

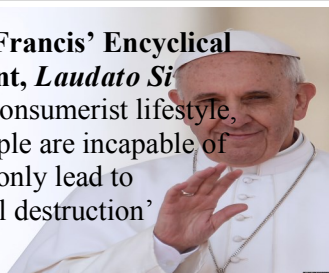


## Mass Intentions

Sat: 6.00 pm Paul & Collette Plaisted (A)  
 Sun: 10.00 am Special Intention  
 12.00 pm Maureen White (An)  
 Mon: 10.00 am Special Intention  
 Tues: 10.00 am Special Intention  
 6.00 pm Eucharistia Fogarty (An)  
 Thur: 10.00 am Susan, Maura & Gerry Davy  
 Fri: 10.00 am Des Brennan (Rem)  
 Sat: 10.00 am Owen Halion (An)

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

'Obsession with a consumerist lifestyle, above all when people are incapable of maintaining it, can only lead to violence and mutual destruction' (Par. 204).



### 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.

### Date for your diary

This year Christian Unity Sunday falls on 19<sup>th</sup> January. St Gabriel's church will be the venue for our Ecumenical Service at 3.00 pm. The homily at the service will be given by the Benedictine monk, Dom Mark Patrick Hederman, OSB, from Glenstal Abbey, County Limerick. He is the former abbot of that



## Feast of the Epiphany

The feast of the Epiphany, 6<sup>th</sup> January, falls on a Monday this year. As well as the usual 10.00 am Mass, there will also be a 6.00 pm Mass that day. The feast of the Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men from the East. In these representatives of the neighbouring pagan religions, the evangelist Matthew sees an anticipation of the welcome that the preaching of the gospel will receive among all the nations after the Resurrection of Jesus.

### Children's Christmas Pageant

The family mass team are organising a nativity play and liturgy for the Family Masses on Christmas Eve Night at 6.00 pm and Christmas Day at 10.00 am. All children are welcome to participate.



### Christmas thanks

I will like to thank all who have contributed to the life of the parish over the course of the past year. Thanks to all who support us financially and to everyone who builds up the parish spiritually by your presence in the church at our liturgies or at quiet moments of your own and thanks also to all who have a pastoral ministry to our parishioners. I pray that you will all experience the peace and love of the Christ child this Christmas time.

### Parish Crib

I would like to thank our parishioner Joe Murray for assembling our lovely Christmas Crib again this Christmas. It has its own little home there in Saint Anthony's chapel and we hope children and adults will enjoy paying it a visit over the Christmas season.

### Times of Christmas Masses:

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

## Family Mass Team

Next Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> December, the 10.00 am Mass will not be the usual Family Mass. The Family Mass team are taking a well-deserved break after Christmas. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Family Mass team for their great service to the children who come to the 10.00 am Mass on Sunday. It is greatly appreciated, and not just by the children. Fr Martin

## 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 or Fr Martin. Thanks to those who have responded to the call so far.

## Associate Membership of Lourdes Diocesan Pilgrimage

Many thanks to all our parishioners who became an associate member of the Dublin Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes by making a contribution to the collection taken up by Bridie McHugh last July and August. The amount collected came to €1170 which is a wonderful contribution towards the cost of sick people travelling to Lourdes who could not otherwise afford to go.

## Garda Choir

We always appreciate it here in the parish when the Garda Choir come to sing at our Saturday Vigil Mass. Well, they are coming again in January, and will lead the singing at the Vigil Mass on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> January. We look forward to having them with us again.



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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