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SUNDAY OF EASTER

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day." - Lk 24:45-46

*Clontarf Three Parish Newsletter
April 2018*

SAINT ANTHONY'S PARISH

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 14th April—Sunday
22nd April

Sun. 10.00am Abbie O'Keeffe Anniv

11.30am Noel Cnnolly Anniv
Marie Begley

Mon. 7.45am Donor's Intentions

Tues. 7.45am Angela & Martin Murtagh

10.00am Get Well Intention

Weds 7.45am 60th Wedding Anniv

Fri 7.45am Donor's Intentions

Sat. 5.30pm Jack & Enda CorrAnnivs
Eugene Traynor

Patricia Connolly Anniv

Sun. 10.00am Dick Burke Anniv

11.30am Gerard & Maureen Frewen
Dolores Kelly Anniv



SHARE COLLECTION

There are two collections at Mass on Sundays.

1st Collection in the **Red Bags** goes to provide support for the Priests of the Diocese and those who are ill or are retired.

2nd Collection in the **Blue Bags** is the **SHARE COLLECTION** which assists poorer Parishes and also provides financial support for a wide range of Services provided by the Diocese, including Parish Pastoral Workers and Catechists, Child Protection & Safeguarding Programmes, Evangelisation, Liturgical and Faith Development, H.R Support Department and support for Catholic Schools. Please read the Share Newsletter which will explain how your donations are utilised & the Financial Statement for 2016.

In recent years the Share Collection has dropped.

We are very grateful for your generous support over the years.

Could we ask you to maintain your contribution and if possible increase it. in order that we can continue to provide these essential Diocesan Services

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The Three Clontarf

Parishes :

St Anthony's,
St Gabriel's & St John's

are organising a
Pilgrimage to Lourdes as part of the
Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage

7th -12th September.

Cost €739 per person sharing.

Fully Inclusive: Hotel Solitude

Spiritual Director Fr Larry White



Clontarf Players presented

"Heaven Sent" in St Anthony's Church
on Saturday 24th March.

Written by Patrick Dorma (who was
present) and directed by Breffni Mc
Guinness.

It was a comedy based on the book of
Tobit

A mixture of humour and wisdom



FINGAL FOR LIFE

Local Pro-Life organisation are having
an Open Meeting on

Wednesday 18th April

at 7.30pm in St Anthony's Hall

"Know the True Medical facts in the
Pro-Life position.

Speaker Dr Deirdre Gleeson (Doctors

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CONFIRMATIONS

The girls and boys from
Belgrove School will
receive the Sacrament of
Confirmation on

Thursday 17th May

In preparation they will receive the
Sacrament of Reconciliation on

Monday and Tuesday next in St John's
Church at 11am



PARISH DETAILS

Parish office : Monday—Friday 9.30am-12.30pm Tel 01 8333459 e-mail saint anthonyyclontarf@gmail.com

Fr. Larry White PP 0864143888

St Anthony's House 01-8335300

Mass Times: Monday—Friday 7.45am & 10.00am

Saturday: 10.00am & 5.30pm (Vigil Family Mass)

Sunday: 10/00am & 11.30am



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April 2016 was indeed a milestone in our nation's history and also in my own career. Having reached fifty one years as a local optometrist in Fairview and I have none but happy memories of my time there, thanks to the kind people of the area, who were very nice to deal with, in my role as a local optician. As well as looking back we are also looking forward, as two family members, Helen and Teresa, having graduated in more recent times, will continue assisting me in the practice in the future at the same location. We will try to do our best in the future years as we have tried to do during the previous fifty. Many thanks for your loyalty to our practice.

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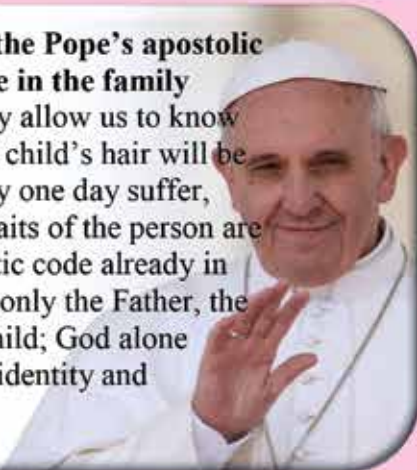


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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH CLONTARF

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

"Scientific advances today allow us to know beforehand what colour a child's hair will be or what illnesses they may one day suffer, because all the somatic traits of the person are written in his or her genetic code already in the embryonic stage. Yet only the Father, the Creator, full knows the child; God alone knows his or her deepest identity and worth" (Par. 170).



