

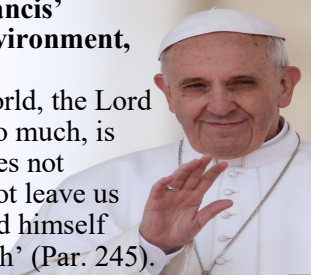


## Mass Intentions

Sat : 6.00 pm Laurence Nolan (Snr and Jnr)  
 Sun: 10.00 am Clodagh Rossi (B/day rem)  
 12.00 pm Mary Finegan (Anniv)  
 Mon: 10.00 am John Murphy (RIP)  
 Tues: 10.00 am Peter George Connolly (An)  
 Wed: 10.00 am Edmund McAvinue (Anniv)  
 Thur: 10.00 am Seamus O'Connell (Anniv)  
 Fri: 10.00 am Seamus McGowan (Rec Dec)  
 Sat: 10.00 am Clodagh Crowley (Anniv)

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

'In the heart of this world, the Lord of life, who loves us so much, is always present. He does not abandon us, he does not leave us alone, for he has united himself definitively to our earth' (Par. 245).



### New Seating arrangements in church

To allow us to admit more people to Mass on Sunday, we have decided to treat the block of seats at the top of the church, along with the seats in Saint Anthony's chapel, as a separate section. Allowing for two metres social distancing, this will give us 24 extra places. To enter and exit this section, please use the door in Saint Anthony's chapel. The rest of the main body of the church remains a section, which can accommodate 50 people. We have already been treating the gallery as a section, giving us 12 places. We can now accommodate almost 90 people. Hopefully this will significantly reduce the need to turn people away.

### 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).



### Feast of the Week: The Passion of Saint John the Baptist, Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> August

John the Baptist was a Jesus figure. Like Jesus, John proclaimed God's purpose for our lives, with clarity and courage. Like Jesus, John was put to death because of his mission. John inspires us to be courageous in our witness to our faith; he encourages us to hold on to the values of the gospel and to proclaim them, even when they are out of season.

### Saint Vincent de Paul Collection

If you wish to contribute to Vincent de Paul Society, you are welcome to leave your offering in the letterbox of Fr Martin, 186 Clontarf Road. They are available to assist people who have been affected by unemployment or any other issues associated with the current Covid 19 pandemic. Please phone Kieran or Padraic at 083-3843741 to discuss in confidence how they can help with domestic expenses.



### Sunday Missals for sale

Sunday Missals are for sale at the back of the church and in the Parish Office. They cost €14 but we are selling them to parishioners for €10. The Missals contain the Sunday readings for every Sunday of the three year cycle, as well as all the responses we make every Sunday.

### Lebanon Appeal

Fr William Stuart, who works in Lebanon with refugee children and who has celebrated Mass here and spoken at our Masses, is home from Lebanon at present. If you wanted to make a contribution to his work at this critical time for the Lebanese people, please place it in an envelope and leave it in my letterbox, 186 Clontarf Road. If people want to follow his work and receive updates they can link in with him via WhatsApp +905523135593 Fr Martin

### First and Second Sunday Collection, Aug 15/16

The first collection for the priests of the Diocese last weekend came to €360 and the second collection for Share came to €375. I am very grateful for your continued contribution to both of these collections in these uncertain times.

### World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and Season of Creation

Tuesday, 1st September, is the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. The day is inspired by Pope Francis' landmark encyclical *Laudato Si'*. He calls us all to celebrate this opportune moment to "reaffirm [our] personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation." It is the first day of the Season of Creation which continues until the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi on the 4th October. This is an ecumenical season dedicated to prayer for the protection of creation and the promotion of sustainable lifestyles.

### Tax Refunds on Parish Donations

You may be aware that for every donation of €250 or more we receive annually from parishioners to the parish, we get back from Revenue a further third of the donation. If you contribute €250, for example, the parish will actually receive €333. For this to happen, parishioners need to fill in a CHY3 form every five years and return it to us. The last CHY3 forms were sent out five years ago, and a new form is now going out to parishioners who contribute €250 or more to the parish on an annual basis. We would be very grateful if you could return the forms to us as soon as is convenient. It is a vital source of income towards the day to day running expenses of the parish.

### How to respond to the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

There are many ways to respond to Pope Francis' call to care for the gift of God's creation. Why not take some time out of your day on 1<sup>st</sup> September to walk in your local park or take a few moments to thank God for the flowers growing in your garden?

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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

### CONTACTS

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### Parish Office Opening Hours

9.00 am—1.00 pm  
 Monday to Friday