



## Mass Intentions

### Sunday

6.00 pm: Jack Keegan (An)  
10.00 am: Seamus Herbert (Rem)  
12.00 pm: Michael Murrin (An)

### We also remember

Maire, Gerry and Davy Lee, Bernie Leddy,  
Connie Massey, Patricia Maher, Luke  
Doolin, Brndan O'Driscoll, Geoffrey Kelly

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

"Love bears every trial with a positive attitude. It stands firm in hostile surroundings... It is a love that never gives up, even in the darkest hour" (Par. 118).

### Christmas thanks

I will like to thank all who have contributed to the life of the parish over the course of the past year. Thanks to all who support us financially and to everyone who builds up the parish spiritually just by your presence in the church at our liturgies or at quiet moments of your own. I pray that you will all experience the peace and love of the child of Bethlehem this Christmas time, Fr Martin

### World Meeting of Families

As part of our preparation for the World Meeting of Families, the organizers are promoting a family new year's resolution sheet. Copies are available in the porches and you are invited to take one away with you and have a read of it.

### Prayer for the World Meeting of Families

God, our Father, We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son,  
One family, in the Spirit of your love.  
Bless us with the joy of love. Make us patient and kind,  
gentle and generous, welcoming to those in need.  
Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.  
Protect all families with your loving care,  
Especially those for whom we now pray...  
Increase our faith, Strengthen our hope,  
Keep us safe in your love,  
Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share.

This we ask, through Christ our Lord. Amen

### Family Mass

This Sunday, December 31 and next Sunday, January 7, the 10.00 am Mass will not be the usual Family Mass. The Family Mass team are taking a well-deserved break after Christmas. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Family Mass team for their great service to the children who come to the 10.00 am Mass on Sunday. It is greatly appreciated, and not just by the children. Fr Martin

### Do this in Memory Mass

The next *Do this in Memory* Mass with a special focus on first communion children will be celebrated in our parish at the 10.00 am Family Mass, on Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> January. A meeting of the parents who plan this Mass will take place on the previous Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> January, in the home of one of the team members. Many thanks to all parents who organize these special Masses. Fr Martin

### Cluster Group Meeting

There will be a meeting of the three -parish cluster group on Monday, January 15, at 7.30 pm in Saint Gabriel's Sacristy. This group is composed of parishioners and priests from the three Clontarf parishes. It tries to view the three parishes as something of a unit and to consider ways in which the three parishes could pool their combined resources.

### Feast of the Epiphany, Saturday, January 6

We will have two Masses for this feast in our parish church, a Vigil Mass at 6.00 pm on Friday, January 5, and the usual 10.00 am Mass on Saturday, January 6. The great feast of the Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East. In the magi, representatives of the neighbouring pagan religions, the evangelist Matthew sees an anticipation of the welcome that the preaching of the gospel will receive among the nations after the Resurrection of Jesus.

### Holy Hour

The next Holy Hour will take place in our parish church on Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> January, at 7.30 pm.

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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