

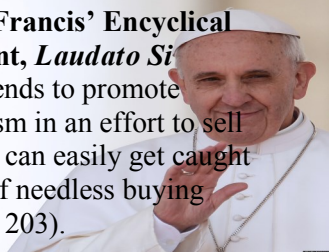


## Mass Intentions

Sat: 6.00 pm Collette & Frank Jennings (A)  
 Sun: 10.00 am Margaret Hogan (Anniv)  
 12.00 pm Tom Donohoe (Anniv)  
 Mon: 10.00 am Philomena Mulcahy (RIP)  
 Tues: 10.00 am Michael & Kitty Whitty (A)  
 Wed: 10.00 am Maura & William Mannion (A)  
 Thur: 10.00 am Margo Thornton (Anniv)  
 Fri: 10.00 am Ben Maher (Rec Dec)  
 Sat: 10.00 am Albert Goodwin (Rec Dec)

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

'Since the market tends to promote extreme consumerism in an effort to sell its products, people can easily get caught up in a whirlwind of needless buying and spending' (Par. 203).



### Work on the church

The extensive restoration and conservation work on the church is progressing very well. In early January there will be some scaffolding on the inside of the church, on the side facing the parish centre. That side aisle will be out of bounds, although the side entrance will remain open. Also the parish organ will have to be covered to protect it from dust, so we will be without the parish organ for several months. However, an electric keyboard will serve as a replacement, and the choir will continue to sing at the 12.00 pm Sunday Mass and Roisín at the 6.00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass.



### Vincent de Paul Collection

Once again, the parishioners showed their generosity on the occasion of last Sunday's Vincent de Paul Collection, which came to the wonderful sum of €7,300. It will be of tremendous assistance to the Society in their work this Christmas and into 2020.



### Christmas Penitential Service

This Christmas, the Penitential Service for the three parishes will be celebrated in Saint Gabriel's church on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December, at 7.30 pm. It is a very good opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation as part of our spiritual preparation for Christmas.

### Children's Christmas Pageant

The family mass team will be organising a nativity play and liturgy for the Family Masses on Christmas Eve Night at 6.00 and Christmas Day at 10.00 am. All children are welcome to participate. First rehearsals take place on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December in St John's Church at 12.30 pm and after 10.00 am mass on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December.



### Report on Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Among the items discussed at the Parish Pastoral Council meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> November were the following: 1. Reflection on the role of the PPC within the parish; 2. Report on the Teen Hope programme; 3. The formation of a young adult choir; 4. A possible series of talks for Lent; 5. Camino pilgrimage in early June and possible pilgrimage to the Holy Land in mid-October 2020.

### Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

The next meeting of the PPC takes place on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> December, at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre. If any parishioner would like to place an item on the Agenda, please mention it to Liam Nolan, the chairperson, Fr Martin or to any other member of the PPC.

### Times of Christmas Masses:

Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> December, Christmas Eve night: 6.00 pm and 9.00 pm; Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> December, Christmas Day: 8.30, 10.00 am and 12.00 pm

### Do this in Memory Mass

The next *Do this in Memory* Mass for first communion



children will be celebrated this Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> December, at the family Mass at 10.00 am. Please remember the First Communion children in your prayers.

### St John the Baptist Parish Young Adult Choir/Music Group.

We are calling all young adults in the age group 18-35 years to set up a choir/music group. Singers and Musicians of all levels required. If you would like to get involved, please contact Bernadette O'Donnell @ [bodmod1@eircom.net](mailto:bodmod1@eircom.net) or 0876445309. Thanks to those who have responded to the call so far.

### Carol Service



The parish Christmas Carol Service will be celebrated this Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> December, at 4.00 pm. The choir have been preparing for this event for some weeks now. They will be joined by Marysol and her group of children who play the violin. We thank them for all their work and we hope there will be a good gathering on the day.

### Peter McVerry Trust

The outdoor collection after all the Masses this weekend is in support of the Peter McVerry Trust. This Trust is a charity set up by Fr Peter McVerry to reduce homelessness and the harm caused by drug misuse and social disadvantage.



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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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### Parish Office Opening Hours

9.00 am—1.00 pm  
 Monday to Friday