The next meeting of the Parish Book Club is on Thursday, 26th April, 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. This meeting was postponed on 1st March due to the snow. All welcome.

The Three Parish Justice and Peace Group

The next meeting of this group is in the Parish Office of Saint John the Baptist Church, this Monday, April 23, at 7.30 pm. New members would be welcome. We aim to raise awareness and organize events relating to issues of justice and peace in our society.

Clontarf Historical Society.

Talk on "100 Years History of Edges Hardware Shop in Fairview" by Cormac Moore
Monday 9th April 2018 at 8.15pm. in Resource Center, Visitors welcome €5.

Baptisms

We welcome into the Christian community the children who were baptized during the month of March:
Ryan O'Rourke, Oisín Gallagher-Compton, Patrick Donnelly, Muirne Ríordan, Amelia Talbot, Frederick Doran, Éira Doyle, Conor Nolan.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

We will soon be celebrating the First Holy Communion and Confirmation of the children in Belgrove Schools and in other schools in our parishes. First Holy Communions will be celebrated in the three parish churches at 11.00 am on Saturday, 28th April. Confirmation will be celebrated at 11.00 am on Thursday, 17th May in Saint Anthony's and Saint Gabriel's. Please remember the First Holy Communion and Confirmation children in your prayers.



Mass Intentions

Sunday

- 6.00 pm: Myles Mahady (Anniv)
- 10.00 am: Patrick Nolan (Anniv)
- 12.00 pm: Noel Costelloe (Anniv)

We also remember

Gerry O'Brien, Orla Ranson, Colm Regan, Timothy Power, Agnes Murphy, Kathleen McAuliff, Kathleen Larkin

Clontarf Bethany Bereavement Support Group

The Bethany Bereavement Support Group is a voluntary ministry which aims to help the bereaved and grieving. Next meeting Saturday 21 April at 10.30am in the Parish Centre. Please feel free to drop in for a confidential chat. Contact number 087 6445309.

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Parish Centre: 805 3333

Fr Martin Hogan: 833 8575

Fr John Callanan S.J: 087 2296894 Website: www.stjohnsclontarf.ie

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Deepest Sympathy

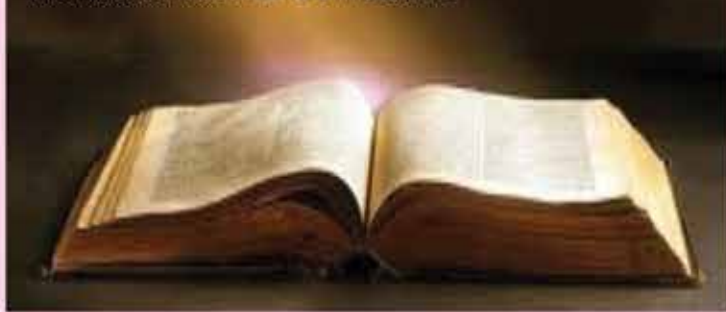
We extend our deepest sympathies to the families and friends of those who were buried from our parish church during the month of March: Gerry O'Brien, Kincora Road, Denis Bates, Stiles Road, Maura Herbert, St. Josephs Square, Joan Cribben, Enniscorthy. May the Lord Grant them Eternal rest.

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

Some parishioners have undergone the training for this important ministry to the bereaved in the parish. They will be commissioned for their new ministry during the 12.00 pm Mass on Sunday, 29th April.

Ecumenical Bible Study Group

The next meeting of our ecumenical bible study group is on Wednesday, 2nd May, at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre of the Church of Ireland, Seafield Road. We are looking at a section of the Jewish Scriptures known as the Wisdom Literature. In this session we begin to look at one of the great literary classics of the Bible, the Book of Job. All are welcome.



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. We hope to show films that have significance for our lives as followers of the Lord. Our first film will be shown this 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

Holy Hour



The next monthly Holy Hour will take place in our parish church next Sunday, 22nd April at 7.30 pm. We will be reflecting on one of the great Easter stories in the gospels, the meeting of the risen Lord with the two disciples on the road to Emmaus.

