



32nd Sunday Ordinary Time

12th November 2017

Three Parish Newsletter for
**St. Anthony's, St. Gabriel's &
St. John the Baptist's**

MASS TIMES

St. Gabriel's

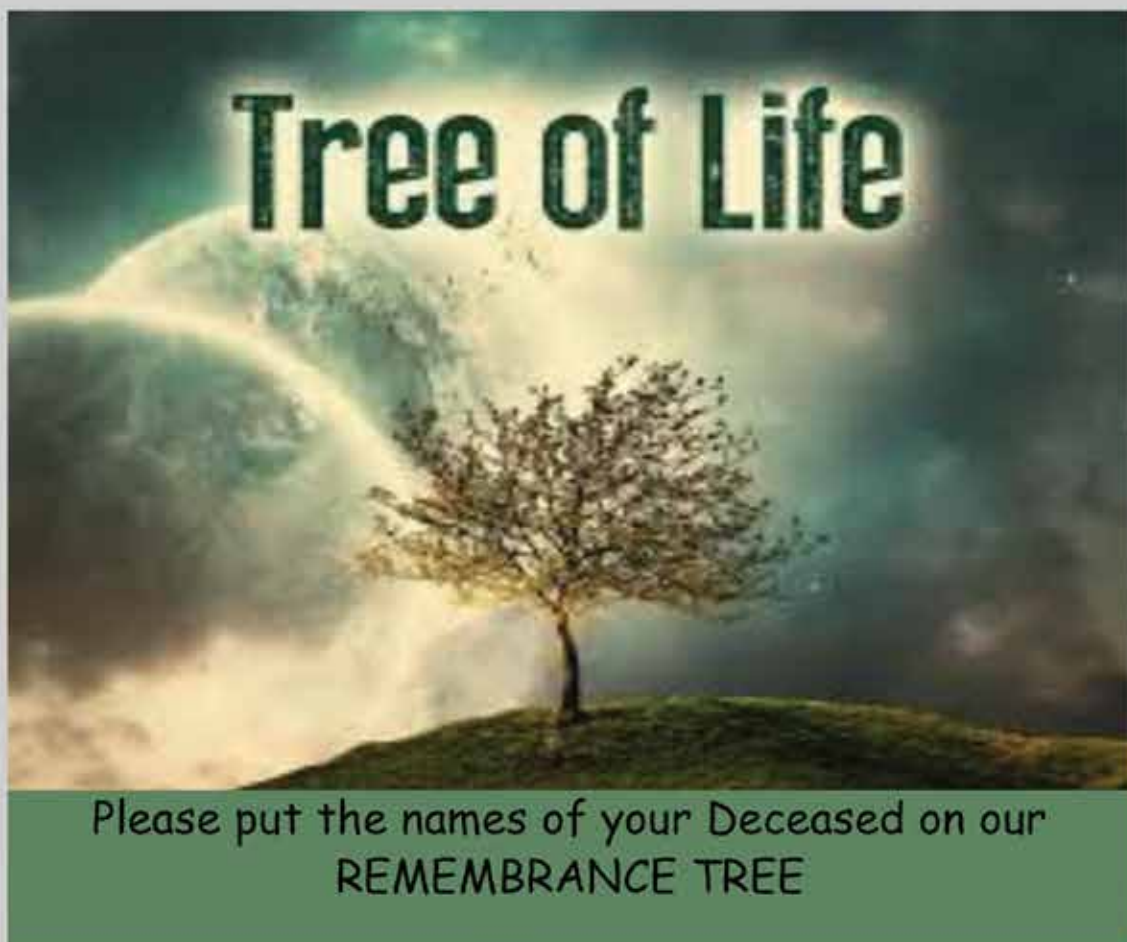
Sat 6.00 pm
Sun 10.30 am
6.00 pm (*Youth Mass*)

