



Mass Intentions

Sat 6.00 pm A.J, Eithne & Sr Mary Sliney
 Sun 10.00 am Geoffrey Kelly (An)
 12.00 pm Christina & Patrick Lonergan
 and Leslie-Ann Joyce (An)
 Mon 10.00 am John Conway (An)
 Tues 10.00 am Kathleen McGrath (An)
 Wed 10.00 am Michael O'Connor (Rec Dec)
 Thu 10.00 am Anna Smith (Rec Dec)
 Fri 10.00 am Helen Delmar (Rec Dec)
 Sat 10.00 am Frank & Mary Porter (An)

From, Rejoice and Be Glad, the Pope's apostolic exhortation on the call to holiness
 'How can we fail to realize the need to stop this rat race and to recover the personal space needed to carry on a heartfelt dialogue with God? Finding that space may prove painful, but it is always fruitful. Sooner or later, we have to face our true selves and let the Lord enter (Par. 29)

Teen Hope is a parish based faith outreach to teenagers. It is a space where through fun and engaging activities young teens can build friendships, and encounter an experience of welcome, belonging and discipleship. We are looking for young people from for 1st and 2nd year classes in Secondary School for Teen Hope Clontarf. The third meeting takes place next **Sunday, 13th January, in Saint John the Baptist Parish Centre at 7.00 pm.**

Parish trip to Rome and Assisi
 We are organizing 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.

Parish Holy Hour

The next Parish Holy Hour will take place at 7.30 pm in our parish church, on Sunday, 20th January. We will be reflecting on two passages from the gospel of John, the first of which is the gospel reading for that Sunday, the wedding feast at Cana.

Adult Baptism

Please remember in your prayers Conor Cadden, a young man who will receive the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation at the 12.00 pm Mass on Sunday, 13th January, the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Sr. Bernadette, one of the Holy Faith sisters, has been preparing him for these sacraments for some months now.

Parish Book Club

The next meeting of the Parish Book Club is Thursday, 24th January, in the Parish Centre at 7.30 pm. The title of the book this month is 'The Stars are our only warmth', by Alice Leahy, who works with some of Ireland's most marginalized at the Alice Leahy Trust in Dublin.

Talk on "RECYCLING"

A Television programme entitled "Drowning in Plastic" was shown on BBC in recent months. Many of you possibly saw this programme. It showed how our Planet is facing one of the biggest threats in human history. Billions of pieces of plastic are choking the very life blood of our earth. The world has been shaken by the 'Plastic Crisis', but can we turn the tide before it's too late? We can all make our own effort in this regard, no matter how small. So, please come along and attend the Talk on "RECYCLING" – which will take place in our Parish Centre, on this coming Thursday 10th January at 7.30 pm.

Invitation to parents A special invitation has been sent out to parents who had a child baptized in our parish church in 2018 to attend the 10.00 am Mass on Sunday, 13th January, the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. There will be some refreshments afterwards in the Parish Centre.

Three Parish Justice and Peace Group

The members of this group are organizing an afternoon of food, fun and music for some refugee children and their parents on Sunday, 27th January, from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm in our own Parish Centre. Please pray for the success of this new venture.

Do this in Memory Team meeting

The next *Do this in memory* mass for the first communion children is on Sunday, 20th January, at the 10.00 am family Mass in our parish church. There will be a meeting of the team of parents who prepare these Masses on Monday, 14th January, at 8.00 pm in the Parish Centre.

You shall be my witnesses

You shall be my witnesses is a parish based programme for boys and girls who are preparing to make their Confirmation next May. It begins next weekend, January 12/13. It is being co-ordinated by the Sacramental Co-ordinator of the three parishes, Deirdre Ward. There are nearly forty parents of the confirmation children involved in this programme. It runs over four weeks. Please keep the children and their guides in your prayers.

Finance Committee

The next meeting of the Finance Committee meeting takes place this Wednesday, 9th January, at 7.30 pm in the presbytery, 186 Clontarf Road. Again, I would like to thank the members of the Finance Committee under the direction of Eugene Gallagher, the chairperson, for all their work in attending to the management and financial administration of the parish.

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.

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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
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