



Mass Intentions

Sunday

6.00 pm: Joan Byrne (Anniv)
 10.00 am: Margaret Mohan (Anniv)
 12.00 pm: Grandparents of the Keegan and Sheerin Families

We also remember

Bernadette Mahady, Nicomende Guasoni,
 Fintan Lawlor, Frank Maguire, Abigail
 Maher, Mary, Patrick and Des Maguire,
 Tim Sexton, Thomas O'Connor

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

"Show affection and concern for the other person. Love surmounts even the worst barriers. When we love someone, or when we feel loved by them, we can better understand what they are trying to communicate" (Par. 140).

Trócaire Romero Family Award

Trócaire has collaborated with the World Meeting of Families to produce a resource specifically for families. In the church porches you will find colourful bookmarks with information about the Trócaire Romero Family Award. Please take away one of the bookmarks after Mass.

St. Patrick Was A Refugee: Welcoming the stranger

On Thursday, 22nd March, at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Centre. There will be an evening consisting of presentations and discussion on issues faced by Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Ireland. Speakers include Tian Yu Lloyd of City of Sanctuary, Nick Henderson, CEO, Irish Refugee center and Peter Sheekey who runs English Classes for Refugees in Ballybough Community Centre.

Outdoor Collection for parish funds

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

Ecumenical Bible Study Group

The next meeting of our ecumenical bible study group is on Wednesday, 7th March, in our own Parish Centre. This Lent we will be looking at a section of the Jewish Scriptures known as the Wisdom Literature. It includes the Books of Proverbs, Job, Ecclesiastes, Ecclesiasticus and Wisdom. 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. Please note that there is no meeting this Wednesday.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

The next meeting of the PPC is this Wednesday, 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 or Brian O' Kelly, the chairperson of the PPC or any other member of the PPC.

Parish Book Club

The next meeting of the Parish Book Club is this Thursday, 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.

'Men's Sheds' Group

The Wednesday Craft and Coffee morning is in full swing in the Parish centre after the 10am Mass. It is a time for all to gather for a coffee/tea and to meet other members of the community for a chat. The Wednesday group is trying to organise a mini "Men's Sheds" in the Parish Centre for some gardening, carpentry & various odd jobs. All those interested in forming such a group please call into the Parish Centre next Wednesday 28th February after 10am Mass for a meeting. 087 6445309.

Confirmation Promises

The young people of the three Clontarf Parishes who are to make their Confirmation in May will be publicly making their Confirmation Promise to abstain from alcohol until a certain age and from all harmful drugs. It will take place in our own parish church in the context of the Family Mass at 10.00 am. Please remember the young people in your prayers.

'Hosanna!', an exciting parish fund-raising concert *Habemus*, a Dublin based chamber choir, are performing an evening of song entitled 'Hosanna' in our parish church on Saturday 24th March at .30pm. *Habemus* is a chamber choir full of professional and semi-professional singers, brought together with a shared passion for a wide range of musical styles. The concert will be a celebration of song, sacred and contemporary. Tickets are €15 and €10 for O.A.P.s and students, and are available for purchasing in the parish office or alternatively will be available on the door. Any funds raised will go towards the work on the church windows.

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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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