St. John's

Sat 6.00 pm
Sun 10.00 am (*Family*)
12.00 noon

St. Anthony's

Sat 5.30 pm (*Family*)
Sun 10.00 am
11.30 am



The Dash

*I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend
He referred to the dates on the tombstone, from the beginning to the end.*

*He noted that first came the date of birth, and spoke of the following date with tears
But he said what mattered most of all, was the dash between the years.*

*For that dash represents all the time, that they spent alive on earth
And now only those who loved them know what that little line is worth.*

*For it matters not ,how much we own, the cars... the house.... the cash,
What matters is how we live and love, and how we spend our dash.*

*So, think about this long and hard, are there things you'd like to change?
For you never know how much time is left, that can still be rearranged.*

*If we could just slow down enough, to consider what's true and real
and always try to understand. the way other people feel.*

*And be less quick to anger, and show appreciation more
and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before*

*If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile
remembering that each special dash, might only last a while.*

*So when your Eulogy is being read, with your life's actions to rehash...
Would you be proud of the things they say, about how you spent your dash*

Saint Anthony's Parish

MASS INTENTIONS

10th—17th November

- Sat. 5.30pm Rosemary McGinn Anniv
 Dominick Fitzpatrick Anniv
 Sun. 10.00am Elizabeth Fitzsimons
 Month's Mind
 11.30am John Murphy Anniv
 Tom Hourican Anniv
 Mond 7.45am Donor's Intentions
 10.00am Joe & Bridget Flannagan Ann
 Tues 7.45am Bernadette O Mahony Rec Decd
 10.00am Úna Casey Rec Decd
 Bernard Cervi Anniv
 Weds 7.45am Special Intention
 10.00am Seamus Reynolds Anniv
 Thurs. 7.45am Mairead Walsh B/D Remb
 10.00am James Duffy Anniv
 Friday 7.45am Donor's Intentions
 10.00am Margaret O'Dea Rec Decd
 Richard Kelly Anniv
 Sat 10.00am Sarah & Mick Cleary Anniv
 5.30pm Bernie O'Mahony
 Month's Mind



At our Annual November Remembrance Mass on Monday, we celebrated the lives of those we have loved and lost over the past year and beyond. There was a mood of sadness and loss. We have to grieve, but not without "Hope" as Scripture tells us. The Spirit and lives of those we have loved is never lost, even in death. So in this November time, let us remember them in the silence of our hearts, in prayers of Hope or in a lighted candle.

Let us inscribe their names on our Tree of Life. Darkness and light are two sides of the same life we have all been gifted with.

A sincere thanks to all who planned, organised and attended our November Remembrance Mass.

May all who have died now share in the fullness of life with God and may all who are grieving find courage and faith in God from the love that they have for those they remember this November

CLONTARF ACTIVE RETIRED

Twenty six members travelled to The Falls Hotel, Ennistymon, where we spent "Ophelia" - a day indoors which was very convivial.

Well rested, we headed off the following day for Leenane and the Cliffs of Mohar where we enjoyed "99s" sitting in the sunshine. What a comparison to the previous day!! We had a day in Galway with a tour of the city and on our final day took in Blarney Woollen Mills at Bunratty en route home.

CLONTARF PLAYERS PRESENT "ALL IN FAVOUR SAID NO !"

A comedy by Bernard Farrell
 Set in the fictional DONNYCARNEY METAL WORKS, the is comedy play looks at the industrial relations of the 1980s and the people trapped therein.
 Sean O'Casey Theatre. East Wall
 22nd—25th November at 8pm
 Contact 01 8509000

HARVEST MASS OF THANKSGIVING

A Mass of Thanksgiving for the fruits of the earth and a call to respect and protect nature and the environment was celebrated on Sunday 29th October



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Sunday: 10/00am & 11.30am

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April 2016 was indeed a milestone in our nation's history and also in my own career. Having reached fifty one years as a local optometrist in Fairview and I have none but happy memories of my time there, thanks to the kind people of the area, who were very nice to deal with, in my role as a local optician. As well as looking back we are also looking forward, as two family members, Helen and Teresa, having graduated in more recent times, will continue assisting me in the practice in the future at the same location. We will try to do our best in the future years as we have tried to do during the previous fifty. Many thanks for your loyalty to our practice.

