



Mass Intentions

Sunday

6.00 pm: Paddy Bell (An)
10.00 am: Caroline Sheehan (An)
12.00 pm: Margaret Hudson (An)

We also remember

John Prior, John and Catherine Moynihan, Tom
and Rosaleen Murphy, Michael Daly

Weekdays

Imelda Rooney, Frank Gleasure, Bill Perryman

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

"Today we recognize that being able to forgive others implies the liberating experience of understanding and forgiving ourselves" (Par. 107).

Programme for young people

We are running a programme for young people based on a new resource called NUA, a series of eight short films which equip young people to take an honest look at the questions they have about Jesus, the Bible and what it means to be a Christian in the world today. The second meeting takes place at 7.30 pm in St. John the Baptist Parish Centre, Clontarf Road, this Sunday, 26th November. Some refreshments will be provided.

Carol Service

The parish Christmas Carol Service will be celebrated on Sunday, 17th December, at 4.00 pm. The choir have been preparing for this event for some weeks now. We thank them for all their work and we hope there will be a good gathering on the day.

Taize Prayer

A time of meditative prayer in the style of the monastery of Taize in France will take place in our parish church on Sunday, 10th December, at 7.30 pm. It will be a lovely Advent moment.

Parish Book Club

The next meeting of the Parish Book Club is this Thursday, 30th November, at 7.30 pm in Parish Centre. We are reading, *Into extra time* written by Fr Michael Gallagher S.J., which he wrote during his final illness.

Parish Christmas Fair and Raffle

Our annual Christmas Fair & Raffle will take place in the Parish Centre next Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd December. Great stalls, cakes, Bric á Brac & Crafts. Donations of unwanted gifts would be appreciated. Contact Bernadette 0876445309.

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

Film: *The Lady in the Van*

The Parish Justice and Peace Group are showing the film 'The Lady in the Van', starring Maggie Smith, in the Parish Centre, on Thursday, 7th December, at 7.30 pm. There is no charge for the film. However, if you would like to make a donation at the end, all contributions will be given to Brother Kevin at the Capuchin Day Centre in Church Street.

Christmas Seniors Party

Our annual Christmas Party for the Senior Members of our Parish Community will take place in the Parish Centre on Wednesday, 13th December, at 2.00 pm. It is always a great afternoon of merriment.

Saint Joseph's Young Priests Society

The next meeting of the Saint Joseph's Young Priests Society will be held on Friday next, December 1st in the Parish Centre at 11.00 am.

Week of Guided Prayer

A week of Guided Prayer will be offered to the three Clontarf Parishes during the first week of Advent from Sunday 3rd December to Saturday 9th December. Participants will be assigned a trained prayer guide. You are asked to commit to a short period of scriptural prayer each day for six days and to meet with your prayer guide to reflect on your prayer. Application forms and further information is available through the Parish Office and the notice board.

Christmas and Easter Dues

I would like to thank Eugene Gallagher, the Chairperson of the Finance Committee, who gave such a clear presentation of the Parish Finances at all the Masses last Sunday. He was asked afterwards about the Christmas and Easter Dues. Both sets of Dues go to the Diocesan 'Common Fund', as does the first collection at Sunday Mass. This is the fund from which priests' salaries are paid in the Diocese, whether they be in active ministry or retired. The last Christmas Dues Collection came to €18,454 and the Easter Dues Collection came to €14,470.

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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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Monday to Friday