

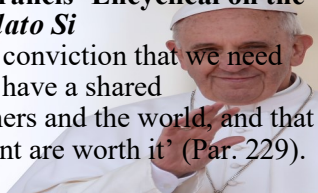


Mass Intentions

Sun: 10.00 am Robert McKenna (Anniv)
12.00 pm Liam Balfe (Rec Dec)
Mon: 10.00 am Patrick Nolan (Anniv)
Tues: 10.00 am Anthony, Bridget and Maruc
McCormack (Anniv)
Wed: 10.00 am Rose Kelly (Rec Dec)
Thur: 10.00 am Special Intention
Fri: 10.00 am Agnes Murphy (Anniv)
Sat: 10.00 am Michael Tunney (Rec Dec)

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

'We must regain the conviction that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world, and that being good and decent are worth it' (Par. 229).

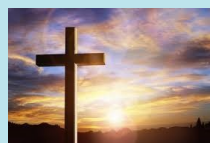


Thanks to the children
I would like to thank the children for the lovely images of Easter that decorated our altar on Easter Sunday. It is a reminder of their wonderful creativity, under the guidance of members of the

Family Mass Team. I know they are missing their friends at school and their teachers. I am missing visiting the children in the Junior Girls School and calling into the 2nd class First Communion children in the Senior Girls School. So much is on hold at the moment, including First Communion and Confirmation. However, we will get beyond this moment and, hopefully, we will have our Family Mass back sometime before the Summer.

Many thanks to our Sacristy Team

I would like to thank our Sacristy Team who have been a great help to me in setting up the church for Mass and other times of prayer. They were invaluable during Holy Week. They have also helped to keep the church extremely clean which makes it possible for us to leave the church open from after the 10.00 am Mass until 6.00 pm.



The Lord is risen

Easter will not seem the same to us this year. We cannot gather to celebrate our faith in the risen Lord at the Easter

Vigil and on Easter Sunday morning. I will miss our Ecumenical Prayer at the end of the Bull wall and the hearty breakfast that follows in our Parish Centre, offered up by our wonderful hospitality team. I will miss the Family Mass at 10.00 am with the children processing up at the beginning of Mass with flowers for our Easter Garden. I will miss our lovely parish choir singing their hearts out with Easter joy at the 12.00 pm Mass. Yet, in spite of such loss, the Lord is truly risen! He is with us in these difficult days as light in our darkness, as hope in our despondency and as strength in our weakness. We can still sing 'Alleluia', even if we cannot gather together to do so. The Easter Season is seven weeks long. Please God we will gather again in church before the Easter Season is over. In the meantime, keep hopeful and take care of each other, as you have been doing. Fr Martin

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

When it cannot receive Holy Communion while present at Mass, there is a tradition in the church of Spiritual Communion for all who can be present to Mass at a distance but cannot receive Holy Communion. The following is the traditional prayer: "My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart ... I embrace You now as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Saint Vincent de Paul Society

If you would like to get in contact with the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, you can phone Kieran or Padraic at 083-3843741 to discuss in strictest confidence how we can help with utility bills or other domestic expenses.



Easter Garden

Many thanks to the Sacristy Team for ensuring that we have a lovely Easter Garden

again this Easter, even in these times of social isolation. If you are out for a walk and call into the church, please pay our Easter Garden a visit. You are most welcome to place a little pot of flowers in our garden. We couldn't make our usual appeal for flowers, so any contributions would be welcome. As our own gardens are beginning to come to life, so it is good that our Easter Garden reflects the new life of nature and the risen life of the Lord. 'Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid...'

Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer and Night Prayer

The Morning Prayer of the Church is being celebrated at 9.45 am, just before Mass, and the Evening Prayer of the Church at 5.30 pm in our parish church, all accessible via our Webcam. These times of prayer are also being streamed live on the Parish Facebook Page. A time of prayerful reflection before the Blessed Sacrament between 8.00 pm and 9.00 pm is also being streamed live on the Parish Facebook Page, coming from the Presbytery. This time of prayer concludes with the Night Prayer of the Church at 8.50 pm. If you have a Facebook account you can enter the following address into the search option, 'St John the Baptist RC Parish Clontarf' and our Facebook page will come up. There is a very helpful App called 'Universalis' where you will find the text of Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer and Night Prayer, as well as other prayer material. It is a wonderful resource if you have a Smart Phone or a Tablet.



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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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