



Mass Intentions

Sat 6.00 pm Sheila O'Rourke (A)
 Sun 10.00 am Jim Teeling (A)
 12.00 pm Nan Hamill (A)
 Mon 10.00 am Joan O'Fiachain (A)
 Tues 10.00 am Christopher and Isabella Mullally (A)
 Wed 10.00 am Margaret Thornton (A)
 Thu 10.00 am Gerald Kelly & Family
 Fri 10.00 am Bryan Brophy (RD)
 Sat 10.00 am Jim & Abbey O'Keefe (A)

From, Rejoice and Be Glad, the Pope's apostolic exhortation on the call to holiness
 'When you feel the temptation to dwell on your own weakness, raise your eyes to Christ crucified and say, "Lord, I am a poor sinner, but you can work the miracle of making me a little bit better"' (Par. 15)

Christmas Gifts for Palestinian Christians
 Mary Murphy, is selling Christmas decorations and cribs made in Palestine from olive wood in the Church Porch after all the Masses this weekend. All proceeds go towards the support of Palestinian Christian families.

Film Club, 13th December

Our next film is in aid of **Brother Kevin's** work with the homeless in the **Capuchin Day Centre** in Church Street. It is called **Rabbit-Proof Fence** and it will be shown in the Parish Centre this Thursday, 13th December, at 7.30 pm. Three mixed-race girls are torn from their Aboriginal mother and sent a thousand miles away to a training camp as part of government policy. Linking the camp and their distant home territory is a vast rabbit-proof fence.

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 next 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 next Sunday, 16th December, at 4.00 pm. The choir have been preparing for this event for some weeks now. We thank them for all their work and we hope there will be a good gathering on the day.

Christmas Penitential Service

This Christmas, the Penitential Service for the three parishes will be celebrated in our own parish church on 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 on Monday, 17th December, at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre. If any parishioner 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.

Clontarf Historical Society Talk

"Patrick Kavanagh, Poet – His Life and Times"
 By Peter J. McDonnell, Followed by Christmas Refreshments. Monday 10th December 2018 at 8.15pm in Resource Center, Visitors welcome €5.

Christmas Seniors Party

Our annual Christmas Party for the Senior Members of our Parish Community will take place in the Parish Centre this Wednesday, 12th December, at 2.00 pm. It is always a great afternoon of merriment, and, of course, Santa himself arrives with a present for everyone.

Parish trip to Rome and Assisi – 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.

Ecumenical Bible Study Group

This group meets again this Wednesday, 12th December, from 7.30 to 9.00 pm in the Church of Ireland Parish Centre, Seafield Road. We are exploring Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth. All are welcome.

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.

Parish Survey

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

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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

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