

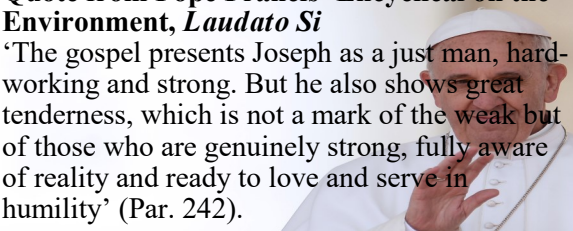


## Mass Intentions

Sat: 6.00 pm Paddy Daly (Anniv)  
 Sun: 10.00 am Margaret & James Clare (An)  
 12.00 pm Joan Manning & Owen Cullen  
 Mon: 10.00 am Eleanor Loscher (Anniv)  
 Tues: 10.00 am Eileen O'Mahony (Rec Dec)  
 Wed: 10.00 am Eileen O'Mahony (M/Mind)  
 Thur: 10.00 am Anne Owen (Rec Dec)  
 Fri: 10.00 am Mary McCabe (Anniv)  
 Sat: 10.00 am James and Margaret Reilly (An)

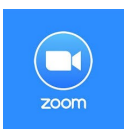
### Quote from Pope Francis' Encyclical on the Environment, *Laudato Si*

'The gospel presents Joseph as a just man, hard-working and strong. But he also shows great tenderness, which is not a mark of the weak but of those who are genuinely strong, fully aware of reality and ready to love and serve in humility' (Par. 242).



### Sunday Mass numbers in the three Clontarf churches

As you will have heard, Phase 4 has been postponed by the government. We continue to have an upper limit of 62, 50 in the main body of the church and 12 in the gallery, which we can treat as a separate section. Saint Gabriel's church can accommodate 140 people, because the church can be divided into sections, and Saint Anthony's can accommodate 90 people for the same reason.



### Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council

There will be a Zoom meeting (via the internet) of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) this Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> July, at 4.00 pm. If there is any item you would like brought up please mention it to Fr Martin or Fr John or else to the Parish Office or to any member of the PPC.

### 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).



### Roster for Stewards

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. We hope to do up a rota which ensures that no one steward is on duty too often.

### 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.



### First and Second Collection: Moving on from coins

Many thanks to all who are continuing to contribute to these two collections. You might consider doing so in a way that does not involve coins, by contributing to the collections on a two weekly or a monthly basis, rather than on a weekly basis. You could use the special envelopes for these two collections which are available in the front porch of the church to contribute in this way. The absence of coins would be a great help to Joe and Michael who count the two collections. In these Covid times it would be better if they had less dealings with coins. Also banks no longer take coins from us and they have to be converted to notes before being brought to the bank.

### 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.

### Arrangements for 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, some of those coming to Communion in the seat will have to cross over the person in the central position and social distancing is not maintained. The celebrant will be at the top of the main aisle and the Minister of the Eucharist will be inside the inside door of the church, facing up the church. We would ask that those on the right side of the church, Our Lady's side, would come to Communion first. Those in the Gallery are asked to stay in their seats and the Minister of the Eucharist will bring you Holy Communion.

### Feast of the Week, Saint Martha, 29<sup>th</sup> July



Wednesday is the Feast of Saint Martha. In the gospel of John, she is portrayed as the one to whom Jesus made that wonderful promise that has always sustained believers who have lost a loved one, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die'. In Luke's gospel, Jesus addresses her affectionately for being overly anxious in his regard, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing'. Those words of Jesus can also speak to us when we allow ourselves to be weighed down unduly by the cares of life.

## ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH PARISH NEWSLETTER 26th July 2020

### 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

### CONTACTS

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### Parish Office Opening Hours

9.00 am—1.00 pm  
 Monday to Friday