



Mass Intentions

Sat	6.00 pm Ronan Walsh (Anniv)
Sun	10.00 am Mary and Jack Birmingham (A) 12.00 pm James and Emily Glynn (Anniv)
Mon	10.00 am Ramon Buggy (Rec Dec)
Tues	10.00 am Special Intention
Wed	10.00 am Larry Byrne (Rec Dec)
Thu	10.00 am Nan Lally (Rec Dec)
Fri	10.00 am ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD
Sat	10.00 am Aisling Markey (B/day Rem)

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

'We are called to recognize that other living beings have a value of their own in God's eyes... In our time, the Church does not simply state that other creatures are completely subordinated to the good of human beings, as if they have no good in themselves and can be treated as we wish' (Par. 69)

Lenten Reflection on Baptism

Imagine that each of our lives as Christians is like a book. The title could be; 'My Life – the Story of my Baptism'. My Baptism is not just something that happened in chapter one. It is the theme running through every chapter. Each chapter is about what happens on our Baptism journey; the discoveries, the wrong paths, the new turns. The final chapters have yet to be written. But when we fail, sometimes we think that it is – the final chapter, no more to be said. Jesus believes in second chances – more time, new chapters. He believes that something new is possible. There is a 'Baptism of tears'. The 'tears' are our sorrow for wrong paths taken and our wanting to move on, to be a better 'me'. In those tears, the waters of Baptism pour over us again, the Holy Spirit washes over us again – and a new chapter begins.

Clontarf Historical Society Musical Evening.

Friday 5th April Musical Evening in An Classac, Alfie Byrne Rd, Clontarf at 8pm "Voyage of Amergin" includes talented musicians, Ossia Youth Choir and the Boru Choir. New melodies to beautiful old lyrics of the first Celts in Ireland. Admission €10. Book on Eventbrite or at door.

St Josephs Young Priest Society will hold its monthly meeting on 5th April at 11.00 am in the Parish Centre. New members most welcome.

Understanding the roots of our faith,

This coming **Wednesday, 3rd 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. The following Wednesday, 10th April, Dr Joseph Rivera, lecturer in Theology, will speak on *The Story of the Early Church*, at 7.30 pm in our Parish Centre.

Welsh Male Voice Choir

We are delighted to welcome the Pembroke and District Welsh Male Voice Choir to our parish church on Saturday, 18th May, at 7.30 pm. I would like to thank our own Bryan Hoey who has sung with the choir over the years and whose influence with them is largely responsible for their visit. Please let choir and music lovers know of this event. It is free of charge, but you are welcome to make a contribution on leaving the church to cover the expenses of the choir.

Service of Light

Next Sunday, 7th April, the Service of Light for our Confirmation children will be celebrated in all three parishes at the family Mass (Sunday, 10.00 am in Saint John the Baptist). During this Service parents who received the light of Christ on behalf of their children when they were baptized will pass on the light to their sons and daughters who are now invited to carry the light of Christ for themselves as they move out of childhood into adolescence.

Appeal for first communion suit

We have received an appeal on behalf of a family of settled travellers living in Howth. One of the boys is making his first communion soon. We have been asked to see if anyone in our parish would have a boy's First Communion suit that they are finished with. The boy in question is 8 years old but on the small and slight side. If you are in a position to help, you can make contact with the parish office or with Fr Martin or Fr John.

Parish Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi,

The parish of Saint John the Baptist is organizing a parish trip to Rome and Assisi from 11th to 18th 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 and can be sent by post or emailed to patricia@maptravel.ie

Teen Hope, 7th April

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 next **Sunday, 7th April, in Saint John the Baptist Parish Centre at 7.00 pm.**

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MASSES

St John the Baptist

Mon - Sat : 10.00 am, 6.00 pm (V),
Sundays: 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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