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Remembering our Loved Ones



Last Sunday we had our Annual Mass for those whose funerals took place in St. Gabriel's since last November.

It was the most moving celebration as families, friends and neighbours gathered to thank God for our loved ones and celebrate the richness they brought into our lives.

We thought of you with love today
But that is nothing new.
We thought about you yesterday
And days before that too.
We think of you in silence,
We often speak your name;
Now all we have are memories
And a picture in a frame.
Your memory is our keepsake
With which we'll never part.
God has you in His keeping
We have you in our heart.

Celebrating Special Wedding anniversaries

Congratulations to all who celebrated their special Wedding Anniversaries on Sunday 15th October



Water into Wine

Lord Jesus, by turning water into wine

You brought joy to a couple in Cana.

Be present to us today and always.

Grant us in all our tasks – your help,

In all our weaknesses – your strength,

In all our sorrow – your comfort,

And in all our changes – your protection,





Hello everyone. My name is Deirdre Ward and I am delighted to be the Clontarf/Dollymount Cluster Group's newly appointed Sacramental Co-ordinator for the Confirmation Programme.

I am married with two daughters and live in Portmarnock. In 2010 I started to study in Mater Dei as an R.E. and History teacher. Following my graduation I took a year to complete my Masters in Chaplaincy and Pastoral Work and worked as Parish Chaplain in Portmarnock Parish up until August this year.

I look forward to working with you over the coming school year and would like to thank everyone for their warm welcome.

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We turn to the world around us at this time of ingathering and are encouraged by the fruit and harvests; the Christian eye takes its lead from Jesus in looking and perceiving good news being revealed. Manresa's meadow yielded a surprising number of bales but it's real fruit was in the life that badgers, foxes, birds, bats and bees found there in recent months - and in our enjoyment of them.

May this time of harvest reveal to you much bounty if not in big ways, in many small ones.

Piarras Jackson SJ, Director

Advent Prayer Evenings

7:30 pm to 9:00 pm Tuesday 28 November and continuing every Tuesday during Advent

Prepare for Christmas through our sessions of guided prayer on each Tuesday of Advent. These evenings create 'sacred spaces' to prepare to celebrate God's great love for us. You can come for any one evening, or all four as you wish. There's no need to book. Just come along yourself, or bring a friend All are very welcome.

Advent Weekend Retreat (€165)

8:00 pm Friday 1st to 2:00 pm Sunday 3rd December

A retreat in Advent is especially precious as a time of waiting, inviting consideration of a core Advent theme. You will have time to appreciate the season's message by praying alone or in company with others, by meeting with a spiritual director or just catching your breath if life seems too busy.



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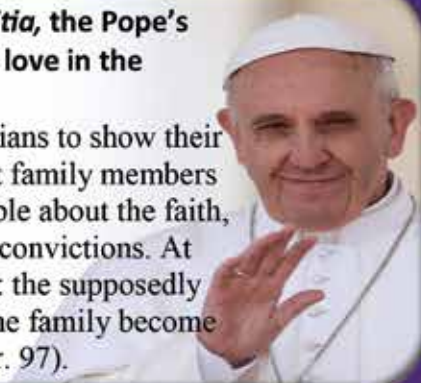


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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH CLONTARF

Quote from *Amoris Laetitia*, the Pope's apostolic exhortation on love in the family.

"It is important for Christians to show their love by the way they treat family members who are less knowledgeable about the faith, weak or less sure in their convictions. At times the opposite occurs: the supposedly mature believers within the family become unbearably arrogant" (Par. 97).



Clontarf Historical Society.

