

# St. John the Baptist Parish, Clontarf Road, Sunday January 24<sup>th</sup> 2016

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**Masses:** St. John's Mon - Sat 10.00 am Sundays: 6 pm (V), 10 am, 11.15 am, 12.30pm  
**St. Anthony's:** Mon-Fri 7.45 am & 10.00 am Saturday 10.00 am Sunday: 7.00 pm (V), 10.00 am, 11.30 am **St Gabriel's** Mon-Fri 10.00 am, Sat 10.30 am. Sundays 6.00 pm (V), 9.00 am (Irish), 10.30 am, 12 noon, 6.00 pm

## 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.

### This Sunday we remember:

6.00 pm Joseph Sheridan (Anniv)  
also Michael Higgins (Months Mind)  
10.00 am Sean MacGiollaphadraig  
11.15 am Shane Foley (Anniv)  
12.30 pm Therese Quinn (Anniv)

### Sundays we also remember:

Mary Birmingham, Edward Reilly,  
Frank and Mary Porter, Kevin  
O'Brien, Maureen, Jim and Richard  
Barrett, Hugh and Donal Loughrey

### Weekdays we remember

Tony Murphy, Imelda Dalton, John  
Dinan, Gerard Grant, Maura Plaisted

### Three Parish Cluster Group

There will be a special meeting of this group on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> February, at 7.30 pm in Manresa Centre of Spirituality. The group will be joined by representatives from the Parish Pastoral Councils of the three Clontarf parishes. The session will be facilitated by Donal Harrington who has authored a book entitled 'Tomorrow's Parish: A vision and a path'.

### Aware Volunteering Opportunities

Aware, the national organisation providing support and information to individuals and families impacted by depression and bipolar disorder, is now recruiting new volunteers to train on a number of services. Aware was this year awarded the *Investing in Volunteering Standard* in recognition of the level of training and support it provides for its 400 volunteers. See [aware.ie](http://www.aware.ie) for information on all volunteering opportunities. Minimum commitment is 18 months.

**Liturgy Group** There will be a meeting of the Parish Liturgy Group on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> February, at 7.30 pm in the presbytery, 187 Clontarf Road.

**Ecumenical Service, Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> January** There will be an ecumenical worship service this Sunday, the Sunday within the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity, at 3.00 pm in the Church of Ireland, Seafield Road. The homily will be preached by Rev. Kieran O'Mahony OSA, an Augustinian friar and biblical scholar. Hopefully, we will have a good representation from our parish at this important ecumenical event. Resource materials for this Sunday and for the Week of Prayer have been prepared by the Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI). These and other useful resources (Powerpoint, Irish language texts etc.) can be downloaded at [www.ctbi.org.uk](http://www.ctbi.org.uk)

**Parish Volunteering Initiative** This weekend there will be an appeal for new members for the Funeral Team and the Bethany Bereavement Group. If you think you would like to become a member of either of these groups, please give your name to the contact person for these ministries who will be present after all the Masses in the front porch of the church.

**Lectio Divina Prayer Group** This prayer group meets every Tuesday from 8.00 to 9.00 pm in the basement of 182 Clontarf Road. *Lectio Divina* is Latin for 'Sacred Reading'. It refers to a prayerful reading of the Scriptures. It is a form of prayer that has been part of the church's tradition from its earliest years. The prayer group takes the gospel reading of the following Sunday as its Scripture text for prayer. The gospel reading is read three times, and each reading is followed by a time of silence and an opportunity for people to share how the reading may be speaking to their hearts. The prayer group is open to everyone and people are welcome even if they can only make a very occasional Tuesday.

### Prayer for Day 7 (this Sunday) of the week of prayer for Christian Unity

'Lord Jesus, constant companion on the journey, you have made our hearts burn within us, and have sent us back on the road towards our brothers and sisters, with the Gospel message on our lips. Help us to see that hope and obedience to your commands always lead to the greater unity of your people'. Amen.

### Seán Anraí Nuaman Beannaithe

Bhí saol fada ag Nuaman Beannaithe – 89 bliain. Chaith sé 44 bliain ina Anglacánach nó gur iompaigh sé ina Chaitliceach. Ba smaointeoir agus scríbhneoir ildánach é arbh iad cosaint an Chreidimh agus stair na hEaglaise Luaithe agus stair na hEaglaise Sasannáí na réimsí léinn ba mhó a shaothraigh sé. Caitheadh go dona leis agus é ina Anglacánach agus is measa ná sin a caitheadh leis agus é ina Chaitliceach Rómhánach go fiú nuair a rinneadh Cairdinéal de. Níor chaill sé a mhisneach riamh agus shaothraigh ar son na córa, ar son na firinne agus ar son an Chreidimh. Guímís chuige.

**Catholic Schools Week** will take place from Sun 31<sup>st</sup> Jan to Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Feb on the theme, 'Catholic Schools: Challenged to Proclaim God's Mercy'. Catholic Schools Week is an All-Ireland annual event which invites Catholic schools to give expression in a special way to the ethos of Catholic Education.

**Lent looms** Lent begins very early this year. Ash Wednesday is on 10<sup>th</sup> February. It means that Saint Patrick's Day is only three days before Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. Easter Sunday is on 27<sup>th</sup> March, which is a very early Easter indeed. It could be a cold Easter!