

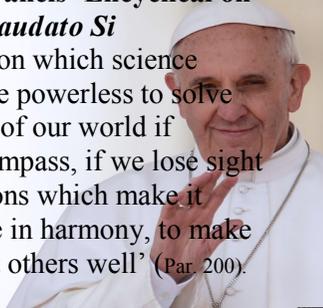


## Mass Intentions

Sat: 6.00 pm George Murray (Anniv)  
 Sun: 10.00 m Seamus & Marita McMahan  
 12.00 pm Seamus & Kathleen Dunne  
 Mon: 10.00 am Polly Cullen (Anniv)  
 Tues: 10.00 am Cyril Freeney (RD)  
 Wed: 10.00 am Kathleen & Mary McGrath (A)  
 Thur: 10.00 am Patrick & Essie Fottrell (A)  
 Fri: 10.00 am ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD  
 Sat: 10.00 am Tom Keenan (Anniv)

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

'Any technical solution which science claims to offer will be powerless to solve the serious problems of our world if humanity loses its compass, if we lose sight of the great motivations which make it possible for us to live in harmony, to make sacrifices and to treat others well' (Par. 200).



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

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

### Update from Uganda

Earlier in the year parishioners donated glasses that went to villagers in the Nebbi district of north Uganda. The District Health Officer visited the Eye Camp and stated that such a free Camp had never happened in this district before. As a result, he agreed to construct and equip a small clinic in the village to serve all the surrounding villages as well. Thanks for all your support for these projects. Mary Murphy

### Christmas Cards for Almas

Mary Murphy will be selling Christmas cards in aid of Almas next weekend, Dec. 7/8 and on Monday, Dec. 9. Almas is a charity that supports people responding to children in Africa who are HIV positive and suffering with the aids virus. She will also be selling Christmas olive wood goods in aid of Palestinian families.



### Christmas Toy collection

The Justice and Peace group, with Jesuit Refugee Service Ireland, are organising a Christmas Toy collection for refugee children in Baleskin Centre. Gifts should be new, unwrapped and cost no more than €20. Please return to the Parish Office by next weekend.

### Ecology and Spirituality

Rev. Dr. Dermot Lane, will speak on 'Ecology and Spirituality' this Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30 pm, Saint John the Baptist Parish Centre. Fr. Dermot is a priest of the Dublin Diocese and former President of Mater Dei Institute of Education. He is widely recognized as one of the foremost theologians in Ireland with a distinguished international profile.

### St John's Parish Christmas Fair and Raffle

St John's Parish annual Christmas Fair & Raffle is taking place in the Parish Centre this weekend after all the Masses. Great stalls, cakes, Bric á Brac & Crafts. Please call around after Mass.



### Christmas Cards

Sister Bernadette, from the Justice and Peace group, will be selling Christmas cards in aid of Saint Vincent de Paul Society this weekend in the front porch of the church.

### Belgrove Infant Girls' School

Applications for admission to Junior Infants 2020 will be open from 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019 until 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020. Application forms are available on the school website or can be

### Christmas Seniors Party

Our annual Christmas Party for the Senior Members of our Parish Community will take place in the Parish Centre on Thursday week, 12<sup>th</sup> December, at 2.00 pm. It is always a great afternoon of merriment, and, of course, Santa himself arrives with a present for everyone.



### The Listening Heart of Winter:

Our Saturday Vigil Mass cantor, Roisín O'Reilly, will offer an hour of quietness away from the constant distractions of pre-Christmas, a time of 'Winter Listening' through poetry and song, on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> December at 7.15 pm in our parish church. She will be joined by our Saturday Vigil Mass organist, Katerina Speranskaya, and highly regarded guitarist, Ewan Cowley. Admission €15.00 with €10.00 concession.

### Delivery of Bridge Magazine to parishioners

The Bridge magazine and the Christmas Dues envelope, are available for collection in the Parish Office. Once again, we call on our faithful parishioners to deliver them to the houses that are adjacent to where they live. It would be great if we could get everything delivered before next Sunday. Many thanks in advance to everyone.

### Annual Vincent de Paul Collection, Saturday/Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> December

Next weekend the second indoor collection will be for the Vincent de Paul Society. It replaces the usual Share collection. A speaker from the Vincent de Paul Society will speak at all the Masses. This collection is the Society's main source of income for the year.

## ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH PARISH NEWSLETTER 1st December 2019

### 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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 9.00 am—1.00 pm  
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