

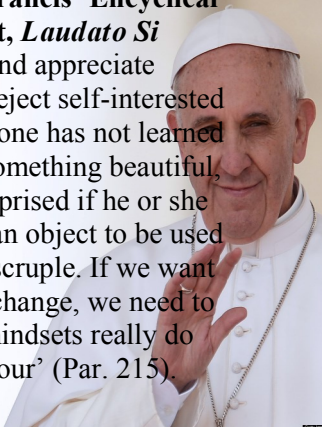


Mass Intentions

Sat: 6.00 pm Eileen McCormack (An)
 Sun: 10.00 am Imelda Doolin (Anniv)
 12.00 pm Bernie Mahady (Anniv)
 Mon: 10.00 am Paul McDermott (Anniv)
 Tues: 10.00 am Tim Sexton (Anniv)
 Wed: 10.00 am Jim Ryan (Rec Dec)
 Thur: 10.00 am Special Intention
 Fri: 10.00 am Maura & Ernie Treacy (An)
 Sat: 10.00 am Carmel McGrane (Rec Dec)

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

'By learning to see and appreciate beauty, we learn to reject self-interested pragmatism. If someone has not learned to stop and admire something beautiful, we should not be surprised if he or she treats everything as an object to be used and abused without scruple. If we want to bring about deep change, we need to realize that certain mindsets really do influence our behaviour' (Par. 215).



Renovation work on the church

We sincerely regret the inconvenience to you during the current works which are critical to the long-term future of our beautiful Church. The works will likely continue for most of the present year. In the interest of safety, we ask you to please respect the restricted seating areas. It is important for those arranging weddings, funerals or other major ceremonies to be aware of these restrictions during the renovations. Thank you for your co-operation. Fr. Martin



New Year party for refugee children

The members of the Justice and Peace group are organizing an afternoon of food, fun and music for some refugee children and their parents this Sunday, 26th January, from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm in our own Parish Centre. Please pray for the success of this event. .

Homeless

Inner City Helping Homeless volunteers are out on our streets every night with food and supplies for the homeless. If you see anyone sleeping rough in Clontarf or anywhere else phone 0858389281 and they will come to assist them.

Lenten Talks

We are organizing a series of six Lenten talks on Wednesday evenings. The first talk which is actually just before Lent will be given by Fr Joe McCann CM, a retired lecturer from Saint Patrick's Training College, Drumcondra, now living in the Vincentian Community in Saint Paul's, Raheny. He will give a talk in our parish centre on Wednesday, 19th February, entitled: 'Science and Religion: the priest who discovered the "Big Bang"'. .

Medjugorje Irish Centre are organizing a pilgrimage to Medjugorje in October 2020. Details are on the Notice Board at the back of the church.

Do this in Memory Mass

The next *Do this in Memory* Mass with a focus on first Holy Communion children will be celebrated at 10.00 am on Sunday, 9th February. There will be a meeting for the group of parents to plan this Mass in the parish centre on Monday, 3rd February, at 7.30 am.

Vincent de Paul Collection

The outdoor collection next Sunday after all the Masses is for the local conference of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society.



Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

This pilgrimage is open to parishioners from all three Clontarf parishes and friends. It is being organized by GTI Travel. We leave on Friday, 16th October, travelling to Tel Aviv via Istanbul, and return Saturday, 24th October, spending four nights in Tiberias, Galilee, and in Jerusalem. The cost is €1,839.00 per person sharing; it includes return flights, accommodation on a dinner/bed and breakfast basis, services of an English speaking guide and entrance fees where applicable. To reserve a place please contact GTI travel directly at 01 8434734. Further information is available on the Parish Notice Board, Fr Martin

Belgrove Junior Boys School

Parents who intend to send their sons to Belgrove Junior Boys' School next September 2020, should make application immediately if they haven't done so already. Closing date is 31st January 2020

KARA

Kincora Active Retirement Association meet every Friday at 3.00 pm in The Parish Centre for tea/chat-lecture/games etc. All are welcome, so come along and join us. For further information contact Maureen on 086 8512814.

Book Club

The next meeting of the parish book club takes place this Thursday, 30th January. We are reading *A book of Beginnings* by John Quinn, writer and former RTE broadcaster. If you have read the book you are welcome to come along and join in the discussion on it.

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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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