

Sunday

6.00 pm: Syl Edwards (An) 10.00 am: Betty Gibbons (An) 12.00 pm: Pat Hughes (An)

We also remember

Joan O Fiachain, Sean Mac Giollaphadraig, Paul Quinn, Seamus Quinn, Ben Church, Patricia Lyon, Metodi Dimitrova, Mary Treacy, Frank Maguire

From Amoris Laetitia, The Joy of Love, the Pope's apostolic exhortation on love in the family

"A love that fails to grow is at risk. Growth can only occur if we respond to God's grace through constant acts of love, acts of kindness that become ever more frequent, intense, generous, tender and cheerful" (Par. 134).

Crafty Wednesday & Coffee Morning

The Craft and Coffee morning takes place every Wednesday in St John the Baptist Parish Centre from 10.30am to 12.30pm. It is open to all young and old both male and female. Perhaps you might come along for a cuppa and read the newspaper.

The Annual Collection for ACCORD, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be taken up at all Masses on the weekend of 17th & 18th February 2018. The Collection for ACCORD will replace the usual Share Collection.

Creative Writing Classes

St John the Baptist Parish Centre, Clontarf Rd. Beginners classes for adults starting Thurs 1st Feb 7.30- 9.30pm. Fee €120 for 10 weeks.

Parish Prayer Groups

A Meditation group, in the tradition of the Benedictine monk John Main, meets every Monday from 8.00 pm to 8.45 pm in the presbytery, 186 Clontarf Road. A *Lectio* Divina (Sacred Reading) prayer group meets to reflect on the gospel reading of the following Sunday every Tuesday from 8.00 pm to 9.00 pm in the prayer room of the Holy Faith sisters, in the basement of 182 Clontarf Road. All are welcome.

House Blessings

If any parishioner would like to have their house blessed, please let me know and I will be very happy to arrange it. You could phone the presbytery, 8338575, or the Parish Office, 8334606 or email the parish office at sitbclontarf@eircom.net Fr Martin

Training for Baptism Teams

There will be a training evening for Parish Baptism Teams in Holy Cross College Clonliffe at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 7th February. I am very grateful to the members of our own Parish Baptism Team for all their work in preparing parents and family members for the liturgical celebration of Baptism and in helping that celebration to run so smoothly.

Vincent de Paul Collection

The outdoor collection next Sunday after all the Masses is for the local conference of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society.

Holy Communion to the housebound

If you are aware of any parishioner who is housebound and who would like to receive holy communion please let Fr Martin know or contact the Parish Office.

Clontarf Resident Association

The Annual General Meeting of the Clontarf Residents Association will take place in the Hall of the Girls School in Belgrove on Tuesday, 6th February, at 8.00 pm.

Parish Cluster Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Cluster Group representing the three Clontarf Parishes will be on Monday, 12th February, at 7.30 pm, in Saint Anthony's Parish Centre. This group, composed of parishioners and priests from the three Clontarf parishes tries to view the three parishes as a unit and to consider ways in which the three parishes could pool their combined resources.

Reflection on this Sunday's gospel reading

Jesus combined teaching with healing. and he drove the evil spirit out of the man. The power of God that worked this wonder through Jesus is also at work in and through us today. When have you been freed from some bad habit? The evil spirit convulsed the man before it left him. The path to liberation can be a painful struggle. If you have found it so, who was the Jesus person that helped you through the struggle to freedom? *Intercom* Magazine John Byrne osa Email ipbyrneosa@gmail.com

St Josephs Young Priests Society

will hold its monthly meeting on Friday 2nd February at 1.15am in the Parish Centre. New members most welcome.

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MASSES

St John the Baptist

Mon - Sat :10.00 am

Sundays: 6.00 pm (V), 10.00 am.,

12.00 pm

St Gabriel's: Sat (Vigil) 6.00pm Sunday 10.30 am and 6.00 pm St Anthony's: Sat 5.30 pm (Vigil) Sunday 10.00 am, 11.30 am

CONFESSIONS

After the 10 a.m. and 6 p.m Masses on Sat and after the 10 a.m Mass on the Thurs before the First Friday

BAPTISMS

On the 2nd Sunday of each month at 11.00 am and the 3rd Saturday of each month at 12 noon

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> 9.00 am-1.00 pm Monday to Friday