



## Mass Intentions

Sat	6.00 pm Maura & Seamus Herbert (A)
Sun	10.00 am Michael, Josie and Benny Bennett (Annivs) 12.00 pm Thomas Corkerry (Anniv)
Mon	10.00 am Michael & Sarah Hogan (Ann)
Tues	10.00 am Patrick Clarke (Anniv)
Wed	10.00 am Ronan O'Hanlon (Rec Dec)
Thu	10.00 am Nora Whelan (Rec Dec)
Fri	10.00 am Special Intention
Sat	10.00 am Tom Whelan (An)

**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)

### Uganda Appeal

Mary Murphy wishes to thank all those who donated unwanted glasses for a village in the north of Uganda. Glasses will be graded in Kampala and at Easter an optometrist will test the eyesight of all villagers before glasses are distributed. In Uganda there is only one trained optometrist per one million people so most Ugandans never have their eyesight tested nor can they afford to buy prescription glasses. Thank you for your support.

### Ecumenical Bible Study Group

The final meeting of this group before Easter will be on this Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March, from 7.30 to 9.00 pm in our own Parish Centre.

### 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.

### Holy Hour

Our parish monthly Holy Hour will take place this Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> March, at 7.30 pm. As Monday 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

### Parish Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi, 11<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> June

The parish is organizing a parish trip to Rome and Assisi from 11<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2019. The cost is €899 and includes return flights Dublin to Rome, airport transfers, four nights B&B in a city centre hotel, Rome, and three nights B&B in Assisi, half-day orientation tour of Rome by coach and a walking tour of Assisi. It is being led by Fr Martin. A small number of places remain on this trip. Anyone interested in travelling should send a booking form and deposit of €250 to Maptravel, 36 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin 1, as soon as possible. The booking form can be downloaded from their website, [www.maptravel.ie](http://www.maptravel.ie) It can be sent by post or emailed to [patricia@maptravel.ie](mailto:patricia@maptravel.ie)

### Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

The next meeting of the PPC takes place this Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> March, at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre. If you 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.

### 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

### 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.

### Parish Book Club

The next meeting of the Book Club is this Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> March, at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre. The book we are reading is 'Bright Wings, Dappled Things: The Poems of Gerard Manley Hopkins SJ with photographs by Fr Francis Browne SJ' with an Introduction and Commentary by Sister Jo O'Donovan RSM who has taught in the area of Religious Education and Theology and Religious Studies in Mary Immaculate College, Limerick.

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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