PARISH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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St Paul's, St Peter's, St Mary's
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"We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus"
1 Thessalonians 4:14

32ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME — **8TH 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: Wisdom 6:12-16 **Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

REMEMBERING OUR ANGEL BABIES

If you have lost baby at any time, be that before, during or after birth, you are invited to take a tag from the basket in the November Prayer Space at the back of the church and hang it on our white tree. If you never got the chamce to name your baby you could take this opportunity to do so. There is also a teddy in the prayer space which you might like to hold or hug as you take time to remeber your baby.

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 you'd like to help on the day. We can't do this without you!

ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED PARISHIONERS

Thursday 19th November at 7.30pm.

Everyone is welcome to attend our Annual Mass for parishioners who have died in the past year. Their is a display of those who have died at the prayer space in the church. Please take time to remember the deceased and their families in prayer.

NOVEMBER DEAD LISTS

November dead lists are available in the prayer space in the church. 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.

THIS WEEK IN ST JOHN'S

Saturday 7th November
6pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 8th November
Mass 12 noon

Monday 9th November
Dedication of the Lateran Bascilica
No Mass

Tuesday 10th November
St Leo the Great
Mass 6pm
Confession & Adoration
6.30pm - 7pm

Wednesday 11th November
St Martin of Tours
Mass 12 noon
with Communion under both species

Thursday 12th November
St Josaphat
Mass 12 noon
Rosary after Mass

Friday 13th November
Mass 12 noon
Adoration & Confession
12.30-1pm

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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

🎁🎄 **ST JOHN'S CHRISTMAS BALLOT IS COMING!** 🎄🎁
🌟 **12 FANTASTIC PRIZES UP FOR GRABS!** 🌟 💷 **CASH PRIZES & GIFT VOUCHERS!** 🎉
🏆 **OUR TOP 3 PRIZES:** 🥇 1st Prize – **£500** 🥈 2nd Prize – **£200** 🥉 3rd Prize – **£200**
🎟️ **TICKET PRICES:** 🎫 £1 per ticket 🎫 **6 tickets for just £5!**
📅 **TICKETS GO ON SALE SATURDAY 14TH NOVEMBER!**
🎅 Get into the festive spirit and join us for some Christmas cheer, fun and excitement!
🎉 With 12 fantastic prizes to be won, could YOU be one of our lucky winners?
👀Keep your eyes peeled for more exciting updates coming soon! ✨ GET READY FOR SOME CHRISTMAS MAGIC! ✨🎄🎁 GOOD LUCK EVERYONE! 🎁🎄

🎅 **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!
🎁 **PLUS… DON'T MISS OUR TOMBOLA STALL!** 🎁
Bring the family, spread some Christmas cheer and join us for a wonderful evening!

🎁 **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

MONTH'S MIND
Brenda Kennedy
Ellen Lavery

ANNIVERSARIES
Anne McCann
Anne Kelly
Anne Campbell
Briege Rafferty

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!"**

THE 2nd NEWELL-REYNOLDS LECTURE WITH REV. DR. AMY ORR-EWING

Join us for the second year of this annual lecture in Clonard on Sunday 15th November at 7pm. Rev. Dr. Amy Orr-Ewing (University of Oxford) is an internationally renowned speaker, author and theologian. She specialises in Forgiveness, Christian apologetics, public theology, and addressing difficult cultural and spiritual questions. Her most recent book Forgiveness; Reclaiming Its Power in a Culture of Outrage and Fear is a well-researched study of the Biblical idea with real life stories and deep insight. Rev. Amy will speak about Forgiveness in her lecture in Clonard. Organised by the Clonard Fitzroy Fellowship. All are welcome!

The Second Collection this Weekend is for the General Maintenance Fund

Your Offerings up to 6th November 2026

Weekly Offering £446.89	Monthly Offering (Priests' Stipend) £285.64
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