



Catholic Church of Our Lady of the Assumption, Links Road
One Family, One Love

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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17TH DECEMBER 2023

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MASS INTENTIONS: If you would like to request a Mass for yourself or a friend or relative, please use one of the envelopes at the back of the church and put it in the presbytery letter box or give to the Sacristan or the parish secretary.

CHRISTMAS ENVELOPES: The Christmas envelopes for your priest's annual Christmas gifts are at the back of the church.

VISIT BY THE EPISCOPAL VICAR: Welcome to Canon Gerard Bradley, the Episcopal Vicar in charge of the South West area who is visiting our parish, at 10am on 17/12/2023. After the Mass there will be teas and coffees and pleasantries with the vicar in the hall.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE: There will be an Advent Reconciliation Service on Friday 22nd December at 7pm. Kindly come with your family for end of year confessions. There will be about four priests to help us. Please use this opportunity at the end of advent.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH: Paul Gavin, Elizabeth Worsley, Kathleen Lally, Bridie Hannon, Cynthia Foxten, Pat Willis, Peter Kilkenny, Michelle Anderson, Marilyn Harrison, Martin Paes, Martin Joyce, James Carlin, Mrs Pat Dzantan Quist, Lisa Harrison, Christine Kondishura, Sean Baveghens, Margaret McDonalds; , Elmila Frauchon, Mary Kilkenny, Natali William, Basil Desouza. If you know any parishioner who is sick and will want their name in the parish sick list for prayers, kindly forward their name to the parish secretary or Fr. Mark.

RECENTLY DECEASED PARISHIONERS: We regret to announce the sudden death of John Delaney who died on the 26th November, and Pat Lally who died on the 28th November 2023. May their souls rest in perfect peace. We shall communicate the dates of their funerals.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for the souls of our departed who died at this time of year: Christina Askett, Harold Sayers, Frank Greene, Thomas McGrath, Albert Donnelly, Bridie Kerrigan.

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WORSHIP IN OUR CHURCH

You are welcomed to our parish. Please take care of yourself and parishioners, and sanitise your hands before entering the church.

Adoration/Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place every Wednesday after 9:30am Mass (10am to 12pm), and every First Friday of the month from 8:30am to 9:30am.

- **A Rosary** will be prayed every day before the 9:30am weekday Mass or 10am Sunday Mass
- **The Friday Club** is resumed in the hall after the 9:30am Mass on Fridays
- **Tea and Coffee** will be served after 10:00am Mass every Sunday

First Fridays of each month there will be a Mass for Family Restoration and Healing at 8pm.

First Saturdays after 9:30am Mass—Apostolate of Fatima devotion in the church, with Exposition and Benediction

DONATIONS/OFFERINGS

Your continuous donations and offerings to the church are greatly appreciated. If you would like to make a standing order and/or join our gift aid scheme, you can download a form from the Donate page on the website. You can also donate by contactless payment at the back of the church or online by scanning the QR code below:



Thank you for supporting the running of the Church.

OFFERTORY (10TH DECEMBER 2023) £427.29

PARISH OFFICE HOUR: The parish office in the presbytery, 282 Links Road, is opened every Tuesday from 5pm –7pm. Contact for any pastoral discussion or counselling and signing of forms. Feel free to ring the priest and book appointment at any time for emergency.

CONFESSION: Every Saturday after the 9:30am mass and at appointment at any time.

SAFEGUARDING

As a parish, we all share the responsibility for keeping our church a safe, happy and welcoming place for all our parishioners to worship and grow together in Christ. Our parish has two safeguarding representatives who support the parish priest in managing safeguarding procedures; they are Martin Paes and Siobhan Kerins. See the notice board at the back of the church for more safeguarding information

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Sunday 24th December:	Christmas Vigil Mass	6.30pm
Sunday 24th December:	Carol Service	10 pm-11 pm
Sunday 24th December:	Christmas Midnight Mass	11.pm
Monday 25th December:	Christmas (Nativity)	10 am & 12 pm
Tuesday 26th December:	FEAST OF ST STEPHEN	9.30 am
Wednesday 27th December:	ST JOHN THE APOSTLE	9.30 am

PLEASE PICK UP A CHRISTMAS CARD FROM THE BACK OF THE CHURCH AND ALSO DISTRIBUTE THEM

The Parish Christmas Card and Christmas programme is at the back of the church. Kindly take some copies as a means of evangelisation to your neighbours. Invite them to join us at the carol service and Christmas events.

PARISH BEREAVEMENT GROUP: The Parish bereavement group meets in the parish hall every first Monday of the month at 5pm.

CHILDREN & YOUTH'S CHRISTMAS PARTY: This will take place on 17th December at 2pm.

LEGION OF MARY: The Legion of Mary Association meets every Wednesday in the Parish Hall at 7pm. New members are welcome.

VISIT OF THE DIOCESAN FUNDRAISING AND GIFT AID TEAM: The Diocesan fundraising team will visit us for a planned giving and stewardship drive which is a 3 week programme that gives parishioners an awareness of having a responsibility towards their parish community. The slot for our parish is the 14th, 21st and 28th January 2024.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION AND RCIA: The forms for these sacraments for next year are at the back of the church. Parents whose children are 8 year and 13 years kindly pick one for your child. Adults for RCIA seeking Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion please do pick one. The completed forms should be submitted to the Parish Priest.

WORLD APOSTOLATE FOR FATIMA: The World Apostolate of Fatima First Saturday devotions will continue in the church after the 9:30am Mass on the first Saturday of each month. The devotion begins with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and Fatima Prayers.

FOOD BANK: Dependence on food banks is a growing reality for many people especially with the increased cost of food and fuel impacting on family income. If you are able to, please leave donations of tinned/dry food in the box at the back of the church. All contributions are gratefully received. Thank you.

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH: Those who help in cleaning the church need extra hands. If you can sacrifice one hour a month in cleaning God's house, kindly contact Dee Dee through Fr. Mark. God Bless you.

WELCOMING GROUP: If you are interested in joining the Welcoming group of Our Lady of the Assumption Church, kindly contact the Parish Priest.

REPOSITORY: A range of Catholic goods, cards and rosaries are available in the Parish Bookshop.

PERSONAL PROPERTY: Please, nobody should leave his or her personal belongings in the church without the permission of the parish priest. Otherwise whatever is found in the church is considered as parish property. Thanks.

CHOIR PRACTICE: Choir practice will be held every **MONDAY** in the church at **7pm**. New voices, male and female, are always welcome —come and sing and praise God.

APPRECIATION: Thank you for your contributions and for being an indefatigable and dynamic parishioner. Your sincere contribution and support is highly appreciated. God bless you.

WELCOME TO ALL NEW PARISHIONERS. We are pleased to have new members in our parish family. Be a part of us. We love you. God bless you.

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