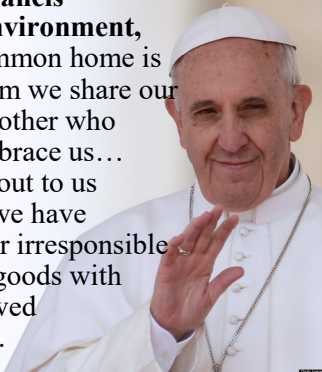


 *Mass Intentions*

Sat : 6.00 pm Liam O'Brien (Anniv)
 Sun: 10.00 am Maureen Kelly (Anniv)
 12.00 pm Sheila Masterson (Anniv)
 Mon: 10.00 am Maureen Hughes (Anniv)
 Tues: 10.00 am Johnny Quinn (Rec Dec)
 Wed: 10.00 am Junie Laverty (Rec Dec)
 Thur: 10.00 am Matthew Kavanagh (Anniv)
 Fri: 10.00 am ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD
 Sat: 10.00 am Special Intention

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

'Our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us... This sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her' (Paragraphs 1-2).



New Seating arrangements in church

Government guidelines allow places of worship to be divided into sections with up to 50 people in each section. Each section

must have its own entrance and exit route and be at least four metres from another section; there can be no movement of people between sections. On Sunday we are now treating the block of seats at the top of the church as a separate section. Allowing for two metres social distancing, this gives us 24 extra places. The side door to the church in Saint Anthony's chapel is the entrance/exit route for this section. The rest of the main body of the church remains a section that can accommodate 50 people. The front door of the church is the entrance/exit route for this section. The gallery is a separate section, giving us 12 places. We can now accommodate almost 90 people.

Celebration of First Holy Communion

We will be celebrating First Holy Communion for the children from the six classes of Belgrove Schools on Saturday/Sunday, 26th/27th September at 2.00 pm in each of the three parish churches and for the children of Howth Road and Green Lanes Schools on Saturday, 19th September, at 2.00 pm in Saint John the Baptist parish church. Please keep these children in your prayers in the coming weeks.



First and Second Sunday Collection, Aug 22/23

The first collection for the priests of the Diocese last weekend came to €835 and the second collection for Share came to €515. I am very grateful for your continued contribution to both of these collections in these uncertain times.



Society of 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.



Back to school

We wish the children who are returning to Belgrove Schools and the young people returning to Holy Faith School every blessing as they begin the new School Year. We also remember their teachers whose task has been rendered so much more demanding by the onset of the Covid virus. This is a challenging time for children, young people, teachers, principals and all who work in our schools in various roles. As a parish community, we keep them all in our prayers during these days.

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

This 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.



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.

Parish initiative for World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

To mark World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, we will be planting a rose tree in our rose garden to the front of the church, after the 10.00 am Mass this coming Tuesday, 1st September. A rose is one lovely expression of the beauty of God's good creation that we have been asked to care for.

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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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