

Mass Intentions

Sat: 6.00 pm Kay Broderick (Anniv)
Sun: 10.00 am Francis Paul O' Reilly (An)
12.00 pm Bridgid Stack (Anniv)
Mon: 10.00 am Dermot O'Mahony (Anniv)
Tues: 10.00 am Eileen O'Mahony (Rec Dec)
Wed: 10.00 am Donal Graham (Rec Dec)
Thur: 10.00 am Helen & Brendan Dillon (RD)
Fri: 10.00 am Eileen O'Mahony (Rec Dec)
Sat: 10.00 am Special Intention

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

'Mary, the Mother of Jesus, now cares with maternal affection and pain for this wounded world. Just as her pierced heart mourned the death of Jesus, so now she grieves for the sufferings of the crucified poor and for the creatures of this world' (Par. 241).



Coming up to Holy Communion

One of the challenges of the new reality is arranging for people to receive Holy Communion in a way that maintains social distance for all. We would ask those who occupy the central place in each seat to come forward to receive a blessing if you are not receiving Holy Communion. Otherwise, those coming to Communion in the seat will have to cross over the person in the central position and social distancing is not maintained.

Phase 4 of re-opening Ireland

As you will have heard, Phase 4 has been postponed by the government and, so, we are not able to reach our maximum capacity of 96, allowing for social distancing. We continue to have an upper limit of 62, 50 in the main body of the church and 12 in the gallery. Please consider coming to a weekday Mass instead, if you are free to do so. All three Sunday Masses are also on the Webcam.

Holy Communion to the Housebound

If you know of anyone who would like the Eucharist brought to them, please let Fr Martin know (8338575) or contact the Parish Office (8334606).



Stewards needed

Many thanks to all who responded to our call for stewards, a vitally important ministry at this time. We are short of stewards for the 6.00 pm Vigil Mass and the 10.00 am Sunday Mass. Please let us know if you are available to help us out. There is a sheet in the front porch after all the Masses on Sunday where you can leave your contact details.

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. Please phone Kieran or Padraic at 083-3843741 to discuss in confidence how they can help with domestic expenses.



Mary's Meals

In a new film, *Love Reaches Everywhere*, Scottish actor Gerard Butler tells the story of Mary's Meals, a charity that feeds almost 1.7 million schoolchildren all over the developing world. Its mission is simple: 'Every child deserves an education – and enough to eat.' Inspired by his Catholic faith, Magnus McFarlane-Barrow started in 1997 by helping with the provision of aid during the Bosnian War, and he went on to establish Mary's Meals in Liberia. Butler was deeply moved by how McFarlane-Barrow got involved with supporting school children in Liberia, where less than half of the children attend school. Enrolment in certain schools increased by 40% when Mary's Meals started serving food in them.

Support line for older people

ALONE manages a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19. Professional staff are available seven days a week, 8.00 am – 8.00 pm, by calling 0818 222 024.



Feasts of the Week, 22nd July, Saint Mary Magdalene

In the long tradition of the church, including its artistic tradition, Mary Magdalene has been portrayed as the repentant sinner. This is largely due to her being mistakenly identified with the sinful woman who washed the feet of Jesus with her tears and dried them with her hair. There is no evidence to suggest that she was any more a sinner than the other disciples of Jesus. According to the gospels, she stood by the cross of Jesus and with two other women discovered the empty tomb of Jesus. According to John's gospel, she was the first disciple to whom the risen Lord appeared. Her commission from the Lord to bring the Easter good news to the other disciples led to her being given the title, 'apostle to the apostles'.

23rd July, Saint Brigid of Sweden

Bridget was born in the year 1303, the daughter of a wealthy governor in Sweden. Her husband was well-to-do and they had eight children. She served as the principal lady in waiting to the queen of Sweden. She had a reputation as a woman of great prayer. After her husband died she founded a monastery for sixty nuns and twenty-five monks with the nuns and the monks living in separate enclosures, sharing the same church. She journeyed to Rome in 1349 to obtain papal approval for the order, the Bridgettines. She never returned to Sweden from Rome. She spent the rest of her life in Italy or on various pilgrimages. She impressed with her simplicity of life and her devotion to pilgrims, to the poor and the sick. She died in Rome in 1373. Brigid had a deep prayer life which overflowed in a life of extraordinary service of others. In 1991 Pope John Paul II made her co-patroness of Europe.



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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. 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 month at 12 noon

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