

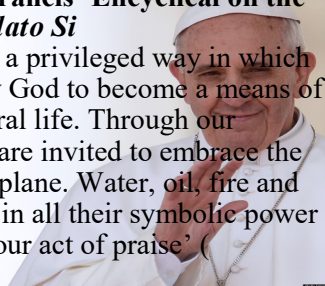


Mass Intentions

Sun: 10.00 am Laurence Marron (Anniv)
 Brendan Nichol (Anniv)
 Kay Guiney (Anniv)
 Mon: 10.00 am Seamus Griffith (RD)
 Tues: 10.00 am Bob Reid (B/Day Rem)
 Wed: 10.00 am Kay Kennelly (Rec Dec)
 Thur: 10.00 am Frank McDevitt (Rec Dec)
 Fri: 10.00 am Michael Hynes (RIP)
 Sat: 10.00 am John Byrne (Rec Dec)

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

'The Sacraments are a privileged way in which nature is taken up by God to become a means of mediating supernatural life. Through our worship of God, we are invited to embrace the world on a different plane. Water, oil, fire and colours are taken up in all their symbolic power and incorporated in our act of praise' (



Four Talks on Saint John Henry Newman

Fr Dermot Mansfield SJ, who serves in Saint Gabriel's Parish, has agreed to give us four talks on Saint John Henry Newman. He will speak in our parish church via the Webcam on Tuesday, 12th May, Thursday, 14th May, Tuesday, 19th May and Thursday, 21st May, from 11.00 am to 11.30 am. The theme of the four talks is 'Saint John Henry Newman: A prophet for our time'.

'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 Dorothy LeStrange, Marie Wiggins and John Hughes, who died during the week. May the light of the risen Lord shine upon them forever.

Drama for free

Some of you may remember the gripping plays of Sean Walsh that we put on in our church several years running around Holy Week. Well, he asked me to mention the following to you: 'My dramas set against the backdrop of the first Good Friday - *Veil, Three for Calvary, Pilate Under Pressure, At the Praetorium and Conclave: Inside the Sanhedrin* are all available on Smashwords.com as ebooks. Download to your device between now and end of May. For FREE'.



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.

Nest boxes for Swifts

Thanks to the initiative of a parishioner, Anto Kerins, five nest boxes for Swifts are now installed on the side wall of the presbytery overlooking the church car park. There is a smaller box with an electronic calling device (quite audible) which is intended to attract the Swifts. A grant has been procured from Dublin City Council towards the purchase of the nest boxes. Swifts come to Europe each Summer from Africa arriving in this country at the end of April/beginning of May and they make their way back to Africa in August, a round trip of 14,000. Keep your eyes peeled for Swifts around the church this Summer. Hopefully, they will lay some eggs and we will have young Swifts around for a couple of months before they fly off. For more information see swiftconservation.ie



Reopening of churches for public worship

It is clear from the Road Map announced recently by the Taoiseach that our

churches will be open again for public worship in the fourth stage of the re-opening of activities in the country, which begins on 20th July. It means that we will have over two more months with the present situation of celebrating Mass behind closed doors. However, thanks to the generous service of a small group of women, the church will be kept clean and, so, can be opened every day from after the 10.00 am Mass until 6.00 pm every day.

Donate Button

The Diocese has arranged to place a Donate button on our Website for the Easter Dues and for the First and Second Collections at Sunday Mass. You are welcome to use it if you would like the opportunity to donate to those collections.

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Archbishop Eamon Martin welcomes new Church of Ireland Archbishop of Armagh

Archbishop Eamon Martin has welcomed Archbishop John McDowell as the new Church of Ireland Archbishop of Armagh, assuring him of prayers and support. While both Archbishops are unable to meet in person at this time, Archbishop Martin said they "have already been in frequent contact online to discuss issues of common interest, especially the pastoral and social implications of the current Covid-19 crisis." Archbishop Martin said, "I look forward to working closely with Archbishop John in the spirit of our patron, Saint Patrick, and in the service of the Gospel and of the common good."

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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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