



Mass Intentions

Sunday

6.00 pm: Maura and Paul Plaisted (An)
 10.00 am: George Murray (An)
 12.00 pm: Edward and Betty Gibbons (An)

We also remember

Rita and Brendan Cronin, Eucharika Fogarty,
 Mary and PJ O'Sullivan, Gertrude
 Maloney, Myles Mahady, Susan Lee, Con
 Cusack Michael Moran, Kathleen Murphy,
 Eileen Harnedy

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

"Each person, with all his or her failings, is called to the fullness of life in heaven.

There, fully transformed by Christ's resurrection, every weakness, darkness and infirmity will pass away. There the person's true being will shine forth in all its goodness and beauty. This realisation helps us, amid the aggravations of this present life, to see each person from a supernatural perspective, in the light of hope, and await the fullness that he or she will receive in the heavenly kingdom, even if it is not yet visible" (Par. 117).

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.

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

Feast of the Epiphany

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.

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, 14th January. A meeting of the parents who plan this Mass will take place on the previous Monday, 8th January, in the home of one of the team members. Many thanks to all parents who organize these special Masses. Fr Martin

Collection for the Capuchin Day Centre

A few weeks ago, the Parish Justice and Peace group hosted the film, 'Lady in a Van', in the Parish Centre. A great crowd turned up to see a wonderful film. People were invited to make a donation as they left. Almost €50 was collected and has been passed on to Brother Kevin. Thanks to everyone for their generosity.

Parish Book Club

The next meeting of the Parish Book Club is on Thursday, January 25, at 7.30 pm, in the Parish Centre. We are reading *How we killed God and other tales of modern Ireland* by David Quinn, one of the country's best-known commentators on religious and social affairs, and one of our own parishioners. Congratulations to David on the publication of this book.

Family Mass

On Sunday, December 31 and 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

Holy Hour

The next Holy Hour will take place in our parish church on Sunday, 21st 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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