



Mass Intentions

Sat 6.00 pm Colette & Frank Jennings
 Sun 10.00 am Betty & Edward Gibbons
 12.00 pm Margaret Hogan
 Mon 10.00 am Breda Kearns
 Tues 10.00 am Eileen Loughran
 Wed 10.00 am Jean Treleavan
 Thu 10.00 am Margo Thornton
 Fri 10.00 am Margaret Malone
 Sat 10.00 am Donors Intentions

From, Rejoice and Be Glad, the Pope's apostolic exhortation on the call to holiness
 'The holiness to which the Lord calls you will grow through small gestures' (Par. 16)

Parish Survey

Following on from the Pope's visit, the Archbishop has asked Parish Pastoral Councils how best we can renew the faith in the life of the Church. In response to this request, our PPC organized a survey of parishioners in a variety of formats. We would be very grateful if those who took a questionnaire could return it to the box in the porch at their earliest convenience.

Peter McVerry Trust

The outdoor collection after all the Masses this weekend is in support of the Peter McVerry Trust. This Trust is a charity set up by Fr Peter McVerry to reduce homelessness and the harm caused by drug misuse and social disadvantage

Confirmation Promises

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

Carol Service

The parish Christmas Carol Service will be celebrated this Sunday, 16th December, at 4.00 pm. The choir have been preparing for this event for some weeks now. A children's string orchestra will also participate.

Christmas Penitential Service

This Christmas, the Penitential Service for the three parishes will be celebrated in our own parish church this Tuesday, 18th December, at 7.30 pm. It is a very good opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation as part of our spiritual preparation for Christmas.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

The next meeting of the PPC takes place this Monday, 17th December, at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre. If you would like to place an item on the Agenda, please mention it to Fr. Martin, Fr. John or to Brian O' Kelly, the chairperson, or to any other member of the PPC.

Parish trip – Change of Date, 11th to 18th June

We hope to organize a parish trip to Rome and Assisi from 11th to 18th June, 2019. Some details of the proposed trip are available on the Parish Notice Board. If you are interested, please put your name and contact details on a page which is available in the Parish Office.

The Wednesday Craft and Coffee Morning

will be selling Christmas Crafts and other items in the Parish Centre from 10.30am to 12.30pm on each Wednesday morning from now until Christmas. All proceeds go towards the maintenance of the Church.

Children's Christmas Pageant

The family mass team will be organising a nativity play and liturgy for the children's masses on Christmas Eve at 6.00 and Christmas Day at 10.00. All children are welcome to participate. First rehearsals take place on Friday 21st December in St John's Church at 12.30 and after 10.00am mass on Sunday 23rd December.

Belgrove Infant Girls' School

The closing date for Junior Infants 2019 is 22 February 2019. Application forms are available on the school website or can be collected from the school office.

In accordance with the updated Education (Admissions to Schools) Act 2018, the new admission criteria are as follows:

Category 1 · Girls resident in any of the three Catholic parishes of St Anthony, St Gabriel and St John the Baptist, Clontarf
 OR · Sisters of children currently enrolled in St John the Baptist Infant Girls' School or in St John the Baptist Senior Girls' School who were previously enrolled in St John the Baptist Infant Girls' School.
 OR · Daughters of the current permanent teaching staff in the School. **Category 2** · Girls resident outside the Catchment Area.

Delivery of Parish Christmas Card to parishioners

The Parish Christmas Card and Christmas Dues envelope, as well as the Bridge magazine is available for delivery in the Parish Office. Once again, we call on our faithful group of deliverers to drop the card with the magazine into houses that are adjacent to where you live. It would be great if we could get everything delivered as soon as possible. Many thanks in advance to everyone. The Bridge magazine is truly ecumenical in that it contains a contribution from the three Roman Catholic parishes in Clontarf, as well as from the Church of Ireland, Presbyterian and Methodist parishes, Fr Martin

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On Christmas Eve night at the 6.00 pm Mass and on Christmas morning at the 10.00 am Mass, children act out the story of the birth of Jesus. There is a practice

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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) 5.00pm*

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