PARISH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Falls Family of Parishes
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How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:3

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS — 1ST NOVEMBER 2026

POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

For the proper use of wealth: "Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less".

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

First Reading: Apocalypse 7:2-4,9-14 **Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3**
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

THE PARISH DRAW 2026/27

The new parish draw begins on 13th November. Promoter packs are available from the sacristy. **Conor, the parish manager, will be available after Mass on 7th/8th November to sign up new and returning members**. Entry costs just £5 per month, with £11,400 in prize money to be won throughout the year. The draw is a very important source of revenue for our parish so please sign up if you can - remember **"You've got to be in it to win it!"**

NOVEMBER DEAD LISTS

November dead lists are available in the church. Once completed, please return them to the box in the November prayer space. Envelopes containing an offering should be returned to the sacristy before or after Mass. All weekday Masses in November will be offered for the names of the deceased included on the November dead lists. No other individual Mass intentions can be taken on weekdays in November or for the Feast of All Saints and Feast of All Souls

MASSES FOR FEAST OF ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS

Solemnity of All Saints **Sunday1st November**
Masses: 6pm Saturday 31st October & 12 noon Sunday 1st November
Mass on **All Souls' Day** will be at **6pm Monday 2nd November**

ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED PARISHIONERS

Invitations to a Memorial Mass on Thursday 19th November at 7.30pm are being sent to the families of parishioners who have died since November 2025.
All family members, friends, neighbours and parishioners are welcome to attend.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

On Wednesday 4th November there will be an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of the Sick immediately after the 12 noon Mass in the Gathering Space

THIS WEEK IN ST JOHN'S

Saturday 31st October
6pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 1st November
FEAST OF ALL SAINTS
Mass 12 noon

Monday 2nd November
ALL SOULS' DAY
Mass 6pm

Tuesday 3rd November
ST MALACHY
Mass 6pm
Confession & Adoration
6.30pm - 7.30pm

Wednesday 4th November
ST CHARLES BORROMEO
Mass 12 noon
with Communion under both species
Anointing of the Sick

Thursday 5th November
ST MARTIN DE PORRES
Mass 12 noon
Rosary after Mass

Friday 6th November
ALL SAINTS OF IRELAND
Mass 10am
with St Kevin's PS

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Parish Office	Tuesday - Friday 11am -2pm	stjohns@downandconnor.org
Emergency Sick Calls	Please dial 028 90314112 for details of how to contact the priest on duty	

UPCOMING EVENTS IN ST JOHN'S

🎅 **CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH-ON -**
📍 VENUE: **PARISH HALL** 📅 DATE: **FRIDAY 27TH NOV** ⏰ DOORS OPEN: **7:00 PM**
🎁 Lots of festive fun, including: 🍬 Treats for the children 🎉 Fantastic raffle prizes
🎶 Christmas songs and festive music 🎅 A special chance to meet Santa!
❤️ Bring the family, spread some Christmas cheer and join us for a wonderful evening!

🎁 **CHRISTMAS BALLOT** 🎁
🌟 **10 FANTASTIC PRIZES UP FOR GRABS!** 🌟💷 **CASH PRIZES & GIFT VOUCHERS!**
🏆 **1st Prize – £500,** 🥈 **2nd Prize – £200,** 🥉 **3rd Prize – £200**
🎄 Get into the festive spirit and join us for some Christmas cheer, fun and excitement!
🎉 Could you be one of our lucky winners? 👀 Keep your eyes peeled for more exciting updates coming soon!

🎁 **TOMBOLA STALL – CALL FOR DONATIONS** 🎁
If you would like to donate items for our Tombola Stall, please leave them in the donation box provided inside the church. We would particularly welcome unwanted gift sets and other suitable items. Please ensure that all donated items are UNUSED and in good condition. All funds raised will go towards supporting St John's. Thank you for your kindness and generosity! 🎄

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time

RECENTLY DECEASED

James Halligan
Joan Crawford
Margaret McKenna

ST JOHN'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MEAL FOR PEOPLE IN HOSTELS

6.30pm Wednesday 2nd December

Since Decemeber 2019, we in St John's Parish have hosted a Christmas Dinner for those living in hostels, inspired by Luke 14:7-14, the Parable of the Wedding Feast, **"When you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you."**
Over the years this event has hosted people who are experiencing some of life's hardest challenges — refugees, asylum seekers, victims of domestic abuse and people struggling with addiction — to share a Christmas meal. It is only with the support of parishioners like you, who willing give of their time to serve others, that this is possible. If you would like to volunteer at this years Christmas meal in any way, then we'd love to hear from you. Please speak to Fr Jobin, Catherine or Conor in person or contact the parish office to let us know your availability on the day.

CHURCH AT THE CROSSROADS – BELFAST CONFERENCE

13–14 November 2026 · Assembly Buildings Conference Centre

The Belfast Jesuit Centre is delighted to be an official partner for Church at the Crossroads, a two-day conference hosted by Palestinian Christians for the global Church. The gathering invites us to listen and learn from Palestinian and international Christian leaders as we explore how Scripture shapes our response to the realities in the Holy Land. Other speakers include Fr Timothy Bartlett, (pp St Mary's, Belfast) Sean Farrell (Trocaire) and Prof. Siobhan Garrigan of TCD. For more details and registration, please visit: www.churchatthecrossroads.com/belfast

The Second Collection this Weekend is the Monthly Offering (Priests' Stipend)

Your Offerings up to 30th October 2026

Weekly Offering £354.68	General Maintenance Fund £249.27
General Donations £40	Online Donations £155
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