



## Mass Intentions

### Sunday

6.00 pm: Brendan Monaghan (Anniv)  
 10.00 am: Jack and Mary Birmingham (An)  
 12.00 pm: Elizabeth Dolphin (ANNIV)

#### We also remember

George Peel, Mai Murray, Joe Moloney,  
 Owen Nolan, Theresa Scally, Bridget and  
 Andy Bergin, Delia and John Dempsey,  
 James McGrath (Snr), James McGrath (Jnr),

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

"There is no guarantee that we will feel the same way all through life. Yet if a couple can come up with a shared and lasting life project, they can love one another and live as one until death do them part, enjoying an enriching intimacy. The love they pledge is greater than any emotion, feeling or state of mind, although it may include all of these. It is a deeper love, a lifelong decision of the heart" (Par. 163).

#### Flowers for the Easter Garden

We would welcome donations of flowers for the Easter Garden. You may have noticed a larger Lenten Garden than other years in Saint Anthony's chapel. It is visually very striking and many people have been drawn to it. Many thanks to Bernadette, Claire and Pauline for conceiving and executing it. With the help of flowers donated from parishioners, the Lenten garden will become an Easter Garden.

#### Easter Triduum Retreat

The Benedictine Community, Rostrevor, is organizing an Easter Triduum Retreat for men (18-40) from Holy Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> March, to Easter Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> April. If interested, please contact, Brother Thierry at [benedictinemonks@btinternet.com](mailto:benedictinemonks@btinternet.com), 028 41739979

#### 'Heaven Sent', a play based on the Book of Tobit, Palm Sunday, 7.30 pm

The Clontarf Players are putting on the above play in the Church of Saint John the Baptist, Clontarf Road, this Sunday, March 25, at 7.30 pm. The play is a comedy of not-quite biblical proportions, adapted from the Book of Tobit, and written by Patrick Rainville Dorn. The director is Breffni McGuinness from Saint Anthony's parish and many of the actors are Clontarf based.

#### A *Veil for Veronica*, Gardiner Street Church, Mon., Tues., Wednesday of Holy Week

Sean Walsh and his drama group will perform his play, *A Veil for Veronica*, set against the backdrop of the first Good Friday on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this coming week. Admission free. All welcome. Sean's plays have been performed in Saint John the Baptist's church and Saint Anthony's church over the past number of years and have been met with great appreciation.

#### Parish Film Club

We are starting up a film club in the parish of Saint John the Baptist. For a modest annual fee, we have a licence to show films in public, on condition we do not charge. We hope to show films that have some significance for our lives as followers of the Lord. Our first film will be shown on Thursday, April 19, at 7.30 pm and, appropriately, it is entitled 'Enchanted April'. 'This slow-paced gem is about the civilizing influence of Italy on beleaguered Londoners both male and female and has its own civilizing influence on the viewer'. The film was made in 1982. It is set in the 1920s and stars Miranda Richardson, Josie Lawrence, Polly Walker, and Joan Plowright, with Alfred Molina, Michael Kitchen, and Jim Broadbent in supporting roles. We hope to see you there.

#### Penitential Service

There will be a three parish Penitential Service in Saint Gabriel's Church this coming Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March, at 7.30 pm. Priests from the three Clontarf Parishes and elsewhere will be there. It is a very good opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for Easter.

#### Ecumenical Sunrise Service, Easter Sunday morning

This year sunrise is just before 7.00 am, so we will be gathering at the Statue at the end of the Bull Wall at 6.45 am for our ecumenical prayer service. There will be representatives of the three Catholic parishes in Clontarf, as well as the Church of Ireland, Presbyterian and Methodist parishes. We read the gospel passage of the finding of the empty tomb from each of the four gospels and we sing several Easter hymns. Our hospitality team provide breakfast afterwards in the Parish centre.

#### Ecumenical Way of the Cross

*This will take place from 7.30 to 8.30 pm and not from 8.00 to 9.00 pm as stated in the three parish Newsletter.* It begins in Saint John the Baptist, Church of Ireland, Seafield Road, and concludes in Saint Gabriel's Church. It is based on the seven last words of Jesus as given to us by the four gospel writers.

#### Outdoor collections for the month of April

On Easter Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> April, the Vincent de Paul Society will hold their monthly outdoor collection. They missed their collection in March because of the snow. On Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April, pupils from Saint Paul's who are travelling to Ethiopia in the Summer will hold an outdoor collection.

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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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**Parish Office Opening Hours**

*9.00 am—1.00 pm*

*Monday to Friday*