

Parish Novena to St Joseph

Part of our 200 Year Anniversary Celebrations



Wednesday 11th March to Thursday 19th March
7pm St Joseph's Church, Hannahstown



Everyone is welcome to join us for 9 evenings of Mass, inspiring guest speakers, visiting priests and our special Novena Prayer, as we seek to give thanks for our Parish, and look forward to the next 200 years!

Guest Speakers



Fr Conor McGrath PP
Vocations Direction, Down and
Connor Diocese

Fr Kevin McGuckien PP
Parish Priest, Portstewart
Former Hannahstown PP



Dr Gaven Kerr
Lecturer in Philosophy
Native of Hannahstown Parish

Shannon Campbell
Director of Campus Ministry
QUB Catholic Chaplaincy



Joe McKeown
CEO
Youth Link

Daily Themes



Date	Speaker	Theme
Wed 11th	Kealan Barrett	Sick and Elderly
Thurs 12th	Fr Conor McGrath	Vocations
Fri 13th	Fr Kevin McGuckien	Founding and Deceased Parishoners
Sat 14th	Shannon Campbell	Young People
Sun 15th	Dr Gaven Kerr	Those Who Have Left the Church
Mon 16th	Joe McKeown	Fathers and Families
Tues 17th	Conall Ó Coisneacháin	St Joseph's Prayer
Wed 18th	Fr Patrick Devlin	Unity and our Universal Church
Thurs 19th	Sarah Beattie	Our Parish Future

Music



Date	Musicians
Wed 11th	Peter Devlin and Mary Bernadette Hardy
Thurs 12th	Peljun Corvera
Fri 13th	Cara McCann
Sat 14th	Michael and Pauline
Sun 15th	Gráinne McAreyve
Mon 16th	Dylan Porter
Tues 17th	TBC
Wed 18th	Catherine McCallum
Thurs 19th	Parish Choir

We are grateful to the musicians from our family of parishes, and further afield, who are joining us to celebrate our Novena!

Day 1 – Sick and Elderly



In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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Glorious Saint Joseph, spouse of the Immaculate Virgin, pray for me to have a pure, humble, charitable mind, and perfect resignation to the divine Will. Be my guide, my father, and my model through life that I may die as you did in the arms of Jesus and Mary.

Loving Saint Joseph, faithful follower of Jesus Christ, I raise my heart to you to implore your powerful intercession in obtaining from the Divine Heart of Jesus all the graces necessary for my spiritual and temporal welfare, particularly the grace of a happy death, and the special grace I now implore:

We pray for the sick and suffering of our Parish, including the elderly, and those who may feel forgotten or alone. May they always find comfort in our Parish family. We also pray for those who care for the sick, whose silent devotion reflects the life of St Joseph, and whose actions speak louder than words ever could. May they be rewarded for their kindness.

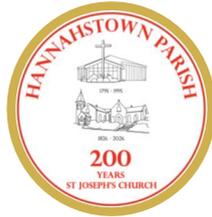
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St. Joseph Most Just, Pray for us!

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Day 2 - Vocations



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We pray for Fr Patrick, and all those priests and religious who have devoted their lives to the people of this Church for 200yrs. Just like St Joseph, they answered God's call with humble obedience and devotion, sharing God's love with the people of this Parish. We pray that St Joseph will continue to inspire joyful responses to God's call from those discerning vocations to Priesthood and religious life.

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Day 3 – Founding and Deceased Parishoners



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We pray for the founders of this parish, and all our deceased parishoners over the last 200yrs. We are filled with gratitude for the living tradition they have handed down to us. May their reward be eternal rest with Christ. May we honour their sacrifice by continuing to pass on the gift they have given to us to the next generation.

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Day 4 – Young People



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We pray for our young people. We ask St Joseph to guide and protect them, just as he guided the child Jesus. The sound of young people in our Church tells us that this Parish has a vibrant future. With the help of our wonderful school, may our Parish family continue to be a place where our Children find joy and comfort throughout their lives.

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Day 5 – Those who have left the Church



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We pray for those who have left our Church. May our Parish family reach out to them and heal any wounds or disappointments they may carry. We pray for open hearts on both sides of our Church door, and that we as a Parish family will be inspired by St Joseph to listen with humility and show love to those all those who encounter our Parish.

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We pray for all fathers and their families within our Parish, especially those struggling with division, or the stresses that family life can bring. May they be inspired by St Joseph's example as a protector of the 'Domestic Church', and the example of the Holy Family. May the homes of this Parish become places of prayer, forgiveness and peace.

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Day 7 – St Joseph's Prayer



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That our Parish will continue to be a place of great prayer and devotion. We are inspired by the experience of those who have devoted themselves to you and the Holy Family. Whilst we may not understand God's plan, we ask you to give us the confidence to place our trust in him, knowing that he loves us.

