

Sun: 10.00 am Noreen Quinn (Anniv)
Philip Gates (Anniv)
Mon: 10.00 am Special Intention
Tues: 10.00 am Jack & Una Toomey (An)
Wed: 10.00 am Charles Cunningham (RD)
Thur: 10.00 am Joan Kane (Rec Dec)
Fri: 10.00 am Sheila & Padraig Murphy (RD)
Sat: 10.00 am John Kavanagh (Anniv)

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


‘The mystic experiences the intimate connection between God and all beings, and thus feels that “all things are God”. Standing awestruck before a mountain, he or she cannot separate this experience from God, and perceives that the interior awe being lived has to be entrusted to the Lord’ (Par. 234).

Pope prays for artists

Pope Francis introduced morning Mass on Monday of the Third Week of Easter, with special thoughts for artists. “Let us pray today for artists, for those who have this great capacity for creativity,” and for showing us the way to beauty. He continued: “May the Lord give us all the grace of creativity at this time.” I think you will agree that this is a grace we all need at these difficult days.

‘Strong in the face of tribulation’

The Vatican has issued a downloadable book entitled “Strong in the Face of Tribulation”, containing some of Pope Francis’ prayers and homilies as “a sure support in time of trial”. It is intended that it be updated regularly. If you enter the title in your search engine, the book will come up immediately. The link is also on the Parish Website.

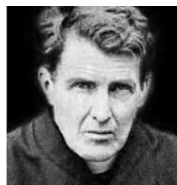
 **Condolences** We send our sympathies to the family of Marie McGuirk and Frederick Tucker who died during the week. May the light of the risen Lord shine upon them forever.

Pope Francis’ letter for month of May

‘The month of May is approaching, a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this “family” aspect, also from a spiritual point of view. For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow. I am also providing two prayers to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary, and that I myself will pray in the month of May, in spiritual union with all of you’. The two prayers mentioned by Pope Francis are available on the home page of the Parish Website under ‘Parish News and Events’

Feast of the Week

Friday, 8th May, is the Memorial of Blessed John Sullivan. He was born in Eccles Street on 8th May, 1861 and was baptized in Saint George’s Church of Ireland, Temple Street. He went to Portora Royal School in Enniskillen and then studied classics and law at Trinity College, Dublin, and at Lincoln’s Inn, London. At the age of thirty five, he was received into the Roman Catholic Church and returned to Dublin, living a very simple life style. He entered the Jesuits in 1900 and was ordained priest in 1907, and then spent the greater part of his life in Clongowes Wood College, County Kildare. His reputation for holiness and as a person of prayer spread rapidly and he was always available to the sick, the poor and anyone in need. He died on 19th February 1933. His declaration as Blessed on 13th May, 2017, in St. Francis Xavier, Gardiner Street, Dublin was the first ever beatification celebrated in Ireland.



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”.*



Bishop Brendan Leahy, Bishop of Limerick on Covid 19

Bishop Brendan Leahy is a priest of the Diocese of Dublin. He said the following recently about the impact of Covid 19 on the life of the church: “I read recently about a humorous cartoon of God talking to the ‘enemy.’ The Devil is saying, ‘With COVID19 I have closed your churches’, and with God answering, ‘on the contrary, I have opened a church in each house’. This is something to really reflect on.

Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer and Night Prayer of the Church

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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