

Mass Intentions

Sun: 10.00 am Michael Yeates (Anniv)
Mary McAdams (Anniv)
David Fitzgerald

Mon: 10.00 am Philip Kearney (Anniv)

Tues: 10.00 am Sean Quinn (Anniv)

Wed: 10.00 am Seamus Keegan (B/Day)

Thur: 10.00 am Special Intention

Fri: 10.00 am ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD

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

‘The universe unfolds in God, who fills it completely, hence, there is a mystical meaning to be found in a leaf, in a mountain trail, in a dewdrop, in a poor person’s face’ (Par. 233).



Condolences

We send our sympathies to the family of Philomena Holohan, Conquer Hill Avenue and Bridget Rutledge, Raheny and Marie McGuirk, Seafield Rd West who died during the week. May the light of the risen Lord shine upon them forever.

Accord support phone line

To help support marriage and relationships in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic, Accord Dublin have established a new ‘relationship support phone line’ : 01 905 9555.

Message from the local conference of Saint Vincent de Paul Society



The Society of St Vincent De Paul in Clontarf would like to remind people who have been affected by unemployment or any other issues associated with the current Covid 19 pandemic that they are available to assist people. 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 they can help with utility bills or other domestic expenses.

Funeral Arrangements

Just to clarify in case there is any confusion, there is the possibility of a funeral Mass in the parish for anyone who has died, whether or not they have died from Covid 19. However, the government guidelines restricts the numbers in church and at the graveside to a maximum of ten people. Some families in recent weeks have chosen to bring the bodies of their loved ones directly to the Crematorium or the Graveyard. The following statement was made recently by the Archbishop, *There still seems to be confusion about funeral arrangements, despite the very clear guidance from the healthcare authorities. Restricted funeral services or Masses may be held in Churches for those who die in these days, including those who died from the Covid-19 virus.* Fr Martin



Feast of the Week, Saint Catherine of Siena, Wednesday, 29th April

Catherine was one of the great mystics of the church. She was born in 1347 and died in 1380, at the age of thirty three. At a young age, she decided to give herself to the Lord, and she resisted the attempts of her family to find her a good husband. Rather than joining a religious order, she became a Dominican tertiary She persuaded Pope Gregory XI to return to Rome from Avignon. She insisted that the Pope’s place was beside the bones of the martyrs.

Clarification by the HSE on ‘cocooning’ for the over 70s

The Department of Health clarified some days ago that cocooning by the over-70s was “advisory” and not mandatory amid the pandemic. A department spokeswoman added that the over-70s were, however, subject to the same laws about non-essential travel as everybody else during the Covid-19 crisis, namely, that people do not make unnecessary journeys outside a 2km zone surrounding their home amid the pandemic.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

When it is not possible 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. Never permit me to be separated from You”.*

Recent Comment by the Archbishop on First Holy



Communion and Confirmations

I am being asked about First Communion and Confirmations. We can only begin to speak of timetables for these Sacraments when it will be possible once again to hold large gatherings of people, especially children and this is unlikely for some months

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 and the Parish Facebook Page. A time of prayerful reflection before the Blessed Sacrament between 8.00 pm and 9.00 pm from the presbytery is also being streamed live on the Parish Facebook Page. It concludes with the Night Prayer of the Church at 8.50 pm.

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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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