom. *The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 89:3-6,12-14, 17)

R O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'

To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. R

You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning.

In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. R

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart.

Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. R

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days.

Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. R

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon. (Phm 9-10, 12-17)

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him — I could say — a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, alleluia! Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your decrees. Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. (Lk 14:25-33)

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

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

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God.

We cannot direct the wind, but we can adjust the sails.

