



Mass Intentions

Sat: 6.00 pm Celia Hogan (Anniv)
 Sun 10.00 am Ellen Crowley (Anniv)
 12.00 pm Ursula Fitzpatrick (Anniv)
 Mon: 10.00 am Philomena Mulcahy (RIP)
 Wed 10.00 am Bob Reid (Anniv)

Holy Land 2019

The three Clontarf Parishes are checking out the possibility of a trip to the Holy Land this autumn (Oct 31-Nov 7). See notice board for details



Results of Online survey on the Sacraments

There is a strong demand for parents and local parishes to play a much greater role in preparing children for sacraments, according to the findings of a survey by the Archdiocese of Dublin. A spokeswoman for the diocese said, 'Ireland is unique in its dependence on schools in preparing for and celebrating the sacraments. Parishes are becoming more involved and there are some efforts to involve parents more. However, in the survey, all express dissatisfaction that it is still largely a school event. Schools themselves feel that they are still working in a vacuum'.

Pathways: Exploring Faith and Ministry Programme

Pathways is a two-year, one evening a week, Adult Faith Development course on Thursday evenings in Holy Cross College, Clonliffe Road. September to May (7.00 p.m. – 9.30 p.m). Booking now open. Early application advised. Contact: Pathways Director, Eileen Houlahan at 01 8087594 or pathways@dublindiocese.ie. Web: www.evangelisation.ie

Night Fever

Night Fever is an evening of prayer and outreach which is held in different countries including Ireland. Night Fever will be held in St John the Baptist parish on Friday the 28th June from 7.15-9pm. We are looking for volunteers to go out on the streets around the church to invite passersby to come in and pray/ light candles. If you are interested in participating please contact Mary Murphy @ 086-8106517 or marythm@gmail.com.



Saint of the Week

Thursday, 20th June, is the feast of the Irish Martyrs. Seventeen Irish martyrs, men and women, cleric and lay, were put to death for the Catholic faith between 1579 and 1654. They were beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1992. *Father, we give you thanks and praise for all the martyrs of our history. Mindful that the canonised and beatified are but an official sample, we pray that we ourselves might be numbered among those who have overcome fear and favour, in order to be faithful to you and your Gospel.*

Do this in Memory Mass

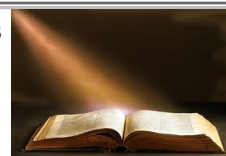
The final *Do this in Memory Mass* for the first Holy Communion children will be celebrated on Sunday, 23rd June at 10.00 am in our Parish Church. The team of parents who helped to prepare these Masses during the year did great work and we are very grateful to them.

Holy Hour

The next Holy Hour will take place in our parish church on Sunday, 23rd June at 7.30 pm. The following day, 24th June, is the feast of the birth of Saint John the Baptist. We will be reflecting on two gospel passages relating to his ministry.

Reflection on today's gospel reading

One of the most poignant attempts to explain the Trinity came from C.S. Lewis, who reasoned that if God is love, then God must contain more than one person: 'God is not a static thing – not even a person – but a dynamic, pulsating activity, a life, almost a kind of drama. Almost, if you will not think me irreverent, a kind of dance.' The idea of the Trinity as a sort of divine dance is a good place to begin reflecting on this great mystery of God as a communion of love. *Triona Doherty, Intercom Magazine*

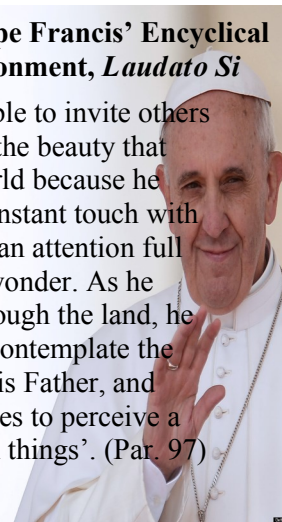


Annual Parish Fair

The annual Mid-Summer Fair and Raffle will take place in the Parish Centre on Sunday, 30th June, from 10am to 2pm, the Sunday after the parish feast of the birth of Saint John the Baptist on 24th June. Great stalls, cakes, Bric á Brac & Crafts. Bargains Galore. Please support this great event.

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

'The Lord was able to invite others to be attentive to the beauty that there is in the world because he himself was in constant touch with nature, lending it an attention full of fondness and wonder. As he made his way through the land, he often stopped to contemplate the beauty sown by his Father, and invited his disciples to perceive a divine message in things'. (Par. 97)



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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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