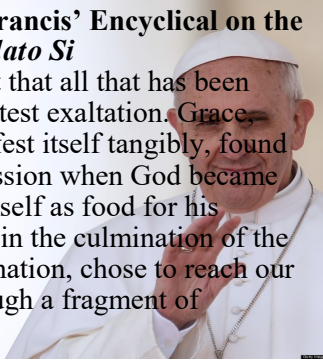


Mass Intentions

Sun: 10.00 am Paddy Carroll (Anniv)
Mon: 10.00 am Doyle & O' Donnell Families
Tues: 10.00 am Special Intention
Wed: 10.00 am Seamus Griffith (Rec Dec)
Thur: 10.00 am John O'Dwyer (Rec Dec)
Fri: 10.00 am Special Intention
Sat: 10.00 am John Byrne (Rec Dec)

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

'It is in the Eucharist that all that has been created finds its greatest exaltation. Grace, which tends to manifest itself tangibly, found unsurpassable expression when God became human and gave himself as food for his creatures. The Lord, in the culmination of the mystery of the Incarnation, chose to reach our intimate depths through a fragment of matter' (Par. 236).



Four talks from Fr Brian Grogan SJ

The well-known author Fr Brian Grogan SJ will give four talks in the parish church after the Rosary at 10.45 am on Tuesday and Thursday, May 26, 28 and June 2, 4. He will address a number of topics, 'The Eucharist: Fresh thoughts from *Laudato Si*'; Praying in our later years; 'Remember those who have died': Where are the Dead?; COVID 19: Where is God?

Work on Parish Church resumes

We are delighted that the builders have been back working on the church from Monday, 18th May. The internal scaffolding on the left side of the church will be moved to the right side. We are hopeful that all internal scaffolding will be removed before the 20th July, when the church is due to open for public Masses again. The workers will continue working away on the outside east wall and windows (facing Vernon Avenue). The scaffolding on the outside west wall (facing Belgrove Road) is due to come down shortly. It will then be possible to see the results of all the work that has been done on that west side.

Saint Gabriel's church re-opening

Fr Pat McManus returned to the parish of Saint Gabriel's during the week, having spent just over two months cocooning with his cousins in West Cork. If parishioners can be found to clean the church every day, the plan is to open the church for private prayer from tomorrow, Monday, 25th May. Fr Pat also hopes to celebrate Mass behind closed doors at 10.30 am every day, which can be viewed on the church webcam, with the church opening immediately afterwards.

Covid Support Line for older people

ALONE still has in place the national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8.00am – 8.00pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

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.

Postponement of Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

The three parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land due to take place in October has been postponed because of the Corona Virus. It is hoped that it will take place in October 2021. By then, people should be able to travel with a much easier mind. I have asked the travel agent to ensure that any deposits paid would remain valid until then. I have consulted with a number of people who were due to travel on the pilgrimage and they all agreed with the postponement. It is disappointing to have to postpone the pilgrimage, but I think all will agree that it is the right decision at this time.



Worship in our parish church

Churches are due to open for public celebration of Mass on 20th July. We are exploring

how we can maintain social distancing when that happens. Meanwhile, Mass is celebrated every day, Monday to Sunday, in our parish church at 10.00 am, behind closed doors. There will be no 6.00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass or 12.00 pm Sunday morning Mass for now. The rosary is recited every morning after 10.00 am Mass from Monday to Saturday. Evening Prayer of the Church is prayer at 5.30 pm every day, as well as Morning Prayer of the Church every morning before Mass at 9.45 am. *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.

Your generosity is deeply appreciated and has been a great help. There is now a Donate button on our Parish Website for the Easter Offerings and for the First and Second Collections at Sunday Mass. It is located just above, 'Parish News and Events'. The first collection and the Easter Offerings go into the Common Fund of the Diocese from which the salaries of priests are paid. I can see that parishioners are already making use of this Donate Button. Again, many thanks for your generosity.

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Condolences

We send our sympathies to the family of Mary McGovern whose funeral Mass was on 16th May. May the light of the risen Lord shine upon her forever

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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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Monday to Friday