



## Mass Intentions

Sat 6.00 pm Joan Byrne (Anniv)  
 Sun 10.00 am Bridín Gilmore (Rec Dec)  
 12.00 pm Mai Murray (Anniv)  
 Mon 10.00 am Josephine Cahill (Anniv)  
 Tues 10.00 am Joan Cooke (RIP)  
 Wed 10.00 am Desmond Lynn (Rec Dec)  
 Thu 10.00 am Mary Caulfield (B/day Rem)  
 Fri 10.00 am ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD  
 Sat 10.00 am Mary, Patrick and Des Maguire

### Quote from Pope Francis' Encyclical on the Environment, *Laudato Si*

'If we are truly concerned to develop an ecology capable of remedying the damage we have done, no branch of the sciences and no form of wisdom can be left out, and that includes religion and the language particular to it' (Par. 63)

### Parish trip to Rome and Assisi

A small number of places are now left on this trip. Details are available on the parish notice board in the front porch of the church. Anyone interested in travelling will need to return a booking form and deposit to Maptravel as soon as possible. Details of the trip and booking forms are available from the Parish Office.

### Ecumenical Bible Study Group

The next meeting of this group will be this Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February, from 7.30 to 9.00 pm in the Parish Centre, Seafield Road. We are exploring Paul's second letter to the Corinthians, which has been described as one of the most personal of all his letters. All are welcome.

**St Josephs Young Priest Society** will hold its monthly meeting on Friday 1st March at 11.15 am in the Parish Centre. New members most welcome

### New Future for Dublin Parishes

In December, Archbishop Diarmuid Martin announced the successful merger of three Dublin parishes into one. Over three years of local planning and consultation has resulted in the establishment of the new Parish of St. Pappin's in Ballymun, incorporating the former parishes of Shangan, Balcourris and Sillogue. Priests in the new Parish said they had "overwhelmingly positive support" for the move. In Ballymun, all three churches of the former Parishes will continue to be in use: the church of the Holy Spirit, Sillogue Road, which will be the primary Church of the Parish, the church of the Virgin Mary, Shangan Road and St. Joseph's in Balcourris. All three are within 1.5km of each other. The merging of other parishes can be expected in 2019.

### Book Club

The next meeting of the Book Club is this Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> February, at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre. The book we are reading is 'How to defend the faith without raising your voice: Civic responses to Catholic hot-button issues' by Michael Kelly and Austen Ivereigh. The book answers some of the most common criticisms of Catholicism and helps Catholics and non-Catholics alike to understand where the Church is coming from on controversial issues.

### Parish Survey results

In response to a letter from the Archbishop last September, asking parishes to reflect on a way forward for the church following on from the World Meeting of Families, our Parish Pastoral Council decided to engage in a process of consultation with four groupings of parishioners, namely, **Sunday Mass** going parishioners, Transition Year students, Parents of children baptized in the previous twelve months, and parents of 4<sup>th</sup> class children in the Belgrove schools. We are very grateful to all who took part in this survey. The results of the consultation and survey are now available on the home page of the Parish Website.

### Parish Prayer Groups

Just a reminder that we have two parish prayer groups in the parish. One group meets on a Monday night in the presbytery, 186 Clontarf Road, from 8.00 pm to 8.45 pm. It is silent, meditative prayer. The second group meets in the basement of the Holy Faith sisters house, 183 Clontarf Road, on Tuesday, from 8.00 pm to 8.45 pm, and takes the form of a prayerful reflection on the gospel reading for the following Sunday. All are welcome on any Monday or Tuesday.

### Used Glasses for Uganda

Mary Murphy from the 3 parish Peace & Justice Group visited Uganda recently and is appealing for unwanted reading glasses to be sent there. They can be left in the sacristy/parish office. Thank you for your support.

### Coffee Wednesday & Craft Morning

The Coffee and Craft morning team will be showing the film "Tea with Mussolini" next Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> at 11am in the Parish Centre. All very welcome.

### Eco Congregation Ireland

The vision of Eco Congregation Ireland is to see churches throughout Ireland adopt an eco approach to worship, lifestyle, property and finance management, community outreach and contact with the developing world. One of their aims is to provide practical help to parishes in making the link between the environment and the Christian faith. Sister Catherine Brennan from Eco Congregation Ireland will speak at our Masses next weekend, 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> March to support our efforts to make the link between the environment and our Christian faith in our own parish.

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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