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Day 8 – Unity and the Universal Church



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We pray for unity within our Universal Church. Our Parish, both urban and rural, has changed so much in the last 200yrs, and has been faced with many challenges that are reflected throughout the Catholic Church in Ireland. Pope Francis describes St Joseph as ‘Creatively Courageous’, finding opportunity in challenges. May our Parish continue to reflect the Universal Church, and be united in our shared mission to share the joy of our faith.

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Day 9 – Our Parish Future



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We pray for our Parish, and St Joseph's Church, as it enters its third century. May St Joseph continue to guide us to be a place of comfort, joy and prayer. Just as he was the protector of the Holy Family, may he continue to protect our Parish Family, and provide what we may need to help us in our mission to bring God closer to all those who we encounter.

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Consecration of our Parish to St Joseph



O Glorious Patriarch and Patron of the Church! O Virgin Spouse of the Virgin Mother of God! O Guardian and Virginal Father of the Word Incarnate! In the presence of Jesus and Mary, we choose you this day to be our Father, our guardian and our protector.

O great St Joseph, whom God made the head of the Holy Family, accept our parish, we beseech you, though utterly unworthy, to be part of your 'Holy House'. Present us to you Immaculate Spouse; ask her to adopt us as her children. With her, pray that we may constantly think of Jesus, and serve him faithfully.

O Spiritual Father, we hereby consecrate our Parish to you. We place ourselves and all of our concerns under your care and protection. To you, after Jesus and Mary, we consecrate our homes, and all our affairs and undertakings.

Adopt us as servants of the Holy Family. Watch over us at all times. Console and strengthen us with the presence of Jesus and Mary as we celebrate the 200 year anniversary of our Church, and help us to make it a place where people will always experience God's love.

Amen!



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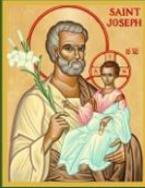


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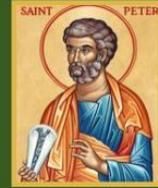


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The Parish of Hannahstown Saint Joseph's and Saint Peter's



Bicentenary Events Plan

January - *A new beginning in Christ*

Community and Spiritual: Delivery of Holy Water, prayer card and calendar to every house in the parish.

February - *Mercy, Healing and Unity Through the Sacrament of Confession*

Community: Launch of Children's Liturgy

Spiritual: Ash Wednesday Masses

"Mercy, Healing & Unity – Three Evenings of Encounter"

March - *St Joseph's Month of Faith and Work*

Community: History evening

An evening of storytelling on significant events in parish life, with a focus on faith in the Parish, and life in the area over the last 200yrs, with a display of old photos, items and sacrament registers reflecting the parish history

Spiritual: 9 Day Novena to St Joseph, leading to His feast day on March 19th

April - *New Life and Resurrection*

Community: Tree planting and time capsule

Spiritual: Mass and blessing for expectant parents, and those who have been baptised in the last 3 years

May - *Mary, Mother of the Church*

Community: Mass celebrating the feast of St Joseph the worker

Cemetery Sunday

Spiritual: Crowning of Mary and Rosary Procession

June - *Body of Christ, Heart of the Parish*

Community: Mass Rock Pilgrimage and community picnic or breakfast

Spiritual: Unveiling of Carlos Acutis Statue and icon

July - *Faith in Action*

Community: 200 Acts of Kindness

Each person attending Mass asked to donate one item required by the local foodbank.

Spiritual: Parish Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

August - *Vocation and Youth*

Community: Lamh Déarg Club Mass

Spiritual: Feast of the Assumption - Marian Vigil at St Joseph's cemetery

September - *Stewardship and Creation*

Community: School Mass

Spiritual: 'Laudate Si' event focused on Pope Francis's encyclical and formation of Leticio Divina Group

October - *Mission and the Rosary*

Community: Deaf Ministry Awareness Sunday

Spiritual: Mission Sunday - Guest speakers at Mass

November - *Remembrance and Hope*

Community: Parish Bereavement Support Group

Spiritual: All Souls Masses

December - *Waiting in Joyful Hope*

Community: Carol Service or Children's Nativity

Spiritual: Advent reflection evenings + New Year's Eve Mass

We the Parish Pastoral Council of Hannahstown, inspired by the Holy Spirit, commit to:

- Serve with prayer, joy and in witness to God
- Nurture opportunities for everyone in our Parish to experience Christ's love
- Reach out and evangelise by listening to all of the people in our community

Hannahstown Parish Pastoral Council Themes

- Fostering unity between St Joseph's and St Peter's
- Opportunities for all to experience Christ's love
- Prayer and Worship

"The world promises us pleasure, but it is only in Jesus that we find joy" - Saint Therese of Liseux