

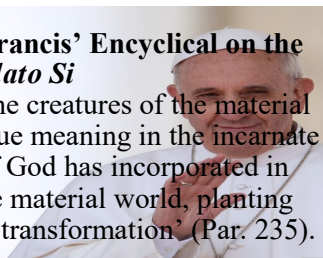


Mass Intentions

Sun: 10.00 am Kay Kennelly (Rec Dec)
 Mary Daly (Anniv)
 Jody Toner (Anniv)
 Mon: 10.00 am Jacinta Enright (Rec Dec)
 Tues: 10.00 am Special Intention
 Wed: 10.00 am John Collins (Rec Dec)
 Thur: 10.00 am Helen Dillon (Rec Dec)
 Fri: 10.00 am Special Intention
 Sat: 10.00 am Margaret McHugh (Anniv)

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

'For Christians, all the creatures of the material universe find their true meaning in the incarnate Word, for the Son of God has incorporated in his person part of the material world, planting in it a seed of divine transformation.' (Par. 235).



Four Talks on Saint John Henry Newman

Fr Dermot Mansfield SJ, who serves in Saint Gabriel's Parish, is giving four talks on Saint John Henry Newman in St John The Baptist Church. The third and fourth of his two talks will take place this Tuesday, 19th May and Thursday, 21st May, after The Rosary at 10.45 am. The theme of the talks is 'Saint John Henry Newman: A prophet for our time'.

Laudato Si Week

Pope Francis invites the church to celebrate Laudato Si Week from 16th to 24th May, to mark the fifth anniversary of the publication of the encyclical *Laudato Si: On the care of our common home*. In his message for this week, Pope Francis says, 'Let's take care of creation, a gift of our good Creator'. Our Swift Project is one of our parish's responses to this call.



Condolences

We send our sympathies to the family of Frieda Brady who died during the week. May the light of the risen Lord shine upon her forever.

Drama for free

You may recall the plays of Sean Walsh that we put on in our church for several years around Holy Week. He asked me to mention the following: '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

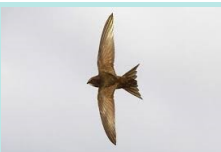
The Society of St Vincent de Paul in Clontarf would like to remind people who have been affected by unemployment or any other issues associated with the current Covid 19 pandemic that they are available to assist people. If you would like to get in contact with them, please phone Kieran or Padraic at 083-3843741 to discuss in strictest confidence how they can help with utility bills or other domestic expenses.

Covid19 Tech

Covid19 Tech is a group of I.T professionals who have come together from across Ireland to offer free tech support to Irish seniors in our communities so they can stay connected with their loved ones and required services during the Covid19 crisis. For more information visit: <https://covid19tech.ie/>

Nest boxes for Swifts

Thanks to the initiative of a parishioner, Anto Kerins, nest boxes for Swifts have been installed on the side wall of the presbytery, plus a smaller box with an electronic calling device to attract the Swifts. A grant was given by Dublin City Council to purchase the nest boxes. Swifts come to Europe each summer from Africa at the beginning of May and return there in August. Keep your eyes peeled for Swifts around the church this summer. For more information see swiftconservation.ie



Re-opening of churches for public worship

According to the Government's roadmap, churches are due to open for

public worship on 20th July. In the meantime, Mass will be celebrated every day in our parish church at 10.00 am, behind closed doors. There will be no 6.00 pm Vigil Mass or 12.00 pm Sunday morning Mass for now. We are exploring how we can maintain social distancing when the church reopens for Mass on 20th July. It will certainly mean that we will have to limit the number of people at each Mass. Thanks to the generous service of a small group of women, the church is being kept clean and, so, can be left open from after the 10.00 am Mass until 6.00 pm.

Donate Button

Thank you to everyone who has sent in Easter dues.

DONATE

Your generosity is deeply appreciated and has been a great help. The Diocese has arranged a Donate button on Parish Websites for the Easter Dues and for the First and Second Collections at Sunday Mass. It is located just above 'Parish News and Events'. The first collection and the Dues go into the Common Fund of the Diocese from which the salaries of priests are paid.

2020 Lourdes Pilgrimage postponed

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes this coming September has been postponed because of the Covid 19 Pandemic. It is hoped that a "virtual" programme of Masses and other events may be put together during those days when pilgrims should be in Lourdes (9th to 14th September) and the Pilgrimage Committee, in consultation with the Archbishop, will be considering such a programme over the coming months.

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MASSES

***St John the Baptist
 Mon - Sat : 10.00 am
 Sundays: 10.00 am.***

CONFESSIONS

After the 10 a.m. Mass 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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