



Mass Intentions

Sat	6.00 pm Denis Skehan (Anniv)
Sun	10.00 am Clodagh Rossi (Anniv) 12.00 pm Betty & Jim Masterson (An)
Mon	10.00 am Mary, Charles and Peter Golden
Tues	10.00 am William Cusack (Anniv)
Wed	10.00 am Thomas King (Anniv)
Thu	10.00 am Ellen & Joe Ward, Josie Mancier (Annivs)
Fri	10.00 am James McGrath (Snr) James McGrath (Jnr) (Annivs)
Sat	10.00 am Special Intention

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

'Each community can take from the bounty of the earth whatever it needs for subsistence, but it also has the duty to protect the earth and to ensure its fruitfulness for coming generations' (Par. 67)

Ecumenical Bible Study Group

The next meeting of this group will be on this Wednesday, 13th March, from 7.30 to 9.00 pm in our own Parish Centre. 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.

Teen Hope, 10th March

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 next meeting takes place this Sunday, 10th March, in Saint John the Baptist Parish Centre at 7.00 pm.

Clontarf Bereavement Support

The Clontarf Bereavement Support Group is a voluntary ministry which aims to help the bereaved and grieving. The volunteers are all trained to listen and to help. Next meeting Saturday 16th March 10.30am in St John the Baptist Parish Centre, Clontarf Rd. Please feel free to drop in for a confidential chat. Contact:- Bernadette: 087 6445309/089 2214487

Clontarf Historical Society Talk

"The History Of Clontarf Cemetery, Castle Avenue" Who is there ?" By Ann Louise Mulhall. Monday 11th March 2019 at 8.15pm, in the Parish Centre. Visitors welcome €5.

A Greener Parish?

Eco-Congregation Ireland (ECI) is a project of the Irish Inter-Church Meeting that encourages parish communities to adopt an eco-friendly approach to all aspects of church life, including worship, lifestyle, property management, community outreach and contact with the developing world. Sr. Catherine Brennan who spoke at all the Masses last weekend is the Roman Catholic representative on ECI. We are looking for a group of parishioners who would be interested in helping to make the vision of ECI more of a reality in our parish community. If you are interested, please let me know. Fr Martin

Public meeting of Parishioners

We have asked the conservation architect for the project, James Howley, to make a presentation to parishioners on the proposed work on the church and on the costing for the work. This meeting will take place after the 12.00 pm Mass on Sunday, 24th March, in the Hall of the Holy Faith School. A light lunch will be provided to all. To give us an idea of the numbers for catering purposes, you are asked to sign your name on the sheets of paper in the front porch of the church after Mass between now and the meeting. Fr Martin

Holy Hour

There will be a special Holy Hour next Sunday, Saint Patrick's Day, in our parish church, from 7.30 pm to 8.30 pm. A group of traditional musicians will play during this time of prayer which will have a focus on Saint Patrick and the heritage of the Christian faith which he has left to us. Please join us for this time of prayer in honour of the great apostle to the Irish.

Sale of presbytery, 187 Clontarf Road

The Diocese has purchased 187 Clontarf Road from the parish at the cost of €761,500. We have owed the parish of Saint Anthony's €600,000 for the past ten years or so. We have now paid Saint Anthony's parish €250,000 off that debt. Their Finance Committee have agreed that the remainder of the loan to our parish, €350,000 will be interest free. This will save our parish €12,000 a year, which is the interest we have been paying on the €600,000. The remainder of the money we received for the sale of the presbytery to the Diocese, €511,500, has gone into a separate and newly opened parish account and will be used to fund the upcoming work on the church. The report of the conservation architect suggested that the work on the church could be done in five phases. The €511,500 will allow us to fund the first three and most urgent of these phases. Fr Martin

Three Parish Pilgrimage

The Clontarf Parishes hope to run an eight day pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 31st October to 6th November 2019. Visiting Jerusalem, garden of Gethsemane and Mary's tomb among other places. Information available in the three parish offices.

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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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Monday to Friday