



Mass Intentions

Sat 6.00 pm Sheelagh Ball (Anniv)
 Sun 10.00 am Robert McKenna (Anniv)
 12.00 pm Des Brennan (Anniv)
 Mon 10.00 am Donors Intentions
 Tues 10.00 am Ann Larkin (RIP)
 Wed 10.00 am James Walls (Rec Dec)
 Thu 10.00 am Gabriel Murray (Rec Dec)
 Fri 10.00 am Philomena Mulcahy (RIP)

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

'The best way to restore men and women to their rightful place, putting an end to their claim to absolute dominion over the earth, is to speak once more of the figure of a Father who creates and who alone owns the world. Otherwise, human beings will always try to impose their own laws and interests on reality' (Par. 75)

Parish Child Safeguarding and Protection

The Parish Child Safeguarding and Protection Audit has been completed and returned to the Child Safeguarding and Protection Service in the Diocese. The Audit is a requirement of the National Board for the Safeguarding of children in the Catholic Church (NBSCCC). Please note that all volunteers must complete the Garda Vetting process. This must be renewed every three years. All volunteers must also attend an Information Session. The next Information Session will be held in the Parish Centre on 15th May at 7.30 pm. The Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Katherine and Monica and they can be contacted through the Parish Office at 8334606 or sjtbcclontarf@eircom.net

Clontarf Historical Society

This month's talk is on "Womens' Year 1918" by Cathy Scuffil on Monday 8th April at 8.15 pm in the Parish Centre. Members free, visitors \$5.00. All welcome. Enquiries to 8338711.

Lenten Reflection on Baptism

During the liturgy of Baptism the newly baptised is clothed with the white shawl; 'you are a new creation clothed in Christ – see in this white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity'. Our baptism shawls have long ago been put away. But what about the truth about each of us that our white garments represent? Our sense of our Christian dignity cannot be put away. We need to carry that sense of ourselves each day. This is deeper than any self-doubt we may have. Deeper than any of that is God's gaze of pure, unconditional love, which bestows dignity. We can stand tall, confident, as we welcome that gaze into our hearts.

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

Our parish is organizing a 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 should send a booking form and deposit of €250 to Maptravel,. The booking form can be downloaded from their website, www.maptravel.ie.

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. 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.

Easter Card and Dues Envelopes

The Easter Card and Dues Envelopes are now ready for collection in the Sacristy. Once more, we appeal to our faithful parishioners to collect them from the Sacristy and deliver them to parishioners on your road. Thank you in advance for your willingness to do this.

Easter Play

After having some wonderful Easter Plays over the last 7 years, and getting great support in the parish, this year we have decided to take a short break and catch our breath. We will begin work soon after Easter on a new play and if you would like to get involved in any capacity – acting, backstage, lighting, set design, producing, directing, publicity, or just would like to be a part in some way please contact Breffni Mc Guinness at breffnimcg365@gmail.com.

Penitential Service

There will be a three parish Penitential Service in Saint Anthony's Church on Tuesday, 16th April, at 7.30 pm. Priests from the three Clontarf Parishes and elsewhere will be there. It is a very good opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for Easter.

Understanding the roots of our faith

This coming **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.

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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

CONTACTS

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Parish Office Opening Hours

*9.00 am—1.00 pm
 Monday to Friday*