

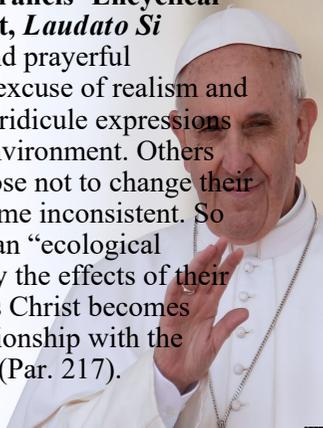


Mass Intentions

Sat: 6.00 pm Eamon Woods (Anniv)
 Sun: 10.00 am Maurice, Bridget & Dermot O'Looney (Anniv)
 12.00 pm Hugh Birmingham (Anniv)
 Mon: 10.00 am Anthony O'Doherty (Anniv)
 Tues: 10.00 am Margo Thornton (Anniv)
 Wed: 10.00 am James and Alice O'Reilly (An)
 Fri: 10.00 am ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD
 Sat: 10.00 am Edward Rice (Anniv)

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

'Some committed and prayerful Christians, with the excuse of realism and pragmatism, tend to ridicule expressions of concern for the environment. Others are passive; they chose not to change their habits and thus become inconsistent. So that they all need is an "ecological conversion" whereby the effects of their encounter with Jesus Christ becomes evident in their relationship with the world around them' (Par. 217).



Six Lenten Talks: Reflecting on our faith

We are organizing a series of **six Lenten talks** on Wednesday evenings. The first talk will be given on 19th February 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, and is entitled 'Science and Religion: the priest who discovered the "Big Bang"'. See Parish noticeboards and website for further details.

St Vincent de Paul will hold its monthly Church Gate collection after all Masses this weekend.



Report on Parish Pastoral Council

Some of the items discussed at the recent PPC meeting on Monday, 20th January included: 1. Parishioners may be needed to pray the prayers at the graveside at a funeral in the absence of a priest; 2. We hope to form a music group for young adults to sing at parish liturgies as the need arises; 3. The presence of some transition year pupils at the Teen Hope meetings would be an encouragement to the young people who come along; 4. The next meeting of the PPC will be given over to clarifying our role and our priorities for the future; 5. A series of six Lenten talks was approved and it was suggested that a recording of the talks be placed on the website. 6. We agreed to update the booklet of parish groups; 7. We are organizing a display of parish ministry groups in the parish centre before Easter; 8. A discussion on the presence of dogs in church took place. It was felt that dogs should not be brought to Mass out of consideration for other worshippers; 9. We agreed that a simple bow at the sign of peace would be appropriate especially during the flu season.

Teen Hope

The next meeting of the Teen Hope programme is for young teenagers from both first year and second year of secondary school. It will take place this Sunday, 2nd February, at 7.00 pm. Teen Hope is a parish based faith outreach where, through fun and engaging activities, young teens can build friendships, and have an experience of belonging and Christian discipleship.



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 next Sunday, 9th February. There will be a meeting for the group of parents to plan this Mass in the parish centre this Monday, 3rd February, at 7.30 am.



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

World Day of the Sick

Next Saturday, 8th February, is the World Day of the Sick. To mark this day in our parish, the Sacrament of the Sick will be celebrated at the 12.00 pm Mass next Sunday, 9th February. This sacrament is given to those whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age.



Homeless in Clontarf

Inner City Helping Homeless (ICHH) volunteers, based in Amiens Street, 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. A van goes out to them every night with supplies at about 10.30 pm. For more information

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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

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