

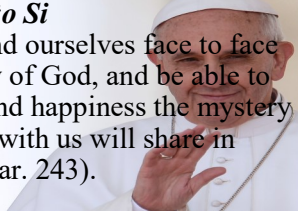


Mass Intentions

Sat: 6.00 pm Gerard Boyle (Anniv)
 Sun: 10.00 am Special Intention
 12.00 pm Mick Dunne (Anniv)
 Mon: 10.00 am Tess McDonagh (RIP)
 Tues: 10.00 am Patty Cotter (B/day rem)
 Wed: 10.00 am Bertie Cotter (B/day rem)
 Thur: 10.00 am Maura Mannion (Anniv)
 Fri: 10.00 am ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD
 Sat: 10.00 am

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

'At the end, we will find ourselves face to face with the infinite beauty of God, and be able to read with admiration and happiness the mystery of the universe, which with us will share in unending plenitude' (Par. 243).



First and Second Collection: Moving on from coins

Many thanks to all who continue 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. 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.

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.

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 still short of stewards for the 6.00 pm Vigil Mass and the 10.00 am Sunday Mass. There is a sheet in the front porch after all the Masses on Sunday where you can leave your contact details. The commitment is to one Sunday in three or four.

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.

Sacramental Wedding decrease

'There has been a marked decline in the number of people opting for sacramental weddings. Central Statistics Office statistics for 2019 show that 43.6% of couples opted to marry in the Catholic Church, while 41% opted for a civil or other non-religious ceremony. In 2018, the Catholic marriage figure was 47.6%; in 2017, it was 51%; in 2016, it was 53.7%. Back in 1990, it was 93.2%! These figures point not to a narrowly sacramental crisis, nor even to a catechetical need, but to a deep and broad evangelistic challenge. We have work to do'. *Intercom, July/August. (Intercom is an Irish Catholic Pastoral and Liturgical Resource).*

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Collection

The Society of SVP hope to take up their outdoor collection again after all the Masses on the first weekend of September. In the meantime, if you wish to contribute to their work, you are welcome to leave your offering in the letterbox of Fr Martin, 186 Clontarf Road. Alongside their other work, the local conference is now attending to some people who are living in tents on the promenade not far from our parish church.

Feast of the Week

Tuesday, 6th August, is the feast of the **Transfiguration of the Lord**. Jesus revealed his full identity to his disciples, opening their eyes to seeing him as they had never seen him before. In the gospels this extraordinary experience is located just prior to that final journey to the city of Jerusalem, where Jesus was crucified and raised from the dead.



Prayer of Saint John Vianney (Feast day, Tuesday, 4th August)

I love you, O my God, and my only desire is to love you until the last breath of my life. I love you, O my infinitely lovable God, and I would rather die loving you, than live without loving you. I love you, Lord and the only grace I ask is to love you eternally. My God, if my tongue cannot say in every moment that I love you, I want my heart to repeat it to you as often as I draw breath.

Reflection on this Sunday's Gospel reading

The news of the death of John the Baptist prompted Jesus to go off and be alone, but the crowds followed him. Despite his personal sorrow, he was able to reach out in compassion to the crowd. Perhaps there have been times when you have put personal preferences and desires to one side, in order to reach out to another. What was it like for you when you were able to do this? *Fr. John Byrne OSA, Intercom*

First and Second Sunday Mass Collection, July 25/26

The first collection for the priests of the Diocese last weekend came to €845 and the second collection for Share came to €375. Many thanks for your continued contribution to both of these collections in these uncertain times. Fr Martin

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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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