Talk on "Erwin Schrodinger a Nobel Scientist who lived in Clontarf,"
by Niall McDevitt
Monday 13th November at 8.15pm in Resource Center Visitors welcome €5.

*Planting of
Peace tree,
St. Anne's
Park*



Confirmation Enrolment

During the 10.00 am Family Mass next Sunday, 19th November, young people who are celebrating their Confirmation next May will be formally enrolled as candidates for Confirmation. Please keep them in your prayers.



Work on Church Windows

The stained-glass window in the Sanctuary is looking very well after the work that was done on both the frame, the tracery and the glass itself in recent months. A small window was also repaired and cleaned at the lower level of the boiler house. We are waiting on a report from the conservation architect based on the work that has been done on these two windows. The report will make some recommendations as to the next phase of work. We will communicate with you when we receive the report.

November Mass for the Dead

This Sunday, we will have our annual parish Mass at 5.30 pm to remember in a special way all who have been buried from our parish church in the past year. All parishioners who have lost a loved one at any time in the past, whether or not they have been buried from our parish church, are invited to this Mass. This is a special time when we gather as a parish community to remember our loved ones who have died, to pray for them and for each other.



Baptisms

*We welcome into the Christian community the children who were baptized during the month of October:
Jackson Cruz Collier, Lyla Kelly, Elsie Kelly, Olwen Crowley, Quinn Allis, Fionn Crowe, Éatan Grogan, Áron Grogan*

Ecumenical Bible Study Group,



Our last session on the Book of Psalms will take place on Wednesday, 15th November, in the Parish Centre, Seafield Road, at 7.30 pm. These five sessions have been an opportunity to look a little more closely at these much-loved prayers which were prayed by Jesus himself. All are welcome



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Deepest Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathies to the families and friends of those who were buried from our parish church during the month of October: Gilbert Hayes, Clontarf Park, Eamon Keegan, Conquer Hill Road, May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Mass Intentions

Sunday

6.00 pm: Eileen Sheridan (An)

10.00 am: Ann Deegan (An)

12.00 pm: Sean Gates (An)

We also remember

Seamus Connealy, Alexander T Elliott, Gerard Kelly and Family, Tom and Mary Fitzpatrick, Gerry Headon, AnneKearney, Teresa Harvey, Owen Halion

Holy Hour

The next Holy Hour will take place next Sunday, November 19, in Saint John the Baptist church, Clontarf Road, at 7.30 pm. Light refreshments will be served afterwards in the Parish Centre. We will be reflecting on two passages from Matthew's gospel, the gospel of this liturgical year.



Confirmation Co-Ordinator

A Confirmation Co-Ordinator has been selected for the three Clontarf parishes after an interview process. We would like to congratulate Deirdre Ward on taking up this important post. She is a married woman who recently graduated from Mater Dei Institute of Education and has been working as a pastoral assistant in Portmarnock Parish. This is a part-time position of ten hours per week and her salary will be funded jointly by the three parishes.



Holy Faith Clontarf Parents Association Fundraising Book Fair will take place in the School Hall, Belgrove Road, on Friday 17th November 7-9pm, Saturday 18th November 10am to 2pm & Sunday 19th November 10am to 2pm. Lots of interesting titles for the dark Winter evenings! Should you have any books/ CD's or DVD's in good condition that you would like to donate to Fair, they can be left in to the School any weekday from Monday 6th November 2017 to Friday 17th November 2017 between 9am and 7pm.



The Clontarf Parishes Information Evening about our Walking pilgrimage along the Compostela de Santiago in Spain took place during October and a dozen have been selected to go on the trip which is due to take place between 28th May – June 7th, 2018. We wish the group every success as they make their way along the route.

November Memorial Services

There will be a Memorial Service for the pupils of Holy Faith School in our parish church this Tuesday, 14th November, with the twelve Senior classes gathering at 11.40 am, followed by the twelve Junior classes at 12.20 pm. This will be an opportunity for the pupils and teachers to remember all those they have known and loved who have gone to the Lord.

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