

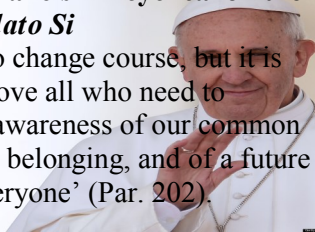


Mass Intentions

Sat: 6.00 pm Sheila O'Rourke (Anniv)
 Sun: 10.00 am Nora Moran (Anniv)
 12.00 pm Nan Hamill (Anniv)
 Mon: 10.00 am Sr Eilis O'Tierney (RIP)
 Tues: 10.00 am Collette & Frank Jennings (A)
 Wed: 10.00 am Christopher & Isabella Mullalley (Annivs)
 Thur: 10.00 am Alexander Elliott (Anniv)
 Fri: 10.00 am Gerald Kelly (Anniv)
 Sat: 10.00 am Paddy Hyland (Anniv)

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

'Many things have to change course, but it is we human beings above all who need to change. We lack an awareness of our common origin, of our mutual belonging, and of a future to be shared with everyone' (Par. 202).



Feast of the Immaculate Conception



This year the 8th December falls on a Sunday and so the Feast of the Immaculate Conception has been transferred to Monday, 9th December. To celebrate the feast, as well as the usual 10.00 o'clock Mass on Monday, there will also be Mass at 6.00 pm this Monday.

Christmas Cards for Almas

Mary Murphy will be selling Christmas cards in aid of Almas this weekend, and tomorrow, Monday, in the church porch. 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.



Saint John the Baptist Parish Christmas Fair and Raffle

Congratulations to Bernadette O'Donnell and her team for organizing the Parish Christmas Fair and Raffle last weekend. It was a wonderful success and it raised €2,230 towards parish funds. There was a great buzz and energy around the parish centre. Many thanks to all who went over and supported it by making a purchase. Yours truly ended up with more cakes that are good for him! Fr Martin



Christmas Penitential Service

This Christmas, the Penitential Service for the three parishes will be celebrated in Saint Gabriel's church on Tuesday, 17th 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.

Annual Vincent de Paul Collection, Saturday/Sunday 7th/8th December

This weekend the second indoor collection will be for the Vincent de Paul Society. It replaces the usual Share collection. This collection is the Society's main source of income for the year.

Do this in Memory Mass

The next Do this in Memory Mass for first communion children will be celebrated next Sunday, 15th December, at the family Mass at 10.00 am. There will be a meeting of the Do this in Memory team to plan the Mass this Monday, 9th December, in the Parish Centre at 7.30 pm.



Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

The next meeting of the PPC takes place on Monday, 16th 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.

Christmas Seniors Party

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



Confirmation Promises

The young people of the three Clontarf Parishes who are to celebrate their Confirmation in May are making their Confirmation Promise to abstain from alcohol until a certain age and from all harmful drugs for life this weekend at the family Masses in the three Clontarf parishes. Please remember the young people in your prayers.



Carol Service



The parish Christmas Carol Service will be celebrated next Sunday, 15th 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.

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 or 0876445309. Thanks to those who have responded to the call so far.

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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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