



## Mass Intentions

Sat 6.00 pm Charlie Nicholson (Anniv)  
 Sun 10.00 am John Fitzgerald (Anniv)  
 12.00 pm Anne Greene (Anniv)  
 Mon 10.00 am Dick Bourke, Mary Mullally and  
 Ramon Buggy (RIP)  
 Tues 10.00 am May Heron (Anniv)  
 Wed 10.00 am Mary O'Grady and Elizabeth  
 Delaney (RIP)  
 Thu 10.00 am Muiris O Criostoir (Rec Dec)  
 Fri 10.00 am Abigail, John and Joe Maher  
 Sat 10.00 am Owen Nolan (Anniv)

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

'This responsibility for God's earth means that human beings, endowed with intelligence, must respect the laws of nature and the delicate equilibria existing between the creatures of this world' (Par. 66)

### Ecumenical Bible Study Group

The next meeting of this group will be on this Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March, 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.

### Understanding the roots of our faith

Two lecturers from the School of Theology in Dublin City University are coming to our parish to speak to us the roots of our faith in Judaism and the early Church. On **Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April**, Dr Brad Anderson, lecturer in Biblical Studies, will speak on *Judaism, Christianity and the Old Testament*, at 7.30 pm in our Parish Centre, and on **Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> April**, Dr Joseph Rivera, lecturer in Theology, will speak on *The Story of the Early Church*, at 7.30 pm in our Parish Centre.

### 'Tradoration'

There is a special Holy Hour this evening 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. This 'Tradoration' has taken place on Saint Patrick's night in Dominic Street church in recent years and we welcome it to our parish this year.

### Holy Hour

Our usual parish monthly Holy Hour will take place next Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> March, at 7.30 pm. As the next day is the feast of the Annunciation to our Lady, we will be reflecting on two gospel passages which feature, Mary, the mother of Jesus.

### Sale of presbytery, 187 Clontarf Road

The Diocese has purchased 187 Clontarf Road from the parish at the cost of €761,500. We have now paid Saint Anthony's parish €250,000 off our debt of €600,000. Their Finance Committee have agreed that the remainder of the loan, €350,000 will be interest free. This will save our parish €12,000 a year. The remainder of the money we received for the sale of the presbytery, €511,500, has gone into a newly opened parish account and will be used to fund the upcoming work on the church. Fr Martin

### Public meeting of Parishioners

James Howley, conservation architect, will make a presentation to parishioners on the proposed work on the church and on the costing for the work after the 12.00 pm Mass on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> March, in the Hall of the Holy Faith School. A light lunch will be provided to all. You are asked to sign your name on the sheets of paper in the front porch of the church after Mass, if you intend to avail of the lunch. You are, of course, welcome to come without availing of lunch, Fr Martin

### Welcome to Fr Kieran McDermott

We welcome Fr Kieran McDermott who has taken up residence in the former presbytery of the parish, 187 Clontarf Road. He is the Administrator of the Pro-Cathedral Parish in Marlborough Street. The presbytery there is in need of major refurbishment and cannot be occupied while the work is in progress. Fr Kieran is also an Episcopal Vicar with responsibility for Evangelization and Ecumenism. We hope that he will settle into his new home among us. Fr Martin

### 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. 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

### Parish Film Club

The next meeting of the Film Club is this Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> March, at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre. We will be showing **84 Charing Cross Road**, starring Anne Bancroft and Anthony Hopkins, a true story about love and the love of books.

### 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**

9.00 am—1.00 pm  
 Monday to Friday