

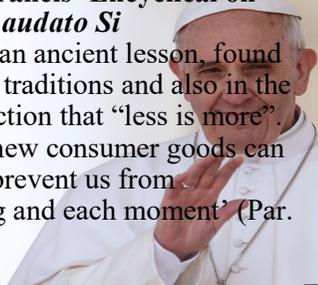


Mass Intentions

Sat: 6.00 pm Francis McKearney (Anniv)
 Sun: 10.00 am Patrick & Sally Anne Wyse
 12.00 pm Betty Gibbons (Anniv)
 Mon: 10.00 am Mary Hoey (Rec Dec)
 Tues: 10.00 am Patrick & Betty Clarke (An)
 Wed: 10.00 am Kevin Lynch (Rec Dec)
 6.00 pm Nicomende Guasoni (Anniv)
 Thur: 10.00 am Cyril Bennett (Rec Dec)
 Fri: 10.00 am Josie Patten (Rec Dec)
 Sat: 10.00 am Terese Rice (Anniv)

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

'We need to take up an ancient lesson, found in different religious traditions and also in the Bible. It is the conviction that "less is more". A constant flood of new consumer goods can baffle the heart and prevent us from cherishing each thing and each moment' (Par. 222).



Work on the church

The work on the west outside wall of the church is nearing completion and work will soon start on the east outside wall of the church. In preparation, scaffolding is being erected on the east wall of the church. Access to the parish centre will be maintained. However, the side door of the church on the east side will have to be closed off for the duration of the work. Also, the power cleaning of the stone around the inside windows has begun. Because this is generating unavoidable dust in the church, we will need to close the church after the 10.00 am Mass on the days when the stone cleaning is happening, which will be about once a week. Thank you for your patience.

Parish Book Club The next meeting of the parish book club takes place this Thursday, 27th February. We are reading *Alive in God* by Timothy Rathcliff O.P.. If you have read the book you are welcome to come along and join in the discussion on it.



Knitting Group

A group of women meet after 10.00 am Mass on Wednesdays to knit together over tea/coffee and biscuits/scones. At the moment, they are knitting little chicken holders for small Easter eggs for the Hospice in Raheny, cardigans for still born babies in Dublin and jumpers for children in Uganda. They would welcome new members.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

As the Reconciliation room is closed due to the work on the church, Confessions will be heard in the side chapel of the church. Confession times are after 10.00 am and 6.00 pm Mass on Saturday and after 10.00 am Mass on the Thursday before the first Friday of the month.

Parish Website – How can we improve it?

Every day a reflection on the gospel reading of the day is placed on the home page of our Parish Website. You will also find there a section on upcoming parish events, and icons that bring you to the live streaming of our liturgies and to our current Newsletter. The website address is www.stjohnsclontarf.ie If you have any suggestions for improving the website, please let us know. I am looking for a parishioner with some Website skills to manage the parish website for us. Fr Martin



Trócaire speaker at Masses

A Trócaire representative will speak at all the Masses next weekend. Trócaire's Lenten

campaign highlights the different ways in which mothers are protecting their families from the effects of climate change and the actions of corporations. The campaign focuses on two families, living in Honduras and Kenya, showing how women around the world are overcoming great obstacles to protect their families.

Ash Wednesday

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. There will be two Masses that day, at 10.00 am and 6.00 pm. Ashes will be distributed at both.



Parish Young Adult Music Group

Calling all young adults in the age group 18-35 years to set up a music group.

Singers and Musicians of all levels required. Please come along to a short meeting at 2pm in the Parish Centre, on Saturday 29th February. Contact: 087 6445309



Report on the February Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) meeting

At this month's meeting, we

clarified for ourselves our role as a PPC. A PPC is a 'faith-filled leadership group through which priests and laity work together as co-responsible partners in furthering the mission of Christ in their own parish'. It is a means whereby all parishioners can take part in discussions that relate to the spiritual and pastoral development of the parish. The PPC maintains an overview of the whole parish and plans strategically to ensure that the faith of the community is nurtured and its mission served. Among other issues raised was the importance for the PPC of finding ways to listen to the concerns and issues of the parish community.



'From grief to hope for the Irish Church. Hearing the prophet Jeremiah today'

The above is the title of the second of our Lenten talks which will take place on Wednesday, 4th March, 7.30 pm, St. John the Baptist Parish Centre. It will be given by Doctor Jessie Rogers, a lecturer in Sacred Scripture in the Pontifical University, Maynooth. It promises to be a thought-provoking and hopeful talk.

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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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