

Sunday

6.00 pm: Caragh Finegan (Anniv) 10.00 am: May Reddin (Anniv) 12.00 pm: Patricia Mirolo (Anniv)

We also remember

Joe Kyne, Joan Keegan, Margaret Clare, Sean Dunne, Charles, Mary and Frank McHugh, Susan Ward, Brian Cusack, Edel Day, Peter Shiels.

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

"Keep an open mind. Don't get bogged down in your own limited ideas and opinions, but be prepared to change or expand them. The combination of two different ways of thinking can lead to a synthesis that enriches both" (Par. 139).

Do this in Memory Mass

The next Do this in Memory Mass in our parish church, with a focus on First Communion Children, is on next Sunday, 25th February. There will be a meeting of the team of parents who plan these Masses this Monday, 19th February, at 8.00 pm in the Parish Centre, Saint John the Baptist Church.

Outdoor Collection for parish funds

The first of two outdoor collections for parish funds this calendar year will take place after all the Masses next weeked, 24th/25th February. I would like to again thank our parishioners who contributed so generously to our two outdoor collections last year, Fr Martin

Holy Hour

Our next Holy Hour will be celebrated this Sunday, 18th February, at 7.30 pm in Saint John the Baptist Parish Church. Some refreshments will be served afterwards in the parish centre. This is the first Sunday of Lent. We will be reflecting upon two passages from the gospel of Mark, one of which is the gospel reading for next Sunday.

Central Remedial Clinic Art Exhibition

The Parents and Friends Association of the CRC is a voluntary group of parents that helps fund the CRC Annual Summer Project and other events for the CRC children and young adults. Their main source of income is the annual Art Exhibition which is being held this Sunday, 18th February, from 11.00 am to 5.00 pm. Further details from Roisin O Donovan (8387636).

Ecumenical Bible Study Group

Our ecumenical bible study group begins to meet again this Wednesday, 21st February, in Saint John the Baptist, Parish Centre, Seafield Road. This Lent we will be looking at a section of the Jewish Scriptures known as the Wisdom Literature. It is a distinctive section of the Jewish Scriptures that grapples with issues of human experience that remain relevant to us today. All are welcome.

Parish Book Club

The next meeting of the Parish Book Club is on Thursday week, 1st March, at 7.30 pm in the presbytery, 186 Clontarf Road. We are reading, 'The Pilgrim's Story: The Life and Spirituality of St. Ignatius Loyola', by Fr Brendan Comerford SJ, who gives retreats regularly at the Jesuit Centre for Spirituality at Manresa, and who often celebrates our Saturday evening Vigil Mass.

Trócaire Romero Family Award

Trócaire has collaborated with the

World Meeting of Families to produce a resource specifically for families. This award aims to help Irish families as thei make their pilgrimage towards the World Meeting of Families in Dublin in August. It shares tories of families from around the world, shines | Sundays: 6.00 pm (V), 10.00 am., a light on injustices they face and also allows time for family reflection, discussion and activities that are centred around common meal times in the Irish home. In the church porches vou will find colourful bookmarks with information about the Trócaire Romero Family Award. You simply log on at the Trócaire website to register your family for this award and you will receive your 'Family Journal' by post from Trócaire. Families who complete the journal will receive a certificate and a solidarity gift form Trócaire. This could be a great Lenten activity for families. It is fun and informative. Please take away one of the bookmarks after Mass.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

The next meeting of the PPC is on Wednesday week, 28th February, at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre. If any parishioner would like an item on the Agenda, please mention it to Fr. Martin, Fr. John to Brian O' Kelly, the chairperson of the PPC or any other member of the PPC.

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MASSES

St John the Baptist

Mon - Sat :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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