Volunteers Evening

We hope to have an evening to say thanks to all our volunteers on Wednesday, 23rd May, at 7.30 pm in the Hall of Holy Faith School. A light warm meal will be served. Please keep the date free in your diaries. We hope to be in contact with you about it soon.

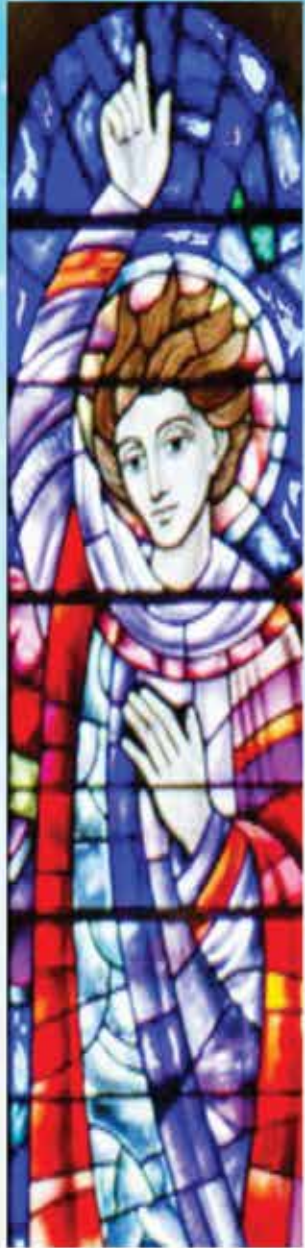
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

The next meeting of the PPC is on Tuesday, 24th April, 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.

Habemus Choir performing in St John's Saturday 24th March 2018



St. Gabriel's Notes



The Icon is Coming

We are honoured and excited to tell you that we have received confirmation that the World Meeting of Families Icon is coming to St. Gabriel's Church from **Wednesday 9th to Friday 11th May.**



We hope it will be a time of prayer for us all, especially for our families. Now that we know definitely that the Icon is coming, we can begin planning. We hope on one night to have an explanation of the Icon and another night of prayer. Already Deirdre Ward (Confirmation Coordinator) is planning a service for the Confirmation Classes. We hope that other classes too may visit the Icon.



The word "Icon" comes from the Greek word for "image". An icon has a very different intention to the countless images we are bombarded with today. An icon is not like photograph, nor is it a portrait. It is an image which invites us to prayer. Like the Gospels, but in a visual way, it helps communicate to us what kind of relationship God wants to have with us.

Icons are "written", not painted, as they present us with a visual narrative. The Icon of the Holy Family commissioned for the World Meeting of Families 2018 was written by Mikai Cucu from Romania, assisted by the Redemptoristine Sisters of the Monastery of St. Alphonsus, Drumcondra. It is truly a work of their prayer and love.

We look forward to these few days and would welcome any assistance or help you can give. We will keep you informed as plans are finalised.

Fr. Pat



Meeting of Ministers of the Eucharist

in St. Gabriel's Church
next Wednesday 18th April
at 7.30pm.
Please advise the Parish office
if you cannot attend.

Confirmation Promises

We welcome all our young people preparing for their confirmation to the 6pm Mass this Sunday when they will undertake to abstain from alcohol till aged 18 and harmful drugs for life.

Clontarf Camino

On Pentecost Sunday, 20th May, we will have our annual Camino, starting at 2.30 at the Presbyterian Church and visiting each of six Christian churches, getting our passports stamped in each, and ending in St. Gabriel's.

Hope we'll see you there!

Share Appeal Sunday 14th/15th April

The second collection at our weekend Masses goes to **Share** and this week we take the opportunity to tell you of the importance of this collection to the life of the Church in our Diocese.

Please take a copy of the Share Newsletter home with you.

All funds raised in the Share Collection go to the Diocese and are used to promote Faith Development through the Office of Evangelisation and other projects, particularly youth projects such as Teen Hope. It supports poorer parishes and funds essential repairs and renovations.

The first collection also goes to the Diocese to support the priests of our parish, sick and retired priests, and those working in poorer areas.

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