



Mass Intentions

Sat 6.00 pm Gerry O'Brien (Anniv)
 Sun 10.00 am Special Intention
 12.00 pm Bob Hamill (Anniv)
 Mon 10.00 am Charles, Mary & Peter Golden
 Tues 10.00 am Breda Younger (Anniv)
 Wed 10.00 am Special Intention
 Thu 10.00 am Sean & Mary Sweeney (Anniv)
 Fri 10.00 am Brother Dalton (RIP)
 Sat 10.00 am Eileen Harnedy (Anniv)

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

'If the simple fact of being human moves people to care for the environment of which they are a part, Christians in their turn realize that their responsibility within creation, and their duty towards nature and the Creator, are an essential part of their faith' (Par. 64)

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, 27th February, 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.

The Craft and Coffee morning takes place every Wednesday in the Parish Centre from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm. All welcome to drop in for a chat, make new friends, and create a sense of community.

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.

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 this weekend, 2nd/3rd March to support our efforts to make the link between the environment and our Christian faith in our own parish.

First Confessions

Please remember in your prayers the boys and girls who will be making their first confession in the next couple of weeks. The three girls classes in Belgrove School will be making their first confession this Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, the 4th, 5th and 6th of March, and the three boys classes on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, the 11th, 12th and 13th March. All of the liturgies will take place at 1.30 pm in our parish church.

Clontarf Men's Group

Men of all ages are invited to come along on a Tuesday to St John the Baptist Parish Centre, Clontarf Road at 11am. The Men's Group is a venue for men to meet, relax, have fun, to create a sense of community and wellbeing, and discuss issues of the day over a tea/coffee. For more information contact Bernadette 087 6445309.

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. 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. They are also to be found on the Parish Notice boards.

Public meeting of Parishioners

We have some important work to do on the church building which will involve significant expenditure. We have asked the conservation architect for the project, James Howley, to make a presentation to parishioners on the proposed work 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. We hope as many parishioners as possible will come to this important information session. You will also have an opportunity to ask questions. To give us an idea of the numbers coming 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

Ash Wednesday

Lent begins rather late this year. Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday, 6th March. As well as the usual 10.00 am Mass, there will be an evening Mass on Ash Wednesday at 6.00 pm. Ashes will be distributed at both Masses. Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence.

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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