



Catholic Church of Our Lady of the Assumption, Links Road

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OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C

22ND DECEMBER 2024

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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.

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 Joyce, James Carlin, Mrs Pat Dzantan Quist, Lisa Harrison, Christine Kundishora, Sean Baveghens, Elmila Frauchon, Mary Kilkenny, Natali William, Basil Desouza, Audra, Philoja Bangras, Steven Smith, Maria COB, John Quinn, Tome Ogaga, 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. Joseph.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for the souls of our departed who died at this time of year: Albert Donnelly, Bridie Kerrigan, Agnes Grace, William Chambers, Clara Carter, Christopher Worsley, Angelo Rajarooriger, Pauline Fitzpatrick, Dennis Walker, Christine Kundishora.

MESSAGE FROM FR. JOSEPH: I am highly delighted in your efforts, united spirit, love and diligent voluntary services that make our Parish community so unique. I appreciate all you contributions and financial sacrifices that kept us strong this year. I assure you that 2025 will be blessed for you and your family. Together we keep going.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Fr. Joseph

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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 are encouraged to use our contactless machine in the church to ease the work of the counters. Please follow the instructions—if you wish to use gift aid, your details can be added after paying. You may also scan the QR code to donate.



Thank you for supporting the running of the Church.

OFFERTORY (15TH DECEMBER)

£275.43

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 by 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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Parents of children who wish to receive their First Holy Communion in 2025, please pick up an application form from the back of the church and return it to the Presbytery.

CONFIRMATION: Parents of children who wish to be confirmed next year, please pick up an application form at the back of the church and return it to Fr. Joseph.

RCIA: Adults who wish to become Catholic, or those who are baptised Catholics but who have not been confirmed, please contact Father Joseph to join the process for Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA), leading up to the Rite of Election in March and reception into the church at Easter. Sessions will begin on Saturday 11th January 2025.

GARAGE CLEARANCE: In the New Year 2025, we long to have a better, clean and rodent-free environment. For this, the Parish will like to clear the garages. Please check the garages if you kept any valuables there. Thanks as you comply.

ST FRANCIS XAVIER EVENT: The St. Francis Xavier Event held on the 7th December 2024 raised a sum of £1025 for the church maintenance. The committee would like to thank all who gave donations for Raffle prizes and those who donated money, and of course all who attended the event. Finally, thanks to the committee for all their time and efforts in organising the event.

YEAR OF PRAYER 2024

PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF PRAYERS

God of blessings,
in this year ahead,
give us a spirit of listening,
of openness to your word
and longing for your kingdom.
As we journey toward the Jubilee,
a time of new beginnings,
we pray for help and strength,
to heal our relationships with each other
and all creation.
Sing your song of love over us,
renewing our faith and courage,
so we may join our voices together,
discovering new harmonies of hope,
new melodies of reconciliation

Attentive to the Spirit,
and awake to the needs of the world,
may we seek your life-giving presence,
as we join as one global family,
in a great symphony of prayer and praise.
Amen.

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

SUNDAY COFFEE MORNING: We are looking for people to join our jolly team of volunteers who provide a warm welcome and a cup of tea after the Sunday 10 O'Clock Mass. For more information please speak to Fr. Joseph or one of the team.

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.

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

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. Joseph. 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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