

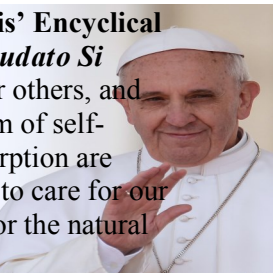


Mass Intentions

Sat: 6.00 pm Syl Edwards (Anniv)
 Sun: 10.00 am Rita & Thomas Connell (A)
 12.00 pm Christy Belton (A)
 Mon: 10.00 am Geoffrey Kelly (A)
 6.00 pm Art & Sheila O'Leary (A)
 Tues: 10.00 am Amy Brennan (A)
 Wed: 10.00 am Johnny Conway (A)
 Thur: 10.00 am Bridie Healion (RIP)
 Fri: 10.00 am Edward, Margaret & Sadie Carberry (A)
 Sat: 10.00 am Nuala Maher (Rec Dec)

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

'Disinterested concern for others, and the rejection of every form of self-centredness and self-absorption are essential if we truly wish to care for our brothers and sisters and for the natural environment' (Par. 208).



Feast of the Epiphany

This Monday, 6th January, is the feast of the Epiphany. 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.

Christian Unity Sunday

This year Christian Unity Sunday falls on 19th 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.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

The next meeting of the PPC takes place on Monday, 20th January, 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, Fr Martin or a member of the PPC.

May they rest in peace

We extend our deepest sympathies to the families of all who were buried from our parish church in the month of December. May eternal light shine upon them: Philip Donnelly, Eileen Cully, Patrick Wyse, Des Murnane, Hubert Costello, Carmel Lambe, and Cyril Bennett.

To parents of children baptized in past year

A special invitation has been sent out to parents who have had a child baptized in our parish church in 2019 to attend the 10.00 am Mass next Sunday, 12th January, the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. There will be some refreshments afterwards in the Parish Centre.

Do this in Memory Mass

The next *Do this in Memory* Mass for first communion children will be celebrated on Sunday, 19th January, at the family Mass at 10.00 am. There will be a meeting of the team of parents who plan these Masses on Monday, 13th January in the parish centre.

Film Club

The next meeting of the Parish Film Club will take place in the Parish Centre on Thursday, 23rd January, at 7.30 pm. We will let you know the film we will be showing in next weekend's newsletter.

Baptisms

We welcome into the Christian community the children who are to be baptized in our parish church this coming month of January: Luca Kennedy and Eric O'Reilly

Parish Prayer Groups

As we begin a new year, this is a reminder of our Parish Prayer Groups. A Meditation group, in the tradition of the Benedictine monk John Main, meets every Monday from 8.00 pm to 8.45 pm in the presbytery, 186 Clontarf Road. A *Lectio Divina* (*Sacred Reading*) prayer group meets to reflect on the gospel reading of the following Sunday every Tuesday from 8.00 pm to 8.45 pm in the basement of 182 Clontarf Road.

Justice and Peace Group

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

Holy Hour

The next Holy Hour will take place on Sunday, 19th January, at 7.30 pm. As we begin a new year, we will be reflecting on the gospel reading for the following Sunday, 26th January, which is Matthew's account of the beginning of Jesus' public ministry.

Finance Committee and work on the church

The next meeting of the Finance Committee meeting takes place on Tuesday, 14th January, at 7.30 pm in the presbytery, 186 Clontarf Road. I would like to thank the members of the committee under the chairperson, Eugene Gallagher, for attending to the financial management of the parish, especially in regard to the significant work on the church. Work will soon begin on the second and third phases. This will involve some scaffolding on the inside right hand wall of the church. We also have to cover our parish organ to protect it from dust, which means it will be out of action for a few months.

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, 11th 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

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